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TACT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 12 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



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# TACT

The Association of Chinese Teachers



# Walkathon

On September 24th, TACT held its first walkathon in 20 years. At 9am, 23 adults, 5 kids, and 2 dogs gathered near the Warming Hut at the west end of Crissy Fields. We headed east to Dynamo Donuts and walked for 3 miles round trip. We raised almost \$3000 and gained a new member! A big thank you to Lucky and Costco for their generous donations of water and snacks!

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## Scholarship Dinner



On April 22nd, TACT held its 47th Annual Scholarship Dinner at Far East Cafe. Lauren Marshman and Jonathan Fong emceed the event where we awarded \$2000 scholarships to 12 amazing high school seniors.

We kicked off the evening with an adorable dance performance by students from Robert Louis Stevenson Elementary. In addition to our general and vacation home raffle prizes, we held a silent auction. Among the auction items were a bamboo brush painting by Chan Hong Lim, *Forbidden City, USA* donated by Lorraine Dong, and Buster Posey and Matt Cain autographed baseballs.

The event was attended by 234 guests including various elected officials and members of the education community. Marie Tang (Monroe Elementary) gave an impassioned speech advocating fair compensation for bilingual teachers. Assemblymember David Chiu praised TACT's work and acknowledged a member's recent retirement.

# **TACT Scholarships**



TACT Scholarship recipients were officially presented to the San Francisco Board of Education on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

This year's scholarship committee consisted of Janet Tse, May Choi, Stephanie Lee, Selina Mok, Bai Zhen, Anita Wu, Bob Jow, Cynthia Cen (chair), Helen Joe-Lew, Lauren

Choi-Dea Marshman, Serena Chan, George Lai, Lydia Ma, John Kuang, and Jonathan Fong. The latter 3 are new members.

#### TACT 47th Annual Scholarship Dinner







Top: Recipients and parents

Middle: A dance performance by students from Robert Louis Stevenson Elementary

Bottom: Marie Tang advocates for bilingual teachers

# TACT Scholarships (continued)

Scholarship	Recipient	High School	Career Goal	University & Major
The TACT Leadership Scholarship	Lili Huang	Galileo	Nurse; Sociology	UC Berkeley
Angel of Angel Island Wilmer Fong	Jialing Huang (Lily)	Mission	Human Rights Law	UC Berkeley Legal Studies
Robert Louie Memorial Scholarship	Crystal Liang	Lowell	Teacher; Psychologist	Occidental College Cognitive Science
Yee Family Memorial Scholarship	Priscilla Zhang	Washington	Teacher; Counselor	UC Berkeley
George Lai Honorary Scholarship	Sharon Beverly Yuen	Lincoln	OB/GYN	UCLA Biology/Pre-Med
Square and Circle/ Rosemary Chan Scholarship	Mei Feng Deng	Galileo	Math Teacher; Accountant	UC Davis Mathematics
Sit Family Scholarship	Tami Liang	Lincoln	Civil Litigation Lawyer	UC Davis Political Science
Friends of TACT Scholarship	Zhijing Kuang (April)	Galileo	Interpreter	UCSD International Relationships
telCade #1	Rafferty Leung	Wallenberg	Doctor; Nurse Practitioner	UC Davis Pre-Med; Chemistry
telCade #2	Ashley Lun	Ruth Asawa School of the Arts	Special Education Teacher	UC Berkeley Psychology
telCade #3	Lisa Yu	Galileo	Community Lawyer	USF Political Science
Nora Lee Memorial Scholarship	Tiffany Hsieh 谢安婷	Lowell	Chinese Foreign Language Educator	CCSF

















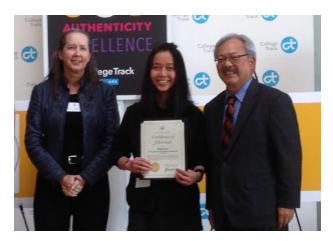








# Mayor's Scholarship



For the third year in a row, the scholarship committee recommended a number of our TACT Scholarship semi-finalists (8) and finalists (2) to the 6th annual "I Am the Future" Mayor's Scholarship Award.

Six of the 10 (5 semi-finalists & 1 finalist) received a \$1,000 scholarship from the mayor on Monday, July 18, 2016 at a ceremony at College Track on 3rd Street (new venue).

This year, the mayor awarded a total of 46 scholarships (all \$1,000).

Recipient	High School	College	Career Aspirations
Melody Li	Balboa	UCLA	Physician or Veterinarian
Lena Truong	Lowell	Brandeis	Teacher; Social Worker
Winnie Yuying Liang	Lincoln	UCLA	Human Resources; Social Communication
Yilin Liu	The Academy	UC Berkeley	Accounting - Business
Yenni Yuiyi Guan	SFIHS		Translator
Mei Feng Deng	Galileo	UC Davis	Math Teacher; Accountant



#### **Profiles**

# Belle Yan graduated from Lowell High School in 2008 and TACT awarded her the Alice Fong Yu Memorial Scholarship. Below is an update from Belle:



Dear TACT,

I currently attend UC Hastings as a first-year law student and a Tony Patiño Fellow-Elect. I earned my BA in Asian American Studies and Political Science at Columbia University. After graduation, I moved home to serve as a City Hall Fellow at the SFMTA. Afterwards, I joined the SF Public Defender's Office where I worked as a paralegal for about three years. Working as a public servant cemented my passion to practice public interest law.

Thank you to TACT, and specifically my counselor, May Choi, for your generosity and unwavering support for Chinese American students in non-traditional fields. The scholarship enabled me to delay working for a semester which allowed me to acclimate to college and join Columbia's Asian American Alliance. AAA was my springboard into opportunities such as being invited to the White House, and being selected to meet with the General Counsel to the

NY Governor to lobby for immigration reform. I am forever indebted to TACT and your support; without it, I would likely not have these opportunities. Thank you.

#### Harriet Hu graduated from Washington High School in 2010 and TACT awarded her the Yee Family Memorial Scholarship. Below is an update from Harriet:



Dear TACT,

Thank you for your commitment to SFUSD students' education, and for promoting diversity in our classrooms! A couple years ago, I received a TACT scholarship which supported my college education and encouraged me to think critically about how I can make an impact to my community.

Since then, I earned my BS/M.Eng at the University of California, San Diego and Berkeley, and took my education abroad by working internationally in Melbourne, Australia. Today, I'm a biomedical engineer at Abbott Vascular and learning / living / loving the moments I get to work with a next generation medical device that treats patients at risk of heart disease. I am thankful to TACT for your generosity in supporting my higher education, and for affording me the many opportunities I had. Cheers!

#### **TACT Retreat**

TACT 2016 Retreat at University of San Francisco.

Back row from left to right: Darlene Lim, Ruby Hong, Lonnie Chin, Anita Wu, Christina Jung, John Kuang, Lauren Marshman

Front row from left to right: Irene Collier, Josephine Ho, Mary Li, Cynthia Cen

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#### Curriculum

There will not be a "Teachers Teaching Teachers" event for 2016-2017 as we focus on revising APIA curriculum and resources for classroom use. Some of these exciting projects include restoring film strips, developing APIA biographies, and updating APIA maps and reading lists. We hope to make them available on our website in the near future. For now, please vist tactsf.org for our comprehensive reading list (K-12): www.tactsf.org/reading-lists.html



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We are always looking for new members!

Founded in the midst of the 1960's civil rights struggle, The Association of Chinese Teachers (TACT) is a professional organization of dedicated educators actively striving for educational excellence and equity for all students through:

- Advocacy and Outreach
- Professional Development
- Parent Involvement
- Community Collaboration and Involvement
- Participation in Educational Policy Making

Over the years, TACT has been instrumental in shaping policy in the areas of affirmative action, bilingual education, cross-cultural curriculum, and teachers' issues. As a community organization, TACT seeks to define the rightful place of Chinese students and teachers in the classrooms of America.



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