



Asian American LEAD
Youth Leadership, Empowerment, and Development

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Asian American LEAD Receives \$2 Million Gift from MacKenzie Scott

(Washington, DC) – With deep and enthusiastic gratitude, Asian American LEAD announces a historic \$2 million gift from American novelist and philanthropist MacKenzie Scott. This gift is the single largest private gift in the history of the organization.

“I would like to thank Ms. Scott for her investment in AALEAD and our mission of supporting low-income and underserved Asian American and Pacific Islander youth to create the next generation of leaders,” said Executive Director Akil Vohra.

“This gift was given to AALEAD to champion our direction and vision in supporting an often overlooked population,” said Executive Director Vohra. “Ms. Scott’s investment is a testament to our 20-plus years of work in the region, the positive impact we are having on youth and their families, and our plans to advance this work.”

The gift will help AALEAD expand its infrastructure and assist even more youth with disadvantages - at a time when the pandemic has disproportionately affected communities of color.

“Thanks to Ms. Scott’s investment, we look forward to assisting greater numbers of Asian American Pacific Islander youth in Montgomery County, MD; Washington, DC; and Northern Virginia including Fairfax County by working even more closely with school districts and community partners,” said Executive Director Vohra.

AALEAD supports low-income and underserved Asian Pacific American youth with educational empowerment, identity development, and leadership opportunities through after school, summer, and mentoring programs.

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