

OCA National and the Multiethnic Student Affairs Office at University of Michigan-Ann Arbor with assistance of ACA-the OCA Detroit chapter hosted APIA-U, a leadership training program created by OCA. There were about 30 students at Trotter House on Saturday, September 17.

It was a full day leadership session that delved into the significance of many milestones in Asian Pacific American historical timeline (for example the building of the transcontinental railroad, exclusion from immigration, and the Vincent Chin civil rights case), examined different leadership styles (lion, turtle, rabbit, and eagle) and how leaders of one style may interact with leaders of a different style. There was discussion of what the significant issues arise for APA students on campus.

The participants came away with a better sense of the Asian Pacific American community, both on campus, and elsewhere, what community service opportunities are available, and with a resolve to address the equity issues that are currently under review as part of the Diversity and Equity Initiative at U of M.

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