



LMU

Asian Pacific Islander
Alumni Association



3rd Annual
APIAA Unity Celebration
Rooted in Heritage, United in Purpose

Saturday, May 2, 2026

WELCOME

The mission of the Loyola Marymount University Asian Pacific Islander Alumni Association (APIAA) is to deepen and maintain lifelong relationships that add value between the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) alumni community and the university. APIAA upholds and creates connections within this diverse community through networking, mentorship, volunteering, philanthropic commitment, and social opportunities.

The API Alumni Scholarship was established in 2024 to provide access and promote the success of outstanding undergraduate LMU students who display leadership and contribute to the growth of the APIDA student community. Thanks to the generous support from alumni and friends, two students were awarded \$2,500 from this inaugural scholarship last academic school year.

The APIAA Unity Celebration is the largest fundraiser of the year, supporting the API Alumni Scholarship. Your attendance and support at the event contribute directly to our vision of empowering students through the API Alumni Scholarship, embodying the spirit of fellowship and reinforcing our university's commitment to fostering academic excellence, belonging, and social justice. We hope we can count on your support and attendance at the 3rd Annual APIAA Unity Celebration on Saturday, May 2, at LMU.

Enclosed is information for your consideration as well as testimonials from alumni and our inaugural API Alumni Scholarship recipients, highlighting the significance of the launch of the Asian Pacific Islander Alumni Association. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the educational journeys of deserving students in the 2026–27 academic year.

With Gratitude,

Trey J. Hernandez '12
APIAA Board President

Jordan Tabaldo '19
APIAA Board Vice President

EVENT SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Peony Sponsor\$15,000 (\$900 non-deductible portion)

- Sponsor logo featured in all APIAA Unity Celebration related materials, and recognition as Peony Sponsor on LMU APIAA website throughout the year
- 15 tickets to the APIAA Unity Celebration
- Sponsor logo projected throughout the event
- Choice of a full-page, color advertisement on the inside front cover, inside back cover, or back cover in event program
- First right of refusal as the Premier Peony Sponsor for the 2027 APIAA Unity Celebration
- Direct support of **five API Alumni student scholars** (up to \$2,500 each)

Lotus Sponsor\$10,000 (\$600 non-deductible portion)

- Sponsor logo featured in all APIAA Unity Celebration related materials, and recognition as Lotus Sponsor on LMU APIAA website throughout the year
- 10 tickets to the APIAA Unity Celebration
- Recognition as Lotus Sponsor in the APIAA Unity Celebration printed program
- Sponsor logo projected throughout the event
- Prominent placement of sponsor logo and full-page color advertisement in the event program
- Direct support of **three API Alumni student scholars** (up to \$2,500 each)

Orchid Sponsor\$5,000 (\$480 non-deductible portion)

- Eight tickets to the APIAA Unity Celebration
- Half-page color advertisement in the event program and sponsor logo projected throughout the event
- Sponsorship listing on LMU APIAA website throughout the year
- Direct support of **one API Alumni student scholar** (up to \$2500 each)

Sakura Sponsor\$2,500 (\$300 non-deductible portion)

- Five tickets to the APIAA Unity Celebration
- Quarter-page color advertisement in the event program and sponsor logo projected throughout the event
- Sponsorship listing on LMU APIAA website throughout the year

Program Sponsorship Levels

Advertisement in event program only; does not include event tickets.

Full Page	Half Page	Quarter Page
\$1,000	\$500	\$250

Individual Tickets

\$70 (\$60 non-deductible portion)

Sponsor a Student

Purchase a ticket to fund a student's attendance at the event. The full price of an adult ticket is tax-deductible.

Questions

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To support the event without sponsorship benefits, contact **events@lmu.edu**.

TESTIMONIALS

Stephanie Law '27

Inaugural API Alumni Scholarship Recipient

Political Science Major, African American Studies Minor

At Loyola Marymount University, I am surrounded by the most driven and intelligent individuals in the APIDA community; their intellect inspires me both in and out of the classroom. I am grateful to receive the API Alumni Scholarship as it is a tremendous honor to continue my degree in higher education, which contributes to my aspiring career in law and politics.

Koko Leong '28

Inaugural API Alumni Scholarship Recipient

Finance Major, Business Law Minor

At LMU, I'm part of Nā Kōlea (Hawai'i Club) and super excited to be on the Lu'au committee — it's LMU's biggest Pacific Islander celebration. I'll also be dancing hula in this year's Lu'au, which I'm really looking forward to. Getting the API Alumni Scholarship has made a huge difference — it's helped me stay involved on campus and focus on school without stressing about the cost.

Michael Kidakarn '99

APIAA Board Member | Ex-Officio Board Liaison

Establishing LMU's Asian Pacific Islander Alumni Association (APIAA) was about more than representation — it was about creating a foundation of community, support, and mental well-being for APIDA students navigating higher education. Too often, students enter college focused solely on academic success, facing immense pressure while struggling in an all-digital age to find a sense of human belonging. Without a strong support network, this isolation can take a toll on their mental health and overall college experience. APIAA provides that vital network, offering a space where students can connect with peers and mentors for guidance, encouragement, and lifelong connections with alumni who have walked the same path. LMU Lion prides walk together. When students feel supported, they thrive — not just academically, but personally and emotionally. I am proud to have been part of APIAA's foundation, knowing it will continue to provide a vital source of strength, connection, and encouragement for generations to come.

Thank you for your support and dedication to APIAA in fostering a strong, expanding community for APIDA students and LMU alumni.

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Amrapali Gokani '14

APIAA Board Member

As a proud alumna, being a part of establishing the Asian Pacific Islander Alumni Association and the inaugural board was and is an incredible opportunity to help continue driving the various aspects of LMU's mission, including the encouragement of learning and education of the whole person. As a Desi American who has seen this population at LMU continue to grow, my voice and presence as an alumnus show current, future, and past Lions that there is a space on the bluff for them; that they have a story to share and a community that is willing to support, encourage, and provide guidance.

Thank you for supporting the APIDA Lions as they continue to make impacts on the bluff and beyond.