

ADVOCACY BRANCH MEMBERS 2020



VIVIAN CHAN LI APIA ADVOCACY DIRECTOR

MS4 at Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University

She facilitates discussions and creates informational resources pertaining to issues such as immigrant health, mental health, AAPI health disparities, and health care reform.

She also created the **Against Racism in Medicine Collaborative**, where APAMSA members can share their events, workshops, research, writings around advocacy and racism in medicine in [this google drive](#) and [this Facebook group](#).

To submit a resource to the google drive, fill out [this form](#).
Contact Vivian at aapi-advocacy@apamsa.org!



CONNIE CHEN RAPID RESPONSE DIRECTOR

2nd year DO student at Touro College New York

Her responsibilities include drafting rapid response statements and overseeing the voting process to approve the statement.

Do you see a recent news event that warrants an official response from APAMSA? Fill out [this form](#) to submit a Rapid Response Request!

For questions, contact Connie at rapidresponse@apamsa.org



RODAN MECANO DIVERSITY DIRECTOR

1st year DO student at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

He works towards raising awareness on APIA issues and increasing opportunities for APIA students, especially those in South Asian, Southeast Asian, Pacific Islander, and queer communities.

If you're interested in getting involved, e-mail Rodan at diversity@apamsa.org

APAMSA calls for Recognition of Southeast Asians and Pacific Islanders as URM

In Spring of 2019, APAMSA adopted a [resolution](#) to ask AAMC and AACOM to each release a statement calling on medical schools to consider including Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander students in outreach and admissions efforts intended to increase student body diversity.

On March 16 we sent open letters to Dr. David Acosta, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer of AAMC, as well as Drs. Marcine Pickron-Davis and Gary Hill, Co-Chairs of AACOM's Council on Diversity and Equity.

You can find our full letter to AAMC [HERE](#) and our full letter to AACOM [HERE](#)!

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KEVIN TANG RESOLUTIONS DIRECTOR

MS4 at Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University

He oversees the national resolutions process and engaging with other nationwide advocacy groups to promote APIA health. Have an area of **APIA health policy** that **you're interested in exploring**? Email Kevin at resolutions@apamsa.org!

Also, [share your thoughts](#) on our **new proposed resolutions** and help drive APAMSA's advocacy. You don't need to be a national board member or chapter leader, any APAMSA member can submit their thoughts in support or opposition to a resolution of their choosing!

Submit your testimony on [the official form](#) or send it directly to Kevin Tang (resolutions@apamsa.org).



LEENA YIN HEALTH ADVOCACY DIRECTOR

MS3 at University of California, San Francisco

She's passionate about keeping members informed about sociopolitical issues that impact APIA health and giving them the tools to get active and engaged.

If any of that sounds important to you, email her at healthadvocacy@apamsa.org!



EMILEE TU PEER ORGANIZATION LIAISON

MS3 at Albert Einstein College of Medicine

She is our bridge of communication with other organizations including the Student National Medical Association ([SNMA](#)), Latino Medical Students Association ([LMSA](#)), and the Medical Student Section of the American Medical Association ([AMA-MSS](#)).

If you are part of a national organization and would like to partner with us, contact Emilee at PeerOrgLiaison@apamsa.org!



JUSTIN NGUYEN ADVOCACY VICE PRESIDENT

4th year DO/MPH student at Touro University California

He oversees all initiatives of the Advocacy Branch, manages the Advocacy Branch Facebook page, and also leads APAMSA's efforts to increase APIA participation in the 2020 U.S. Census.

If you would like to help make sure everyone gets counted in the #2020Census, email Justin at advocacy@apamsa.org!

AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2020



ALTHEA ALQUITRAN **DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**

MS2 at Tulane University School of Medicine

She is currently helping develop a mentorship program for underrepresented Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander students pursuing medicine.

If you have experience with SEA/PI advocacy groups or would simply like to contribute ideas, please email diversity@apamsa.org.



ANNIE YAO **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

2nd year MD/PhD student at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine

On the Resolutions Committee, she works to help facilitate getting policy ideas onto paper. If you have any questions on how you can get involved with spearheading the broader vision of APAMSA policy, don't hesitate to reach out at ayao@uchc.edu!



SANDRA KONG **SOUTHEAST ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER ISSUES COMMITTEE**

3rd year undergraduate student at Stanford University

She is currently working on the Advocacy Branch's new migrant health care project, through which we will pinpoint organizations that provide medical care to migrants in detention centers throughout the U.S.

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JAY KANG **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

4th year MD/PhD student at Vanderbilt University

She is helping the branch develop its legislative advocacy toolkit for APAMSA chapters.



ALLY HENG **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

MS2 at University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine

As a former student leader in the East Coast Asian American Student Union (ECAASU), Ally's previous work includes facilitation of workshops that focused on allyship with other minoritized communities.



THANG TRAN **DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**

MS2 at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

Having completed a minor in Asian American Studies at UCLA, he hopes to put his education into action through the Advocacy Branch's migrant health care project and Southeast Asian/Pacific Islander Survey. His previous work includes interning at the Chinese American Museum in Downtown Los Angeles and acting as a patient navigator at Circle Health Services in Cleveland.