

2008 INSPIRATION AWARD COMMUNITY HONOREES



Mr. and Mrs. C.C. and Regina Yin
Yin's McDonald's

Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association, Founder & Chairman

Mr. and Mrs. Yin were among the first Chinese-American's to apply for a McDonald's franchise and after some difficulty, were offered a McDonald's in a tough neighborhood of Oakland in 1984. C.C. and Regina managed not only to improve the business but the neighborhood as well. They mobilized the community and worked with the school districts to help set up programs to guide youths away from gang activities. Next, they organized the neighbors and turned the area into a neighborhood safe for all to meet and eat. That MacDonal'd's turned into four more in Oakland, followed by what is now 20 MacDonal'd's in Solano and Yolo counties. They came to epitomize the McDonald's motto of reinvesting in the community one lives and raises their children.

CC Yin also founded the Asian Pacific Islander American Political Association (APAIPA), a nonprofit organization that aims to promote political awareness and participation among Asian Pacific Islander Americans. He created scholarship programs to help youth intern in the California State Government level and Regina has served on the board of the Ronald MacDonal'd House charities and Eagle Lake Camp for children with disabilities. Regina was named Woman of the Year for California's 4th Senatorial District and was lauded by Sen. K. Maurice Johannessen for her "passionate dedication to giving back to her adopted home."

In their many endeavors, the Yin's have always given back to their communities through countless charities and schools. The beneficiaries include seniors, youth, sports, minorities, disabled and homeless organizations. NTLP is proud to share their accomplishments and community giving as inspiration to our NTLP attendees.



Mr. Henry Lozano

Deputy Assistant to the President, Director, USA Freedom Corps

Henry C. Lozano was named Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of USA Freedom Corps on September 11, 2007. As Director, Mr. Lozano works to promote and expand opportunities for Americans looking to service causes greater than themselves.

Recognized as a leader for his outstanding service to our nation, Mr. Lozano has worked to ensure Americans understand the value of volunteerism. Throughout his career, Mr. Lozano has championed causes, particularly those related to substance abuse and recovery programs, at the local, national, and international level.

Mr. Lozano served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Californians for Drug-free Youth, a non-profit organization working to bring parents, youth, schools and communities together to create and support safe and healthy communities. Under Mr. Lozano's leadership, President George H.W. Bush named the Santa Ynez Valley Network for Drug-free Youth, Inc. one of the top ten drug prevention coalitions in the United States. In 2005, Mr. Lozano was awarded the President's Call to Service Award in recognition of his lifetime of service.

It is an honor to have Mr. Lozano at the National Teen Leadership Program. We are pleased to bring the USA Freedom Corps to your attention and to recognize Mr. Lozano for his life-long commitment to safe and healthy communities.



Rebecca McPhetridge
Director – California State Youth and Families Program
California National Guard

War takes its toll not only on the troops who fight in the field, but also on the families who wait and worry at home. More than 155,000 kids have at least one parent who is deployed in the war on terrorism. This staggering figure doesn't even include those experiencing routine, but often lengthy deployments and separations from loved ones.

Fear, worry, heavy responsibilities, isolation, loneliness, missed birthdays, holidays and special events...these are just some of the things that our military kids face.

In her role as the California State Youth and Families Programs Coordinator, Ms. McPhetridge works with thousands of youth and their families each year, helping to provide opportunities that ease the worry and stress related to military deployments. She plans, designs and coordinates year-long activities and provides hands-on assistance and support to both youth and their parents.

The California National Guard has been an important partner to NTLP for the past 13 years. We are pleased and honored to recognize someone from their organization who has dedicated so much of her life to supporting the youth and families of those that serve our country.

The National Teen Leadership Program believes in recognizing individuals that empower young people to change the world.

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Ms. Debra Davis Worth
Owner/Director El Dorado Dance Academy
Kaleidoscope Dance Company

Ms. Worth is the owner and executive director of El Dorado Dance Academy, a studio she built from the ground up in 2003 and which today teaches all disciplines of dance to over 400 students. Ms. Worth is also a professor of dance for the Folsom Lake Colleges and is in the process of establishing the first AA program in dance for the Los Rios Community College District.

A professional dancer since the age of 17, Ms. Worth has toured the world as a professional dancer and choreographer for stage and TV. She has a BA in both Dance and Anthropology from UC Irvine and followed that with two Master's degrees in Dance and Anthropology from University of Surrey, Roehampton, England.

Ms. Worth's personal mission is to provide access for all students to the arts, and collaborate toward performing opportunities and charity work making dance a gift back to the community. Her companies perform at local venues such as convalescent homes and the county fair, offering classes specially geared to dancers with disabilities, and providing scholarships and fee waivers to committed students with special financial circumstances. The Kaleidoscope Touring Company of young dancers, travel throughout the USA and Internationally providing free concerts as goodwill Ambassadors of the US.

We are honoring Ms. Debra Worth and the El Dorado Dance Academy for their commitment to bring the arts to the community for all to enjoy and for their mission to instill integrity in both dance and life.



Chevo Ramirez
Regional Vice President, Wells Fargo Bank
Northern California Foundation &
Community Development Manager

NTLP is pleased to recognize Wells Fargo Bank for 17 years of service to our organization. Over the years Wells Fargo, through their individual branches, have donated over \$7000 to NTLP. These funds have been used for scholarships and to help students with financial challenges attend our program. In 2007 alone, Wells Fargo donated over \$3 million to 700 non profits and schools in Northern California. They were awarded the Corporate Community Service Award by the Sacramento National Association of the Advancement of Colored People and the Corporate Partner Award from the National Association of Women Business Owners. They also donated \$100,000 to Sacramento State for scholarships and \$36,000 toward the Guardian Scholars and Honors Program, which helps foster children who lose state support and financial aid when they turn 18.

Mr. Chevo Ramirez is responsible for all aspects of community outreach and is directly responsible for managing and directing charitable contributions for the Northern California Region. Mr. Ramirez joined Wells Fargo in 1980, became a branch manager in 1990 and Community President of Wells Fargo's Sacramento Main location in 2000. In 2003 he was named Foundation Manager for the Northern California Region.

Mr. Ramirez serves on the boards of the YMCA, Sacramento Asian Chamber of Commerce, Greater Sacramento Urban League and the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Sr. Executive Council .

NTLP is pleased to recognize Wells Fargo Bank and Mr. Ramirez for their ongoing support to our community as well as the support they have shown to the students who attend the NTLP program.



Greg Roeszler
Coach Encina High School
Founder/Director - Playmakers

As a former quarterback at San Diego State and with the Oakland Raiders, Greg Roeszler enjoys the opportunity to teach, coach, mentor and share his experience and wisdom with coaches and young student athletes as both the football coach at Encina High and as Director of the non-profit organization, Playmakers.

Playmakers is a unique organization that serves the community through the ongoing teaching and mentoring of young at-risk student athletes. Working with disadvantaged inner city youth, he draws them like a magnet off the streets and teaches them, both by precept and by example, how to play by the rules, how to respect others, and how to be good citizens and leaders in their community. Playmakers offers free high school and youth football camps to schools and groups that can't afford them. As part of the payback, participating players agree to do volunteer work.

NTLP is honoring Greg and his passion for life, sports and serving others; he plays the game of life like it is late in the 4th quarter. Leaving nothing behind. No regrets.