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The dreams of tomorrow are shaped by the teachers of today...

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TACT FULLY ♦ The eNewsletter for TACT ♦

TACT/AAAA KICK-OFF

The TACT/AAAA fall kick off was held on September 26, 2013 at Sunset Elementary School. Selina Mok, incoming TACT President and Sophie Lee, incoming AAAA President and principal of Sunset Elementary School, welcomed new, current and retired teachers and administrators, including former superintendent Gwen Chan. Superintendent Richard Carranza was represented by Myong Leigh, Deputy Superintendent for Policy and Operations. Also in attendance, Executive Director of the Educational Placement Center Darlene Lim, Assistant Superintendent David Wong, Executive Director of Professional Learning Helen Ying, San Francisco State University professor and Department Chair of Asian American Studies Lorraine Dong. President Selina Mok shared her goals for the year, highlighting such issues as strengthening TACT membership and funding the TACT scholarship fund. In all, the kick-off was a wonderful opportunity to meet and renew contacts with colleagues throughout the district.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As The Association of Chinese Teachers (TACT) steps into its 45th year, we continue to reach out to Chinese American teachers in the San Francisco Unified School District in order to provide networking opportunities and professional development, as well as promote educational excellence and equity for Chinese students and families. At the TACT retreat in early September, we revisited the mission of TACT and set goals for the year. Increasing membership is a goal that we continue to work on. We hope more educators can join to strengthen our membership. Collectively, as an organization, we have a stronger voice.

Another goal we set is to increase the scholarship fund so that TACT may support the continuing education of exemplary, college-bound high school seniors. In past years TACT, with the support of generous donors and membership fund-raising efforts, has awarded over \$20,000 annually. We need to continue to raise funds for the coming year.

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WE NEED ASIAN

AMERICAN ADMINISTRATORS!

Our community needs you! Are you thinking about exploring educational leadership opportunities? With SFUSD's Chinese student population at 32%, we need to attain parity in representation of administrators in the district to reflect our student population.

TACT's sister organization, the **Association of Asian American Administrators (AAAA)**, has established a leadership development program to encourage and support exemplary teachers to pursue educational leadership, either as site or program administrators.

AAAA has been proactive in reaching out and supporting outstanding teachers in exploring and pursuing leadership opportunities. The organization has identified veteran members and administrators who are willing to provide support to individuals in the form of coaching, shadowing, resume writing, interview skills development and other supports.

AAAA has worked with Superintendent Richard Carranza and other district leaders to discuss this program of leadership development and the Superintendent has encouraged and supported these efforts. The organization fostered several individuals in the past year with individualized support and is proud that many outstanding teachers have received administrative appointments in the new year.

Even if you are not sure at this time that you want to pursue educational leadership, you can stay engaged in the discussion about leadership and continue to consider numerous options that are available to you. You don't need to make a commitment right now, or in the immediate future, but there are a couple of ways that you can stay connected and get more information.

1). Send an e-mail to aaaamember@yahoo.com with your contact information to get on the distribution list and AAAA can keep you updated on events.

2). Join AAAA as an associate member. For a reduced \$20 membership, you will be informed of future leadership development events and be invited to networking opportunities with district administrators. Just send your check made out to **ACAA** along with your present position and contact information, including e-mail, to the AAAA treasurer:

Darlene Lim
Educational Placement Center
555 Franklin Street, Room 100
San Francisco, CA 94102

TEA TALK with Helena Tran, 1st Year Teacher

•Where are you currently assigned?
What grade do you teach?

I am currently teaching at Visitacion Valley Elementary School. I teach a 4th and 5th grade combo bi-literacy class.



•How do you start your ordinary day? How does it end?

I start my day by writing the agenda on the board. I end my day with a reminder to the class, "Please write down your homework in your notebook and have all your homework assignments in your homework folder. Have a good day. See you tomorrow!"

•What/who has been the biggest support for you at school?

My biggest support comes from the staff and the students themselves. With the challenge of having two grade levels, there is a lot for me to tackle. We coordinate team teaching in one grade level, while I focus on another subject with another grade level. The principal provides suggestions with classroom management and teaching strategies. Finally, my students! The students are eager to learn, they respect me as their teacher, and they help each other in the class.

•What motivates you to do this work?

•Every school day of my life is a mission to learn something new and to share it with my students. Even with two small children at home, I'm able to stay up late, wake up early, and get to school with full energy!



Teachers Teaching Teachers (TTT) is a learning opportunity for **K-12 teachers** to come together to learn from each other.

Focus Topics:

- **Best Teaching Practices**
- **How to Incorporate Chinese History into Your Classroom**

Fee: Free

Date: Saturday, January, 11, 2014 (9AM-12PM)

Location: Francis Scott Key Elementary School

1530 43rd Ave.

San Francisco, CA 94122

Register by Contacting Sonny Wong:
wongs10@sfusd.edu

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

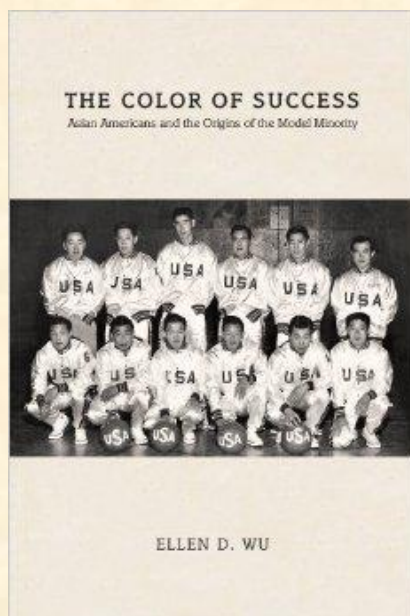
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To foreshadow an exciting fundraising event, there will be a Chinatown Ghost Tour on March 1st. Do look for more information in the TACT website as it gets closer to the date and support the scholarship fund. Teachers Teaching Teachers (TTT), a professional development opportunity is going to be a big rollout on January 11th at Francis Scott Key Elementary School. It will be a day for teachers to network and learn from each other.

TACT is first and foremost a teachers' organization. My vision for TACT is to cultivate a supportive culture for teachers. TACT is starting a mentoring program this year to give new educators some assistance. If you are interested in the mentoring program please let email me at moks@sfusd.edu.

In order to meet the goals that we set, we will need your continued support and participation. If you have not joined TACT, please do so as soon as you can. I hope to see you all in the upcoming events.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!



The Color of Success tells of the astonishing transformation of Asians in the United States from the "yellow peril" to "model minorities"--peoples distinct from the white majority but lauded as well-assimilated, upwardly mobile, and exemplars of traditional family values--in the middle decades of the twentieth century. As Ellen Wu shows, liberals argued for the acceptance of these immigrant communities into the national fold, charging that the failure of America to live in accordance with its democratic ideals endangered the country's aspirations to world leadership.

Wu highlights the contests for power and authority within Japanese and Chinese America alongside the designs of those external to these populations, including government officials, social scientists, journalists, and others. And she demonstrates that the invention of the model minority took place in multiple arenas, the juvenile delinquency panic of the 1950s, Hawaii statehood, and the African American freedom movement. Together, these illuminate the impact of foreign relations on the domestic racial order and how the nation accepted Asians as legitimate citizens while continuing to perceive them as indelible outsiders.

By charting the emergence of the model minority stereotype, *The Color of Success* reveals that this far-reaching, politically charged process continues to have profound implications for how Americans understand race, opportunity, and nationhood.

Ellen Wu is an Assistant Professor

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This title has a December 2013 release date. Pre-orders taken on Amazon.com

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Thinking of making a career advancement?

Come join us for a night of food, refreshments, presentations and networking!

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November 4, 2013

5:00 p.m. Refreshments and Networking 5:30 p.m. Program Begins

Don't forget to bring your business cards!!!!

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