United Chinese Americans
UCA Milestones
Video
2016-2022
The inaugural Chinese American Convention marked the first milestone of UCA. It was held in Washington, D.C. on September 8-10. More than 400 community leaders, activists, grassroots volunteers and scholars from across the U.S. participated in this historical event.
UCA was incorporated in Washington, D.C. on March 21. The 501 (c)(3) status was granted on December 21.

April 11, 2017

UCA issued its first public statement on the violence and wrongful action taken by the police from the Chicago Department of Aviation and the United Airlines at the O’Hare International Airport towards a Chinese American passenger and submitted the statement to a dozen congressional and government offices.

April 20-22, 2017

UCA convened its initial board at a meeting in Chicago on April 20-22, with the election of Mr. Haipei Shue as President and Professor Steven Pei as Chairman. Concurrently, UCA also held its first mental health forum attended by more than 200 people.

May 6, 2017

Organized by UCA, the special edition of the documentary, *The Chinese Exclusion Act*, co-directed by Rick Burns and Lin-Shin Yu, as part of the PBS "American Experience" series, was premiered for the Chinese community.
Jiaozi Parties and Lunar New Year Initiative

January 2018

Building on the successful Jiaozi parties in San Francisco and Chicago a year earlier to celebrate the Chinese New Year, UCA launched the Lunar New Year Initiative to make the Chinese festival a more meaningful holiday.

More than 100 Chinese Americans organizations co-sponsored the initiative.
Call for Action and Statement

January 2018

UCA issued a statement on the comments made by U.S. Senator Rubio and FBI Director Wray that Chinese students and scholars are “national security threats.” 14 national organizations co-signed the letter initiated by UCA to demand a conference meeting with Wray. Furthermore, UCA issued a “Call for Action” to Chinese Americans.
April 2018

Sherry Chen won her case through the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) against the government after a lengthy legal process.

An exclusive Interview: "Justice is Done, this is Our Victory!"

UCA organized multiple activities in support of Chen, including protests at the federal courthouse in Cincinnati in February.

In June, UCA issued a statement to the U.S. Department of Commerce condemning its appeal of the MSPB’s ruling in the Sherry Chen case.
April 20-22, 2018

The first UCA board retreat was held in Detroit, Michigan. UCA called on the Chinese Americans to seek common ground to build the community. More than 30 directors and community representatives from nearly 20 states attended the retreat. The event was supported by strong sponsorship from UCA's strategic partner, the CLF Foundation (now CLUSA), and local UCA members and friends in Michigan.
September 27-29, 2018

Building a strong Chinese community, UCA 2018 Convention was successfully held in Washington, D.C. Nearly 450 community leaders, activists, volunteers, and scholars from most US states attended the convention.
UCA joined efforts against the S386/HR1044 immigration bill which would harm the interests and immigration process of Chinese nationals.
2019

UCA spearheaded efforts to speak for Chinese American scientists and promote open, free academic exchange and innovation. In the “Speak-up Campaign,” UCA urged the US academic institutions to support Chinese American scientists. Many top US universities, including MIT, Stanford, Yale, Columbia, University of Michigan, University of California, etc. published statements in support of academic freedom and against isolation and discrimination.
2019

UCA (UCA-Illinois and UCA-Houston) organized summer leadership programs for Chinese American students to participate in leadership internships with government and NGO groups. CLUSA sponsored the programs.
Members of the UCA community support Andrew Yang for president and other Asian American candidates for political offices.
UCA organized a “Food of Love” program to deliver foods for those on the frontline against the coronavirus pandemic. Chinese American organizations and individuals from 47 states and 130+ cities participated in this extensively covered national campaign by donating foods and medical supplies.
“Food of Love” Program

FOOD OF LOVE

UCA

National Chinese Meal for Love Day
(National Free Chinese Meal Day)

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UCA is calling on Chinese American organizations, companies and individuals to work closely together to recreate this high-impact, high-quality nationwide public event, a first such effort with the Chinese community, demonstrating that Chinese Americans are the same as other Americans.

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2020
UCA provided amicus brief in support of international students to stay in the US as they continue their study during the Covid pandemic.

2020
UCA urges the White House to withdraw WeChat ban

The Trump Executive Orders on WeChat and TikTok:
What it Means and What You Should Know

Aug 27, 2020 | 8:00-9:30 PM EDT

Speakers: Brian Sun, Laura Fraedrich, and Justin Huff, from Jones Day with UCA’s Haipei Shue and Monica He
UCA Youth Mental Health Collaborative WAVES (wellness, Advocacy, Voices, Education & Support)

- WAVES is an award winning program recognized nationally to improve Asian American mental health.
- UCA WAVES Youth Mental Health collaborative started in 2016.
- WAVES Conducted Over 22 webinars conducted 2020-2022 addressing mental health needs during COVID - again, much significant effort.
- UCA WAVES was awarded the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation RWJF Clinical Scholar Grant in 2020, and COVID Rapid Response grant in 2021.
- WAVES started Mental Health First Aid Training MHFA 2021.
- WAVES started supporting "Silent War" Documentary Filming 2021.
Impacts of the WAVES

Since 2016, WAVES has had 22 in-person conferences and webinars, with over 2400 national and global participants! A 7 session mental health track with 7 is held at the 2022 UCA Convention.

In response to the national mental health crisis during COVID-19 and Anti-Asian Hate,

- WAVES has hosted 10 MHFA trainings led by 8 certified instructors, with 177 overall participants. Their research development team is evaluating MHFA advocacy and is cultural relevance
- Working with an award winning Filmmaker, start to produce "Silent War; Asian American Recockings with Mental Health " documentary film
- Develop a media library including 43 bilingual videos about Asian American Youth Mental Health, 2 short films/trailers, an online resource library, and a new bilingual toolkit on anti-Racism for Parents & Youth.
- 35 articles on WeChat blogs, with over 30,714 views.
- Published 10 OpEds in major US Newspapers.
Anti-Racism Protests

2020

UCA organized numerous protests against Senate Blackburn decrying her racist statements.
Candlelight Vigil for Atlanta Shooting Victims

March 2021

Candlelight Vigil for Victims of Atlanta shootings. 100+ organizations in over 30 cities joined their voices against hatred and racism.
Anti-Asian Hate Advocacy

UCA coordinated an effort by Chinese American community leaders to encourage writing opinion pieces for local and national newspapers on the topic of anti-Asian hate violence and racism. 10 OpEd pieces published since 2021
I'm very excited to have this opportunity to welcome all of you! We have prepared this summer university to train the next generation of Chinese American leaders. Why are we doing this? It's very simple, that we want to give you the best and most rewarding, fulfilling lives that you could have, that maybe even your parents may or may not have. And why we call it leadership training, because in today's world, I really think that everybody needs to be a leader. They must be. Not a leader in a sense of a king or a CED or elected official, but a leader that will be somebody like you that will take the initiative and the challenge on life and turn it around or turn it over its head, on its head, and make a difference.

—— Haipei Shue, President of UCA

2021 UCA Summer University
150 Students
100+ Capstone Projects
6 Days of Online Lessons and Discussions
Summer University

2021 UCA Summer University
Capstone Project

2021 UCA Summer University
Group Leaders

2021 UCA Summer University
Graduation Ceremony
After at least four years of investigations and trials, Dr. Anming Hu, a nanotechnology expert and a professor at the University of Tennessee, was acquitted by a federal judge. Dr. Hu was the first to go to trial under “the China Initiative.”

“We demand that the Department of Justice investigate misconduct by the involved government agencies, enact a moratorium on all pending cases of the China Initiative, and for the White House to terminate the China Initiative,” said UCA President Haipei Shue.
Chinese Americans and COVID-19 Relief

2021
UCA provided web site for Covid relief actions of the Chinese American community
UCA published “Ms. Tacy’s Guide for Family” Protection and called for youth competition

Contributions by Asian Americans in fighting COVID-19 Pandemic

Since the beginning of the outbreak in January, Asian Americans have been on the frontline combating the pandemic and protecting America. Not only we supported families and doctors in Asia, but also, we actively engaged in the local communities here to slow down spread of the virus to America in saving lives. Apart from Asian American individuals, many Chinese American community groups have also been contributing their efforts by raising funds, organizing community events, and spreading awareness.

Fight Against COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES

- CDC Info on COVID-19
- Johns Hopkins Resources
- "Facts no Fear" Webinars
- US and Canada Statistics
- COVID: Facts vs Fiction
- COVID Tracking Project
UCATalks Webinars

**A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO TEACH AAPI HISTORY**

Venue: [UCATalks](https://ucatalks.org)

**FORWARD - A Conversation with Andrew Yang on his New Book and More**

Mentor: Haipei Shue

**Return of McCarthyism?**

Mentor: Haipei Shue

**Join our next UCATalks webinar on October 7th!**

**For more information, visit: [UCATalks](https://ucatalks.org)**
Lunar New Year as a Federal Holiday

February 2022

UCA supports Congresswoman Grace Meng’s congressional bill to make Lunar New Year a federal holiday
April 2022

UCA and Chinese American Community Supporting Professor Franklin Tao

“In support of Prof. Franklin Tao

“UCA has been in the forefront of fighting for Chinese American civil rights and equal treatment under law. Throughout, we believe cases like Prof. Tao’s do not belong to the federal criminal court. And there have simply too many wrongfully charged cases, under or leading up to the China Initiative. We must fight for our constitutionally guaranteed rights. Your kind support for the Tao family will go a long way towards restoring fairness and equal treatment for our community. Thank you!”
Calling for Accountability re. China Initiative

Feb 2022
UCA applauded the end of the China Initiative, calling for accountability under DOJ’s new guideline.
The 3rd Chinese American Convention and the Inaugural UCA National Youth Convention, July 14-16, 2022, Washington, D.C. attracted over 650+ participants including 250+ youth participants from 40+ states. The convention offered 34 program sessions including congressional visits & reception, displayed 60 community showcase projects, and held 21 roundtable discussion groups. Please download 70 page program here.
2022 Chinese American Convention & Youth Convention
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2022 UCACF

UCA launched the UCA Community Fund (UCACF) to provide microgrants of seed funds to startup community projects and programs aiming to enrich and empower local Chinese American communities through civic engagement, education, heritage sharing, youth development, and a greater understanding between the people of the United States and China.
Empower our Community—UCA Action and PAC

2022 UCA Action and PAC

In 2022, UCA network launched UCA Action, a C4 non-profit, and UCA PAC, a bipartisan political action committee. Both these groups will focus on political campaigning, advocacy and lobbing on behalf of Chinese American community.
Justice for Sherry Chen Congressional Reception was held in Washington DC to celebrate a historic settlement for her wrongful prosecution and unfair treatment with the Department of Commerce and Department of Justice.
Dec 2022

UCA WAVES program received a four-year SAMHSA federal training grant, MHFA-CA, from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, an agency under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.