2022 Leadership Convention
Hosted by National Association of Asian American Professionals
Washington DC | August 11-13, 2022

Three-Day Leadership Development Convention for the Asian Pacific Islander community and their allies and advocates
www.leadershipconvention.org

Overview
The Leadership Convention by the National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) brings together over 400 rising and established leaders from our community to spend three days diving into educational and social networking opportunities. This year, the NAAAP Washington, D.C. Chapter will be hosting the convention under the theme “Limitless Leadership.” Our theme will embrace the new challenges in workspaces and the resilient efforts from professionals that yearn for growth. The pandemic may have altered professional pathways and created cultural roadblocks, but our community sees no limits to our goals and accomplishments. Our Convention is open to all professional backgrounds, ethnicities, and age.

As of April 2022, for health and safety reasons, proof of Covid-19 vaccination will be required at check-in. Our Covid-19 protocols are subject to change and will follow the latest CDC and DC requirements for public gatherings.

About NAAAP
NAAAP is the premier leadership organization for Asian Pacific and Pacific Islander (API) professionals in North America, with 30 chapters, several thousand active members, and a reach of more than 20,000 professionals. Celebrating 40 years in 2022, NAAAP has operated as a professional API nonprofit to inspire, develop, and connect leaders in all major industries and countless communities through professional development, representation, and community service.

Convention Program:

- **Employee Resource Group Summit**: The Asian Employee Resource Group (ERG) is often the last employee resource group formed in companies with Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging goals. This ERG leadership program helps API ERG leaders and DEI professionals accelerate their programs, connections, and impact with resources, and a community of practitioners. The focus for the summit is connecting and
engaging ERG leaders across industries, NAAAP chapters, and demographics to share ideas and practices while learning how to spread diversity and inclusion.

- **Leadership Development**: In addition to traditional practical leadership development sessions, such as optimizing your LinkedIn profile and effective communication strategies, the Convention has learning tracks focused on issues of importance to the API community, including About Us, Diversity & Inclusion, Military Service, Advocacy, and Civic Engagement. True to our Limitless Leadership theme, we realize that, as a community, we must reevaluate what leadership can mean and work together to elevate and uplift our API leaders of any rank and status. Not just in the boardroom, but in the home, at school, within a group of friends there are incomparable individuals paving new paths of leadership. “Limitless Leadership” is the answer to the call, for no more violence, to stop Asian hate, to be anti-racist, to not put your head down, but to speak up, stand up, lead, follow, gather, guide, and inspire.

- **Diversity Career Fair**: Over 50 of our partners from industry, educational institutions, nonprofits, and professional associations will be actively seeking new talent at this event. Convention attendees will be provided two hours of exclusive access to the career fair prior to us opening our doors to the general public.

- **NAAAP 100 Awards and Gala**: The Convention culminates with a dazzling and fun formal award ceremony where we celebrate top contributors from the API community.

- **Washington D.C. Experience**: In addition to being a premier learning and networking experience, the Convention is also an opportunity to explore the host town. Washington DC is a renowned, family-friendly tourist destination with national monuments, free museums, an extensive foodie scene and vibrant nightlife. We encourage attendees to come a day early or stay later to fully take advantage of this great city.

- **Wellness Spaces**: To balance the chaos and excitement of the Convention, quiet, meditative spaces will be created for attendees to take a break, reset, and learn best practices for better self-care and wellness.

- **Networking**: Testimonials indicate that the most important aspect of the Convention is the networking opportunities. Attendees will meet new people with similar backgrounds and challenges and learn how they are overcoming obstacles in unique and innovative ways. Networking will be facilitated through our onsite event app, receptions, networking dinners, and social spaces designed for meaningful interaction.
Skills and Benefits
The Convention provides many opportunities for employees to develop competencies in both technical, leadership, advocacy skills:

- Communication skills
- How our heritage manifests in our leadership style
- Time management and organization
- Problem solving
- Presentation skills
- External and organizational awareness
- Emotional intelligence
- Initiative
- Unconscious bias
- Continuous learning and self-development
- Community engagement

To amplify these competencies to the benefit of workspaces and organizations, upon return from the Convention, attendees should present a chosen topic to their colleagues and leadership. Local NAAAP Chapters can help support this effort.
Registration Fees
Note substantial discounts for NAAAP members. Early Bird discounts end on May 1, 2022. For more information, please visit our Registration Site.

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Hotel Information
The Convention venue, Capital Hilton, is offering special discounted rates for Convention participants. You may reserve your room online or call +1 (800) 405-0064 with the code: NAAAP. Room rates are between $149 and $249, not including taxes and fees, and include options for single to quadruple occupancy. This special rate ends Sunday, July 10, 11:59 P.M. ET.