



April 27, 2018

We meet again!

Shirley reconnects with El Klu, a young student who she met through many AT&T Apsire and InspirASIAN events.

El Klu has a bright future ahead of him and we thank our members for your participation at the many volunteer and mentoring events that have made a difference.



InspirASIAN National President's Message

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. It's not only a time for celebration, but also one for reflection. I think of how fortunate I am to be given the opportunities to live out both my personal and professional dreams. It hasn't always been easy for members of our community, and it still isn't for many. I'd like to share a story of a young man that I recently met, who reminds me of what InspirASIAN stands for when it comes to inspiring our members to do their part in igniting possibilities for our communities.

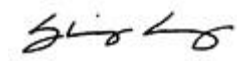
More than three years ago, [AT&T Pioneers](#) and InspirASIAN hosted a job shadow event, with the Union of Pan Asian Communities – Alliance for Community Empowerment ([UPAC ACE](#)). AT&T Pioneers, through a grant, helped launch a program that teaches marketable skills to underserved youth groups, focusing on entrepreneurship and hands-on experience in product marketing, business development and management. Our ERG has a long history of volunteer and giving with UPAC, and over the holiday season, our members engaged with a group of young Karen refugees from Southeast Asia. As we learned of their dreams and ambitions of working for companies like AT&T, our members shared invaluable professional insights and advice. One of students at this event was El Klu, born in the Mae La Refugee Camp in Thailand, who came to San Diego when he was five through the United Nations Refugee Program.

This vibrant, young student was to become one of the speakers at our *Good Fortune Mixer* signature event in 2017, where over 125 AT&T employees were inspired by stories of resilience from Karen refugees now living the American Dream. When InspirASIAN delivered stockings filled with winter garments as part of the *Gift of Warmth* program this past holiday season, we met El Klu again.

Then, at a recent Junior Achievement mentoring event at a local high school, a familiar face approached me and told me that he remembered me for all things that AT&T had done for him over the past couple years. It was El Klu, who was just accepted in a pre-college program for promising underprivileged students. He takes robotics classes in school while attending computer coding classes at UCSD. El Klu is also earning a food handler's certificate as part of UPAC's program, and aspires to study business and law to become a community advocate. He wants to help more children, much like the role models and mentors that he is grateful to have met over the years.

I was moved, and honored that the little that we have done has made a difference. As we celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, I encourage you to do your part in

giving back to the community. There are so many talented and deserving young adults like El Klu, who you can inspire and support. Our company offers so many ways you can help – [join me on May 7](#) and learn how you continue to engage and make an impact as we celebrate this month as well as the ten-year anniversary of AT&T Aspire.



Shirley Sanz

May

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2:30 p.m. ET

2180 Lake Blvd NE,
Room C724
Atlanta, GA

Leadership Series (Part 2)

InspirASIAN presents our next installment of the Do you know YOU Leadership Series - Bridging the Gap on May 3.

Linda Akutagawa, President and CEO of [LEAP](#), will be speaking on the topic of 'Understanding Asian & Pacific Islanders.' Join us for an interactive discussion and dialogue to learn about the history, demographics, diversity, community issues, stereotypes and cultural values of Asian & Pacific Islanders.

Sign up to [attend live or via webcast](#).

May

Health Awareness

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10 a.m. CT
208 S. Akard
Room 200 (TU)
Dallas, TX

Watch Scott Herman, CEO of MuscularStrength.com and fitness expert discuss the importance of exercise and diet in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Join LEAGUE at AT&T, ICAE, InspirASIAN, NETWORK, OASIS, oxyGEN and Women of AT&T as we partner with Scott to deliver a live webcast on health awareness.

[Register](#) and add the event to your calendar.

MAY

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10:30 a.m. CT
208 S. Akard
Concourse Auditorium
Dallas, TX

Celebrate AT&T Aspire's 10th Anniversary

AT&T helps provide access to education and training through our AT&T Aspire initiative. Since 2008, we've committed \$400 million to programs that help millions of students across all 50 states.

Attend a town hall and webcast hosted by Charlene Lake, SVP - Corporate Social Responsibility, on May 7. Chairman & CEO Randall Stephenson will join for a special awards presentation.

[Register](#) and add the event to your calendar.

Community Champion

We're building a community that gives employees a platform to make a difference. Become a champion to get special access to resources, learn about our cause campaigns and much more.

[Sign up here →](#)



May

24

11:30 a.m. PT

2250 E Imperial Hwy

Room 209

El Segundo, CA

Leadership Series (Part 3)

InspirASIAN presents Part 3 of Leadership Series - Art of Confrontation on May 24.

Have you ever had to confront others for bad behavior, or missed expectations? These conversations can become emotionally charged and end up damaging a relationship, with no guarantee of actually solving the problem. In this workshop, learn how to deal with these scenarios in a way that gets results, strengthens your relationship, and establishes you as a leader.

Sign up to [attend live or via webcast](#).

Save the dates!

August 24

National Awards Banquet

Seattle, WA

September 14

National ERG Conference

Dallas, TX

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