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TAP-LA January 2018 Newsletter



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Announcement





Taiwanese American Film Festival 2018

Taiwanese American Film Festival 2018 is now open for submissions and we want your film!

The second edition of TAFF will be held on August 3-4, 2018 returning to the Downtown Independent Theater in DTLA. With the success of last year's festival, we aim to continue our mission in celebrating and showcasing achievements in media by Taiwanese international and Taiwanese American filmmakers.

With an additional night this year, we plan to expand our program which includes an Awards Ceremony, opening and closing celebrations, an industry panel, and a variety of food and drink vendors plus art and music attractions.

Submit your film before the early bird deadline on **February 2nd** before the price increases!

To submit your film and for more info go to: <https://filmfreeway.com/TAFilmFestival>

Event Recap



TAP-LA Westside January Mixer!

Even though it was a misty Wednesday evening with a slight chill in the air, the **TAP-LA Westside January Mixer** gathered 57 attendees from across the greater Los Angeles area. We packed the house like only LA can! At **the Wellesbourne**, a lounge that transported our guests to a new world of 19th Century English styling, understated elegance and charming home-like comforts. Guests had the pleasure of enjoying a beautifully sophisticated atmosphere with walls lined with books and dark, rich wood. If we missed you at this one, there

will be another. The mission for TAP-LA mixers is to create a safe, comfortable, and friendly setting for our members and guests to discover new opportunities and meet lots of new people. The TAP-LA family would be honored to have a drink together and get to know your unique story. Cheers !



College Mentorship Program

In Session 3 of The College Mentorship Program, the group learned about the 3rd step in "Building Professional Relationships" - maintaining the relationship (after Step 1: 1st impression and Step 2: building a connection). Mentees and mentors explored setting up a schedule for keeping in touch, and levels of involvement in messaging/emailing. Would you like to be a mentor? Get in touch with lien.chen@tap-la.org!



TAP Board Winter Convention in SD

If inspiration is the fuel to overcoming obstacles, then TACL Winter Convention 2018 in San Diego was the fueling station. It was a single weekend of reuniting with prevailing friends; shaking the hands of and embracing the hugs of TAP family members across the nation. 152 TAP leaders, members, and contributors arrived on the scene to kick off Friday evenings signature TAPPY Hour.

2 days of programming followed, including workshops and discussions on important social issues and community building. Furthermore, speaker Michelle Kuo, author of Reading with Patrick, took the stage on Saturday to share personal experiences about civic engagement and ethnic division. The weekend was wrapped up with a surf in the ocean and a paraglide through the coastal cliffs. Nothing less than perfect, TAP-SD successfully created and inspired 152 unforgettable memories and moments. Thank you all!

Meet the 2018 TAP-LA Board

TAP-LA Board Members

Michael	Chen	Co-President
Eric	Tseng	Co-President
Christopher	Balmaseda	Sponsorship Chair
Albert	Chen	Vice-President
Annie	Chen	Health & Wellness Chair
Grace	Chen	DTLA Social Chair
Lien	Chen	Mentorship Program Director
Olivia	Chen	Secretary
Ted	Chen	Professional Chair
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Charlie	Huang	Mentorship Program Chair
Anthony	Ma	Film Festival Director
Yu-Jiang	Tham	West LA Social Chair
Shao-Hua	Wu	Technology Chair
Cora	Xu	Treasurer

LA Asian Organization Live Panel

So many Asian orgs, so little time! What's it all about? Tune in as presidents of APEX, NAAAP, TAP, and ACEL introduce and talk about the organizations for young Asian professionals in SoCal! You can watch the video on the [webcast](#)

Christian Tiu - Asian Professional Exchange

Queena Deschene - National Association of Asian American Professionals – LA

Michael Chen - Taiwanese American Professionals – LA

Dale Ting - Asian Corporate and Entrepreneur Leaders - SoCal



Presenting AMPLIFY: Boosting the Way Young Professionals Project their Message in the Workplace

Interested in starting a business or expanding your business?

Come to our Entrepreneurship Panel featuring a discussion on the Risks, Successes, and Obstacles of starting a business. Meet other professionals of a similar entrepreneurial spirit and passion for professional growth and development!

Sign-up & Pricing

>> \$5 Advance

>> \$8 Walk-in

Step one. To avoid service charges, Venmo @TAP-OC in advance: In the Venmo app,

please list your NAME, EMAIL, and EVENT

Step two. Please fill out the Google Form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/4pizzOEdCzsFI2v1>

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018

>> 12:30 P.M. Check-in & Beverages

>> 1:00 P.M. Introduction & Speaker Panel

>> 2:30 P.M. Open Networking

Location: Ramada Plaza / Wyndham Garden Hotel in Anaheim

515 W Katella Ave, Anaheim, CA 92802

Hosted by:

- Taiwanese American Professionals-Orange County (TAP-OC)
 - Taiwanese American Professionals-Los Angeles (TAP-LA)
 - National Association of Asian American Professionals-Orange County (NAAAP-OC)
 - Taiwanese American Lawyers Association (TALA)
 - Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC) Commissioner Stephen Hsu
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Celebration of Lunar New Year

It's time to ring in Lunar New Year 2018 and celebrate the Year of the Dog!

This year, we are hosting an intimate cultural gathering at Bradbury Estates. Look forward to our specially customized food and beverage menu, fun games, and lucky prizes!

We will be dressing up in traditional Chinese attire, so get your outfits early. You may also feel free to wear red themed semi-formal attire. Finally, our photo booth will feature Chinese-themed accessories and outfits as well.

Purchase tickets here ~ <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tap-lunar-new-year-bash-tickets-41450443392>

>> \$45.00 Early Bird until January 25, 2018

>> \$50.00 Regular until February 1, 2018

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TAP-LA Archery Tag!

Date and Time: Saturday, February 10 at 1:30 PM - 3 PM

Time to get your Hunger Games on! Join TAP-LA's First Annual Archery Dodgeball. Combat Archery "Medieval style combat" combines the thrill and game style of dodge ball with the precision of archery.

We are offering [early bird ticket](#) prices up till Jan 20 for \$18. Prices will increase for those who delay. Remember to dress in comfortable workout attire and bring a towel since this is a fast-paced calorie burning game with lots of fun. Refreshments will be provided!

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Taiwanese American Scholarship Fund

The Taiwanese American Scholarship Fund is giving away \$50,000 in scholarships!
Deadline to apply is Wednesday, March 28th. Please share this with interested students
or visit TAScholarshipFund.org



Board member positions open:

- Marketing chair
- Philanthropy chair

There are plenty of opportunities to help out in event planning and work with young professionals in various industries. If you are interested in the board positions or in joining a committee, please send an email to info@tap-la.org.



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About TAP:

[Taiwanese American Professionals Los Angeles \(TAP-LA\)](#) enhances and empowers the Taiwanese American community through networking and professional development, while emphasizing the preservation of Taiwanese American Identity. TAP-LA provides resources and programs that develop and support professionals to become community-oriented leaders. TAP-LA is a chapter of Taiwanese American Professionals, a national program of [Taiwanese American Citizens League \(TACL\)](#). TAP chapters make up the largest network of Taiwanese American young professionals in the United States, and can be found in most major cities spanning coast to coast.