***WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS?***

The San Mateo County Chapter of OCA[[1]](#footnote-1)\* is accepting applications for its premier “**Speak and Lead with Pride**” program, a hands-on course designed to teach the art of public speaking and leadership skills to high school students. During the 6-week course, participants will gain self-confidence with enhanced public speaking and leadership abilities. The course concludes with a *recognition ceremony and* speech contest for a $500 cash prize.

When: Six Saturdays, 10:00AM – Noon, all in 2017

 Feb 4, Feb 11, Feb 18, Feb 25, Mar 4 & Mar 11,

 plus a Recognition Ceremony & Speech Contest,

 tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Mar 16, 6-7:30 PM

Where: Foster City Recreation Center

Cost: All costs will be borne by OCA San Mateo. No cost to student

Due to the nature of the course, space is limited. So please apply early.

Applicants should be high school students who identify as being Asian Pacific American. Applicants must also commit to attend all six Saturday classes plus the Recognition Ceremony and Speech Contest, tentatively scheduled for the evening of March 16. In addition, we are planning to have a Regional Speech Contest with our Sacramento chapter on a Saturday in mid September, 2017.

Applicants must submit a recommendation letter from their school counselor or teacher and their latest school transcript.

Applications and other information are also available from your school counselor and our website at

<http://www.ocasanmateo.org/youth/speakandlead/speakandlead.php>

**Deadline to apply: Thursday, December 15, 2016**

Speak and Lead with Pride

2017 Application

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail (please write clearly):

Expected Graduation Date:

Please explain how you expect the course to help enhance your educational, career or personal goal(s):

Please submit this application, a copy of your latest transcript and a letter of recommendation from your counselor or teacher explaining the reasons why this course would be ideal for you. These can be emailed to OCASM.SpeakandLead@yahoo.com

Application deadline is **December 15, 2016**

1. \* OCA is a national membership driven organization dedicated to advancing the social, political and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)