

Dear all,

### Survey I of North Star Project

I am pleased to announce AHSSC has begun the first phase of a strategic plan, the *North Star Project*, to address the need for service access and workforce development in the AAPI health, social service and behavioral health fields. Your participation and support at this time is crucial. As leaders in the education and service community, we ask that you assist with this first phase

As we all know, there is a great disparity in the recruitment and retention of AAPI into the service sectors. To address this critical need which impacts the level of service access, cultural congruence of treatment and treatment effectiveness, the committee for the *North Star Project* have put together a survey to gather data on the motivation to enter into the service field serving the AAPI community.

The survey is targeted to any recent or current graduate students who are of AAPI heritage. Whether they are currently enrolled, or in an internship or recently graduated, the North Star Project *needs* their input. They may or may not be currently interested in working in the AAPI service community; they may or may not have prior experience serving the AAPI community.

However, it is important that they are of AAPI heritage, have been or are currently enrolled in a graduate program and are currently living/going to school in NYC.

If you are connected to or know of those who fulfill these criteria, please forward and strongly encourage them to complete the survey at the following link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P98Q83H>

It is a brief motivation survey that should take no more than 10 minutes. The participant can chose to be anonymous or be part of our larger study in the next several months.

In all of this, the *North Star Project* aims to be a source of support, knowledge, network and opportunity for those entering into the service sectors serving the AAPI community. To do so, your assistance is needed to snowball this initial research endeavor. *The North Star Project* will be reaching out further in the next several months to ramp-up for the next several phases and hope we can count on you for this call to action.

Thank you for your commitment, assistance and support.  
Sincerely,

*North Star Committee*

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