



*Cultivating Leaders at the Intersection of  
Church and Community*

**2021 C2 LEADERSHIP  
INSTITUTE  
YOUNG ADULT COHORT**

**GRADUATION** 

**MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021  
3:00PM - 4:00PM  
VIRTUALLY OVER ZOOM**

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# Featured Speakers

## EMCEED BY



**Hyepin Im**

CEO & President

Faith & Community Empowerment (FACE)

## CONGRATULATORY REMARKS BY



**Grant Hagiya**

Residing Bishop  
California Pacific  
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**Deepa Bharath**

Staff Writer  
Southern California  
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**Jos Ferguson**

Board Co-Chair  
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## 2021 YOUNG ADULT COHORT GRADUATES



**Lauren Korczakowski**

Intern at FACE  
2021 C2 Leadership Institute  
Young Adult Cohort



**Lavinia Taukolo**

Intern at Harris UMC  
2021 C2 Leadership Institute  
Young Adult Cohort

# 2021 Graduation Program

## Welcome & Overview of C2

Hyepin Im, FACE CEO/President

## Opening Prayer

Jos Ferguson, FACE Board Co-Chair

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## Congratulatory Remarks

Bishop Grant Hagiya, Cal-Pac UMC

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## C2 Fellows Presentation

Lauren Korczakowski, FACE intern

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## Special Remarks

Deepa Bharath, So Cal News Group

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## Presentation of C2 Graduates

Hyepin Im, FACE CEO/President

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## Closing Prayer

# 2021 C2 Graduate Highlights



## **Lauren Korczakowski**

*FACE Intern - Los Angeles*

**Project |** The State of AAPI Mental Health

### **Testimony**

*“So through C2 I learned many valuable skills and lessons that I will definitely take with me to all my other future endeavors. I’m really grateful for having the opportunity to learn how to shine my light. Whether it be through research, advocacy, programming, and/or community outreach, I’m very grateful for the opportunity that C2 has given me and working at FACE throughout my internship experience.”*

### **Project Pitch: The State of AAPI Mental Health**

My name is Lauren and I am a C2 fellow/ intern at FACE. FACE works to empower the AAPI community and serve the underserved. It is my mission to inform others about the current status of AAPI mental health, use my research and presentation to advocate for more AAPI mental health resources, and reduce mental health stigma. With 20 years of service and a data base of over 30,000 partners and constituents, FACE has been a force of advocacy and support for the AAPI community. I will be presenting my Status of Mental Health in the AAPI Community: COVID-19 Impact and Beyond during our AAPI Youth @Work leadership sessions. Suicide was the leading cause of death for Asian/Pacific Islanders, ages 15 to 24, in 2019 (CDC, MedicalNewsToday). It is time that we start having open conversations about mental health, so that no youth feels unsupported and takes their own life.

I am asking you to partner with FACE, the AAPI community, and I to combat mental health stigma in the AAPI community and join our mental health initiative.

# 2021 C2 Graduate Highlights



## Lavinia Taukolo

Harris UMC Intern - Honolulu, HI

**Project** | FANAU Back-2-School Backpack Drive

### Testimony

*“My C2 experience has been so amazing. Through our weekly gatherings and applying what I’ve learned into the project and the ministry that I am doing, C2 challenged me to make the necessary connections for my project to go out and to be bold. And the impact that it had on my Ministry is that it went beyond the four walls of our Sanctuary. It was no longer contained within the church but extended out to our broader Community.”*

### Project Pitch: FANAU Back-2-School Backpack Drive

My C2 project is the FANAU Initiative’s Back-2-School Backpack Drive in partnership with Harris UMC. Fanau means children in the Tongan language. This backpack drive is personal. Growing up I can vividly remember showing up to school without supplies and not having anyone to share their tools with me, including the teacher. Being too embarrassed took away my focus from school; through this drive we hope to prevent many students from the same embarrassment. This year, Harris UMC is expanding beyond the church to two local schools as the beneficiaries of our backpack drive: Central Middle School and Kauluwela Elementary School. At these schools 78% student population is economically disadvantaged and 85% are on free-reduced lunch. Additionally, the performance scores are in the lower 50% of the state’s average and are 3rd to last in reading proficiency. Our purpose is to provide students with necessary tools to give them the best chance to succeed in school. We continue to attract supporters and partners, and we have recently been in contact with a local Councilwoman who has expressed interest in our project. August 20th is distribution day when our team of volunteers will be delivering the backpacks to the schools. We are still taking donations and contributions to give to the students so we would love to have you partner with us.

# Thank You to Our 2021 C2 Speakers

**Robert Apodaca**

Co-Founder  
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**Deepa Bharath**

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Southern California News Group

**Adam Briones**

Director of Economic Equity  
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**Hyepin Im**

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**Joseph Kang, CPA**

Board Member  
Faith & Community Empowerment (FACE)

**Jimmy Lee**

Vice President of Marketing  
Evangelical Christian Credit Union (ECCU)

**Kevin Stein**

Deputy Director  
California Reinvestment Coalition (CRC)

## 2021 C2 Young Adult Participants

Lunden Clayborn

Nehemiah Isaac Gilliam

Summer Joy Gilliam

Valerie N. Hungalu

Candice Johnston

Kiana Kain

Lauren Korczakowski

Arianna I Martinez

Katie Mercer

Genesis Moreno

Samantha Moreno

Cynthia Navarrette

Drew Patterson

Royce V Porter

Aries Ramirez-Blantz

Angelita Sanchez

Meleanitema Sapoi-Finau

Meletoaila Savieti

Emily Marie Smith

Lavinia Taukolo

## C2 Leadership Institute Program

The C2 Leadership Institute is designed to cultivate leaders who are interested in civic engagement, public-private partnerships, and being a social justice advocate for the community while strengthening church and community partnerships. Currently, the C2 Leadership Institute cohort consists of students, community leaders, and church leaders. These emerging leaders are passionate about developing partnerships at the intersection of church and community.

As part of the 8 week program, the cohort meets once a week where FACE provides opportunities for the cohort to meet with various leaders in government, corporate, faith institutions and the community while equipping them with practical skills as such as fundraising, media and government relations, partnership building, networking, financial literacy, grant writing, eventing, advocacy, program development, outreach strategy, and AAPI community needs and data points. Each fellow identifies a community project that they will work on as C2 Project.

## C2 Leadership Institute Outcomes

- An activated church and community partnership committee
- Expanded new contacts with local elected officials, media, potential funders, government agencies and other stakeholders/community & business organizations
- Sponsorship request template, certificate/commendation letter request template, and press release template
- Identification of gifts in your congregation
- Elevated visibility in the community
- One established community program
- A brochure/collateral that documents all the community work the church is doing
- Engaging and inspiring the next generation to be deeply involved with the church



## C2 Session Workshops

- Leadership
- Financial Literacy, Capability, and Coaching
- Sponsorship/Grant Writing
- Media & Government Relations
- Government Relations
- Public Relations
- Public Speaking
- Networking & Building Partnerships
- Fundraising
- Homeownership
- Racial Justice
- Making Local and Regional Databases
- COVID Response
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Faith and Politics
- Pitching Ideas to Stakeholders
- Advocacy
- Mentorship
- Event Planning/Program Development
- Small Business
- Housing & Homelessness
- Public Service
- API Community Needs and Research Data
- Clean Energy
- Electric Vehicles
- Housing Justice
- Affordable Housing
- Community Reinvestment Act

# FACE PROGRAMS

## **Affordable Housing**

In 2012, FACE was successful in organizing faith and community leaders to advocate for a community benefit from J.H. Snyder, who was receiving \$17 million in public funds for building a \$169 million mixed use project in Koreatown. In the aftermath, FACE has partnered with AMCAL Multi-housing Inc. in developing 100 units of affordable housing, called Meridian Apartments.

## **Consumer Education Fairs**

FACE actively serves underserved communities by hosting various seminars such as the Homeownership, Foreclosure, and Disaster Readiness Fairs, which serve over 1,000 low-income families and individuals annually.

## **Affordable Care Act Assistance**

Our Affordable Care Act assistance has increased access to affordable health care by promoting awareness, performing outreach and education, assisting clients with Covered California insurance enrollment, and taking a leading role in health care events.

## **Church & Non-Profit Leadership and Advocacy Training**

FACE has trained over 5,000 faith and community leaders how to leverage resources, navigate government, create partnerships, implement programs and services and effectively advocate for their community. FACE has also created a Faith and Community Collaborative on Mental Health and Drug Abuse to connect faith leaders with resources in the community.

## **C2 (Church and Community) Leadership Institute**

FACE's Church and Community (C2) Leadership Institute is designed to cultivate young leaders who are interested in civic engagement, public-private partnerships, and being a social justice advocate for the community while strengthening church and community partnerships. Young leaders in the C2 Leadership Institute will have opportunities to meet with various leaders in government, corporate, faith institutions and the community while equipping them with fundraising, media and government relations, partnership building, eventing, advocacy, program development, and other practical skills.

## **Computer Literacy Training & Classes**

FACE provides affordable computer classes to low-income parents, seniors, and youth. Participants learn how to navigate the internet, use social media, and utilize vital software such as Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Successful class participants conclude with a graduation and certificate of completion.

## **Youth and Adult Job Training and Internships**

FACE has trained many individuals both youth, college, adult workers, and seniors in job and leadership skills through our various internships, volunteer program, as well as city and federal programs including Americorps VISTA.

**API JOB (Job Opportunities and Business Success) Initiative**

FACE, as lead agency, won a grant funded by the City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department to launch the API JOBS Initiative. This initiative is the first of its kind in Los Angeles to serve the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community in providing vocational training, employment, career pathway, and community/social services to linguistically isolated participants.

**AAPI Youth@Work Career Pathways Initiative**

FACE's AAPI Career Pathways Initiative is a partnership with LA County Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services that provides youth with paid internship opportunities in public and private sectors. In addition to job training, through this unique opportunity, AAPI Interns will be able to gain leadership skills and be mentored by influential leaders from CEOs to government officials.

# FACE Board & Staff

## FACE Board of Directors 2021

### **Hyepin Im**

*FACE President and CEO*

### **Rev. John Jongdai Park**

*FACE Board Co-Chair, Joong-Ang Korean Church Sr. Pastor*

### **Jos Ferguson**

*FACE Board Co-Chair*

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*FACE Board Secretary & Housing Chair, Hanmi Bank Sr. VP*

### **Jay Chung**

*FACE Board Treasurer, Mana Group VP & Treasurer*

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*FACE Board Member, Mission & Service Inc President*

### **Joseph Kang**

*FACE Board Member, Managing Director, Kang & Company*

### **Maury Ruano**

*FACE Board Member, Housing Development Director, Pair-A-Dice Development, LLC*

## FACE Staff

**Hyepin Im**, President and CEO

**Mirabelle Johnson**, Program Coordinator/Housing Counsellor

**Kevin Kang**, Program Coordinator/Housing Counsellor

**Lauren Korczakowski**, FACE Intern & C2 Fellow

**Dakota Lee**, FACE Intern

**Yunseo Lee**, FACE Volunteer

**Martina Arroyo**, FACE Volunteer

**Youngsook Lim**, NAPCA Participant

**Capsoo Kim**, NAPCA Participant

## Become an Intern at FACE!

As an intern, gain valuable experience in Government & Public Relations, Marketing/Outreach, Social Media & Communication, Public Policy, Research & Advocacy Accounting, Grant Writing, Graphic & Video Editing, Website Development, Program Implementation, (i.e. Housing - Financial Literacy - Digital Literacy). **To apply, submit your resume to [info@facela.org](mailto:info@facela.org).**

**For more information, please visit [www.facela.org](http://www.facela.org).**

# Join Us As A C2 Fellow!

We would like to invite you to join our future C2 Leadership Institute Cohorts! Join us in transforming our communities through the intersection of church and community and see what opportunities lie ahead.

To learn more, visit our website:  
[www.facela.org/c2-leadership-institute](http://www.facela.org/c2-leadership-institute)

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## Special Thanks to Our C2 Young Adult Cohort Sponsor

**Bishop Grant Hagiya**  
Resident Bishop of the California-Pacific  
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