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Eric Nakajima joins Asian-American candidates and elected officials nationwide at National Leadership Academy in Washington, DC

APAICS National Leadership Academy is a select, intensive two-day workshop intended to expand Asian and Pacific American elected officeholders nationwide

Eric Nakajima announced today he attended the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) National Leadership Academy in Washington, DC on May 14 & 15th. The Academy included over 50 participants from across the United States, from Massachusetts to the Marianas Islands.

“The National Leadership Academy was a lot of work, but it was inspiring to meet so many talented Asian and Pacific Americans who are stepping up to run for office and make a difference,” said Eric Nakajima.

According to APAICS, there are only 128 Asian and Pacific Americans elected to state offices nationwide. Eric Nakajima is one of only 245 elected local officials from the Asian and Pacific American community nationwide (www.apaics.org). Massachusetts currently has 6 Asian-American legislators in the 200 member House and Senate.

APAICS describes the mission of the National Leadership Academy:

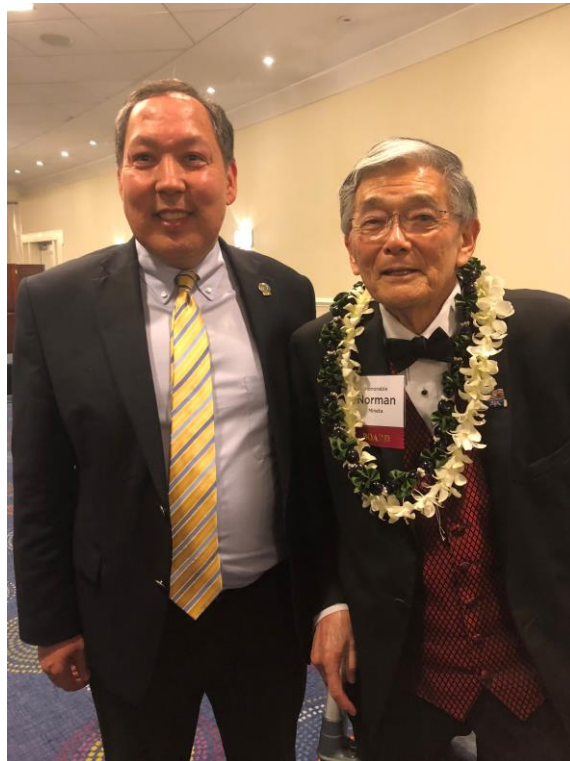
“The APAICS National Leadership Academy for Elected Officials was established in 1999 to provide Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) elected officials with the skills and resources needed to excel in their current office as well as prepare them for opportunities to advance into higher office. The National Leadership Academy brings together a bipartisan group of promising AAPI political leaders from state legislatures, city councils, and local governing bodies all across the country to Washington, D.C.” (from www.apaics.org).

“I deeply appreciate the commitment of political leaders such as Secretary Norman Mineta, who founded APAICS, and Congressman Mike Honda and Senator Mazie Hirono, who have sustained it over the years,” said Eric Nakajima.

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Eric Nakajima with past and current APAICS Presidents and CEO Floyd Mori and Madalene Mielke



Eric Nakajima with former U.S. Secretary of Transportation and APAICS founder Norman Mineta

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