

March 2, 2018

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Asian American Student Association (AASA) is pleased to invite your student to attend the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Asian American High School Conference on **Friday, March 2, 2018 at University of Utah's A. Ray Olpin Student Union from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**, sponsored by President Dr. David W. Pershing and Provost Dr. Ruth Watkins.

AAHSC's mission is to: 1) promote post-secondary education to Asian and Asian American youth; 2) provide Asian and Asian American students access to college preparation, enrollment guidelines, financial aid instruction, scholarship resources, networking opportunities with fellow youth; 3) preserve and promote Asian and Asian American culture, tradition, issues, and identity; 4) form professional, long-term connections to local and national Asian and Asian American faculty, staff, administrators, communities, leaders, and organizations; 5) ease transition to the University of Utah by forming a pipeline through contact with the Asian American Student Association and its members; and 6) create a safe, professional environment for all youth regardless of age, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, ability, religion, or identity.

The theme of the conference is: "RepresentASIAN", in which we will focus on college preparatory plans, enrollment guidelines, scholarships, financial aid, community service, and leadership opportunities, and also contemporary issues faced by Asian Americans, racial awareness, and creating a unified network of Asian American youth throughout the state of Utah.

The conference offers a myriad of sessions for students to learn and work with professionals, peers, and community leaders within the Asian populace of Utah. The event will empower the students to pursue higher education - a key component to reach their greatest potential.

A free, light breakfast and lunch will be provided by AASA. Space is limited for this event so please encourage your student to **register before March 2, 2018** at <https://tinyurl.com/aahsc18> as we may not be able to accommodate them if they are not registered. **Please have your student dress in semi-formal or cultural attire. Students will not be allowed to attend the conference without this signed permission slip or if they are dressed improperly.**

We look forward to having your student attend conference!

Sincerely,

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I, the parent/guardian, give \_\_\_\_\_ permission to attend the Asian American High School Conference on *Friday, 2 March 2018* in the A. Ray Olpin Student Union on the University of Utah campus.

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Parent Signature

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Student Name (Print)

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Date