

United Chinese Americans

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Our Mission and Strategic Initiatives

UCA Mission Statement: United Chinese Americans 美國華人聯合會 (UCA) is a nationwide nonprofit and nonpartisan federation and a community civic movement, inspired by and dedicated to enriching and empowering Chinese American communities through civic engagement, political participation, celebrating heritage, youth mental health and a greater understanding between US and China for the well-being of all Americans and this world.



*Civic
Participation*



*Political
Engagement*



*Celebrating
Heritage*



*Youth
Mental Health*



*US-China
Relations*

2018 Chinese American Convention

- UCA successfully held its 2018 Chinese American Convention in Washington DC, on September 27-29, 2018. It was attended by 500 participants representing 32 States, Canada and Greater China region.
- The two-day program is preceded by a half-day visit to Capitol Hill by 150 Conventioneers who visited more than 50 Members of Congress and their staffers.
- The organizers invited four keynote speakers: Ambassador Gary Locke, Federal Judge Theodore Chuang, former Deputy Secretary of Labor Chris Lu, and University of Maryland-College Park president Wallace Loh.
- At the Gala Award Dinner, UCA presented awards to some outstanding Chinese Americans and their organizations that have served the community and the country with distinction and honor.



2016 Inaugural Chinese American Convention

UCA Chinese American Convention is the national platform where Chinese community and civic leaders, scientist and scholars, business entrepreneurs, scholars, youth as well as elected officials of Chinese descent across the country come together every other year to share, discuss and shape a common agenda for the future of this community and the country.

The 2016 Inaugural Chinese American Convention was attended by 450 participants from 35 US states, with many members of Congress attending the UCA reception. Many of the nation's leading scholars, political leaders, and policy advocates served as speakers or panelists. Inspired by the convention, a number of attendees have run for public office successfully, and others have increased volunteerism and public service in local communities. 81% of the convention survey takers rate the convention as “very good” or “excellent,” and 78% indicate that they would definitely attend again. UCA will continue to hold the Chinese American Convention as a premier platform.



Civic Participation and Defending Civil Rights

Civic Engagement

In collaboration with Civic Leadership USA Foundation, this program aims at promoting civic engagement and foster an engaged citizenship for Chinese and other Asian Americans to become a fully participating and contributing members of the multi-ethnic American democracy.

Defending Civil Rights and Protecting Community Interests

From day one of its inception, UCA has made defending civil rights another one of its top priorities. UCA has been a national leader in helping and defending Sherry Chen and Xiaoxing Xi, two Chinese American scientists who were falsely charged with espionage related crimes. UCA has also aided Xiyue Wang, a PhD student at Princeton University who was jailed on false charges by the Iranian government, and his family. From organizing a coalition of fourteen national Asian-American organizations to repudiate FBI Director Wray's troubling statement, to exposing unlawful profiling by the government, to advocating reform for FISA during its reauthorization, to fighting the latest reincarnation of China paranoia, UCA has been unabashedly a national leader, fighting to protect and advance our community's common interests.

Signature Projects

Interactive Chinese American Heritage Map (iCAHM)

iCAHM uses state-of-the-art technology to record and display historical events, persons and landmarks significant to the Chinese American experience. Unlike videos and books, the historical facts stored in iCAHM can be retrieved and displayed interactively and graphically via keyword searching, historic period selection or subject matter selection. The significance of the project is to preserve Chinese American historical experiences through one interactive digital map on the Internet, thus making sure this unique legacy shall be shared with and passed on to the future generations.

Chinese American Well-being Infographics

America is becoming a data driven society. UCA is leading an effort in developing Chinese American Wellbeing Infographics (CAWI) to enable the Chinese American community to understand its general condition and to advocate for its common interest with reliable data. CAWI will rely on credible data sources from Census, CDC, Gallup, and Pew Research Center. Big data technology will be utilized to make CAWI data presentable with intuitive graphics and analyzable interactively in real time.

Celebrating Heritage

Since its inception in 2017, UCA has launched the “Chinese Lunar New Year Initiative” to encourage charitable giving and instill public service spirit in the traditional holiday celebration. Over 600 people from Chicago and San Francisco enjoyed making Jiaozi together, and donating food and money to local food banks and other charities. The event was highlighted by mainstream media such as American Broadcasting Company (ABC).

Youth Mental Health

UCA Youth Mental Health program started with a conference on “Asian Parents, American Children”, organized by UCA Illinois Chapter in 2017, followed by a forum on “Get Serious about Anti-bullying” in 2018. This program addresses the emotional needs and mental health issues prevalent among Asian American youth. Overwhelmingly positive feedbacks validate the urgent need of our community for such programs. UCA is partnering with its chapters and other community organizations to address this urgent mental health issue.

Youth Volunteerism and Community Service

Following the spirit of “Serve, Lead, Inspire”, the UCA motto, UCA Illinois Chapter conducted multiple service project involving more than 100 high school student and parent volunteers serving seniors and orphanage children, participating in the 10,000-people performing arts events. In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, UCA raised money to help affected communities in Houston. UCA will continue its youth volunteering and community service as part of its core programs.

Teach in China

The Program strives to help young people expand their horizon and enhance their careers by spending one academic year (ten months) of teaching, learning and globalizing in China. It is a unique way for young college graduates to explore the world, gain deeper understanding of China, and become cultural and educational ambassadors.

Asian American Leadership Institute and “Future Leaders” Program

UCA has established “Asian American Leadership Institute” to train Asian American young generation on how to improve leadership skills and capacity. “Future Leaders” is a very first DC based one-week training program of the Institute to focus on developing leadership capacity of the younger generation. Specifically, the program is to find, train and track the most motivated Asian American youth, who have demonstrated leadership or public service track record. It starts in summer of 2019.

Lunar New Year Initiative

UCA has taken on how best to observe the Lunar New Year Festival as the most crucial to keep our traditions, identity and values alive. UCA has been organizing and calling for the community to celebrate the holiday as the best opportunity and season to reach out, to do public service and charitable giving.

UCA Chapters and Community Partners

- ❑ Illinois Chapter
- ❑ San Francisco Chapter
- ❑ Wisconsin Chapter
- ❑ Iowa Chapter
- ❑ West Virginia Chapter
- ❑ Massachusetts Chapter
- ❑ Connecticut Chapter
- Utah Chinese Association
- South Carolina Chinese Association of Columbia
- Alliance of Chinese Americans (San Diego)
- Ohio Chinese American Association
- Legal Immigration Alliance (CA)
- Greater Philly Chinese Association
- 1882 Foundation
- Milwaukee Chinese Community Center (MCCC)
- The Chinese Friendship Association of Portland
- Madison Chinese Community Organization
- Arizona Chinese History Association
- Massachusetts General Hospital MGH Center for Cross-Cultural Student Emotional Wellness
- Carolinas Chinese Chamber of Commerce
- Carolinas Chinese Civic Center
- Kentucky Chinese American Association
- Greater San Antonio Society of Chinese Professionals
- Nevada Chinese Association
- Chinese American Association in Colorado
- Chinese Intercultural Association

Who We Are



*Xiaoyan, Zhang
Chairman, Board of
Directors*

A data scientist and an executive in residence for high-tech innovation in public health, Dr. Zhang has also devoted himself to social innovations that serve the Chinese American community as well as the society at large for many years.



*Haipei Shue
President*

A Chinese American community activist and former lobbyist, Mr. Shue played a leadership role in passing the congressional “Chinese Students Protection Bill” and the Congressional Apology Resolution on the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882.



*Ray Liang
Treasurer and Finance
Committee Chair*

A composite materials engineer, Hakka and local communities leader, Dr. Liang is experienced with financial control and budget planning, and has been receiving accounting and ethics certification training from the WV State Auditor’s Office since 2006.



*Lily Chen
Executive
Director*

Lily has been an active volunteer at local schools, in the community, and in elder care sectors for the past 20 years. She was instrumental in helping to elect Illinois’s first Chinese American State Representative in 2016. Lily currently helps UCA IL in organizing multiple impactful programs for the Chicago community.



*Steven Pei
Honorary Chairman
of the Board*

An electrical engineering professor and national technology leader, Mr. Pei is also a founding board member of Houston 80-20 Asian American PAC and several civic and environmental organizations.



Become a UCA Member

- Membership levels are as follows:
 - \$25: Student membership
 - \$45: Annual membership
 - \$500: Lifetime membership
 - \$1,000: Founding membership
- Click [here](#) to become a UCA member

Welcome to the 2018 United Chinese Americans Convention!



Dear Fellow Chinese Americans,

In 2016 we had our historic inaugural Chinese American Convention in D.C. In less than two years, UCA has become a multi-chapter, multi-partner, nationwide federation, amid a passionate UCA community seeking to serve, lead and inspire a civic movement for change. For this Convention, we bring together an amazing array of speakers and panelists to converse on a broad range of topics: debuting an interactive Chinese American Heritage Map iCAHM, the US-China trade war, affirmative action in education, Chinese American civic and political action, fundraising for non-profits, adoptee children, mental health, as well as how to maintain a civil dialogue in the face of dissenting views. Above all, we will shape a common agenda to strengthen our community in the age of a pluralistic democracy.

Life is short. We all want to maximize the value and meaning of our Chinese American life. What is the better way to realize your vision and dream than find yourself among many like-minded and passionate friends for a great shared cause and lasting friendship?

Remember, be the change you want to see in this world!

We look forward to seeing you at this exciting Convention!

Haipai Shue

President

Xiaoyan Zhang PhD

Chairman



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2018 Chinese American Convention

美國華人大會

Sept. 27-29, 2018

Hyatt Regency Crystal City

at Reagan National Airport, Washington D.C.



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美國華人大會

Our Values: Service, Compassion and Humanity