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OF **ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS**

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OCA-GEORGIA ANNOUNCES 2012 APA PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP TO BUILD A PIPELINE OF GEORGIA ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE CAREERS

PURPOSE: OCA National has an internship program which brings students to Washington, D.C. to learn about advocacy and gain real-world experience in various government and non-profit offices. Georgia high school graduates and college students have an opportunity to learn about Asian Pacific American civic engagement, advocacy, and community service through 10-15/hour per week unpaid internship with OCA-Georgia during the school semester. Students will have an opportunity to be placed for two weeks in legislative offices at local, county, and state levels; government office at the local, county, state or federal levels; or with an Asian Pacific American non-profit organization in metro-Atlanta.

POSSIBLE PROJECTS WILL INCLUDE: This internship would give the intern an opportunity to learn about OCA and its work in the Asian Pacific American (APA) community, APA issues, Asian Pacific American civic engagement, advocacy, community service, fundraising, event planning, marketing/public relations as well as valuable, real-world experience through assisting with the following:

- February 9: 2012 Asian Pacific American Legislative Day at the Georgia State Capitol
- March 16: Southeast Regional Summit - White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
- Voter Registration Drives & Voting Rights Education
- Asian Pacific American Law Enforcement Community Assistance Days
- Asian Pacific American Family Health & Safety Days

QUALIFICATIONS: Current full-time undergraduate student or recent graduate; Strong attention to detail required/ detail-oriented; Strong organizational skills; Strong communication skills, verbal and written; General administrative and office experience; Strong computer skills using Windows Office software, Outlook and database software; Motivated and dedicated to OCA and its mission as well as a commitment to APA community.

NOTE: This is a 10-15/hour per week unpaid internship (Jan-May, Summer, Aug-Dec). Students have the option of applying for college internship credit through their schools. Students are responsible for their own transportation & housing.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. **Deadline: Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 11:59pm EST**
2. **How to Apply:** Submit completed application (email tricia.sung@gmail.com for the application form), a cover letter, resume, two professional references, 500 word writing sample, copy of high school transcript, copy of SAT/ACT scores, and any other supporting documents are to be received no later than **Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 11:59pm EST** to tricia.sung@oca-georgia.org. **Note:** OCA-Georgia APA Public Service Intern will be introduced at the Saturday, January 21st "Year of the Dragon" Lunar New Year Banquet. Recipient must be able to attend the banquet. See: <https://www.facebook.com/events/113012342145795/>

ABOUT OCA-GEORGIA: OCA-Georgia chapter was founded in 1983 and is the local chapter of OCA (originally founded as the "Organization of Chinese Americans" but is now focused on Asian Pacific Americans). OCA is a national civil rights organization established in 1973 with over 80 chapters and affiliates dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans. To fulfill its mission, OCA has established the following goals: to advocate for social justice, equal opportunity and fair treatment; to promote civic participation, education, and leadership; to advance coalitions and community building; and to foster cultural heritage.