



OCA NEW JERSEY – Asian Pacific American Advocates

EMBRACING THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS

OUR MISSION

We are dedicated to advancing the social, political and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (AAPIs)

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1973, OCA – Asian Pacific American Advocates is a 501(c)(3) national non-profit, membership driven organization based in Washington, D.C. with over 100 chapters and affiliates around the country.

OUR POLICY OBJECTIVES

Immigration: In order to maintain America's legacy as a place of refuge and equality, we must adopt measures to empty the backlog of visa applications, protect family immigration, and create clean direct pathways to citizenship.

Education: Our public and private education systems must see equitable access and resources as well as AAPI representation in curriculum. In addition, there is a critical need for resources and recognition for Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs).

Racial Equity and Inclusion: As AAPIs face hate crime and racial profiling, we must continue to push against hate speech, violence, and discrimination. Further, racial equity calls for workforce diversity and the disaggregation of data.

Civic Engagement and Census: Civic engagement is critically important to our democracy, which is why it is crucial to increase AAPI community engagement and ensure a fair and proper count of AAPIs in the 2020 Census.

Workforce Development and Technology: AAPIs of all ages and places deserve equitable access to technology as well as inclusive workforce development and career pipeline opportunities.

OUR PROGRAMS

OCA Internship Program, APIA U: Leadership Training APA Youth Advocate: We train the next generation of AAPI leaders in college and high school for a lifetime of advocacy.

JACL/OCA Leadership Summit: This annual summit gives rising stars from local chapters the training to make positive change in their communities.

Mentoring Asian American Professionals (MAAP, B3; Build, Breakthrough, Believe, Women's Initiative): These programs help develop AAPI professionals through networking, mentorship, and workshops.

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