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Youth Commission Recognized Nationally



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On April 16, 2008, Youth Commissioners Wilson Chan and Eddie Hu along with Youth Commission staff members John Yap and Giselle Williams, woke up early in the morning at 5 to get ready and leave for Washington, DC. With their luggage in one hand and coffee in the other, they arrived at SFO at the crack of dawn in order to board their 8 am flight.

After a fun day of flying (the travel time was approximately 4 hours), they arrived at Dulles International Airport and traveled to Alexandria, Virginia, where they would stay for the duration of their trip.

The next morning, on Thursday, they journeyed to that nation's capital to attend the breakfast reception of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Acts of Caring 2008 national award and recognition. Much to the surprise to Youth Commissioners, they received not only the Acts of Caring award but also the Youth Service Award, one of the two most prestigious awards and the one that was granted to a youth group. Along with two glass trophies, the NACo presented \$1000 to the YC (in a form of a giant check!) to continue their efforts and contributions.

The YCs were also honored with the opportunity to meet many groups from all over the country working on a wide array of community service projects ranging from environmental awareness to the involvement of fathers in meaningful relationships with their family.

After the ceremony, the YC toured the capital, visiting monuments such as the George Washington Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, as well as the World War II Memorial.

For the next few days, they explored the city, experiencing the food, the culture, and the traffic the nation's capital had to offer. The YC traveled back to the Bay Area on Sunday morning.

Youth Commissioners and staff accepting the NACo Acts of Caring Award 2008. (l-r) Supervisor Adrienne Tissier, Giselle Williams, John Yap, Colleen Landkamer, NACo past president, Wilson Chan, Eddie Hu, and Preston Lee, president of industry relations at Freddie Mac.



Winners of a "giant check". (l-r) Giselle Williams, Eddie Hu, and Wilson Chan