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AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET
MAY 2, 2025**



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The Society of Asian Federal Officers

34th Annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet Program



6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. - Cocktail Hour

7:00 - Moment of Silence

Color Guard by the American Legion Lt. B.R. Kimlau Post and the National Anthem

Lion Dance by Sifu Tony Chuy and the Northern Praying Mantis Kung Fu Team

President's Address - *SOAFO President*

Member of the Year - *Ken Leung*

First Three Dishes Served

Prosecutors of the Year - *Matthew Galeotti*
Sophia Suarez
Stephanie Pak

Second Three Dishes Served

Civilian of the Year - *Tom Lin*

Third Three Dishes Served

Lifetime Achievement - *Judge Marilyn Go*

Final Dishes Served

Scholarship Awards - *Jared Hung*



Presidents Message

Forge ahead because there is **HONOR** in what you do

Do what is right, even when no one is watching – that is
INTEGRITY

HELP others not because you expect to be rewarded,
but because that in itself, is the reward

Above all, **BE KIND**

Warmest regards,

Yui Chow
President
U.S. Postal Inspector - retired



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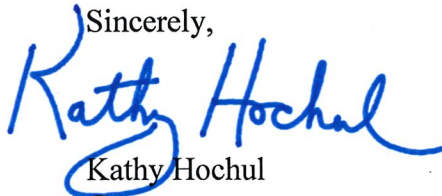
Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the Society of Asian Federal Officers' 34th annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet.

Since its founding in 1990, the Society of Asian Federal Officers has supported Asian and Pacific Islanders in law enforcement in pursuing professional excellence. Through a range of programs that encourage careers in law enforcement among qualified candidates, including recruitment fairs, community events, and college scholarships, the Society promotes Asian and Pacific Islander heritage while strengthening public safety.

Today, you come together to celebrate your Awards and Scholarship Banquet and acknowledge those who have demonstrated their commitment to your organization's mission. I join in recognizing these distinguished honorees. On behalf of all New Yorkers, I am grateful for your dedication to creating a more prosperous state.

Best wishes for an enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hochul
Governor



The Douglas Loo Memorial Education Fund



Special Agent Douglas Loo dedicated over 27 years of service to our country in the U.S. Army, Internal Revenue Service, and with the U.S. Customs Service. In December of 2000, he retired from Customs after a distinguished career in federal law enforcement.

In 1990, Doug was one of the founding fathers of the Society of Asian Federal Officers (SOAFO). He was always supportive and an active member of the organization. Doug will always be remembered as a vibrant and dedicated man who put forth his personal time to promote the Society in the most positive light. Everyone admired Doug's energetic ability to attend the needs of both his family and the Society.

Doug is survived by his wife Ellen and three children Craig, Jeffrey, and Danielle.

In honor of Doug's dedication and devotion to the Society, SOAFO's Foundation Scholarship program was subsequently renamed the Douglas Loo Memorial Education Scholarship Fund.

2025 Scholarship Recipients

Jared Hung - \$1,000.00

Lifetime Achievement



Marilyn D. Go, who emigrated to the U.S. when she was six, was the first Asian Pacific American woman appointed as a federal judge in 1993. She served as a United States Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York from 1993 to 2018.

Judge Go graduated from Radcliffe College with honors and Harvard Law School. She clerked for the Honorable William M. Marutani in Philadelphia (1977-78), then the only Asian American judge on the East Coast. She was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Brooklyn before joining Baden Kramer Huffman Brodsky & Go, P.C.

Judge Go was a founder of the Asian American Law Students Association at Harvard Law School and the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY). She co-chaired the Voting Rights Committee of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) and helped organize the Judicial Council in 1996, serving as its first President. She was a member and Vice Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Standing Committee on Minorities in the Judiciary, trustee of the Harvard Law School Association of New York, co-chair of the Subcommittee on Judicial Diversity of the New York State Bar Association and member of Governor Mario Cuomo's Task Force on Minority Representation on the Bench. She received the AABANY Impact Leadership Award and the NAPABA Trailblazer Award. She is also a Fellow of the New York State Bar Foundation.

She was appointed Commissioner of the New York City Districting Commission in 2022 and worked on the drawing of new district maps for the City Council for New York City. As co-chair of the Justice and Civic Engagement Committee of Harvard Radcliffe ClassACT '73, she has engaged in efforts to promote voting access nationwide. As a judge, she worked on programs to assist law students, including interviewing and resume workshops. She has helped with the Honorable Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition since its inception in 1993.

Judge Go also provides support to victims of anti-Asian violence, as well as their families, and has recently joined the AABANY Anti-Asian Violence Task Force. Since 2019, she has been a Director of the American Composers Orchestra (ACO). The ACO produced *An American Soldier*, an opera composed by Huang Ruo with libretto written by David Henry Hwang about Danny Chen, a soldier who was tormented by his fellow soldiers in Afghanistan before his death. She also is a volunteer for Safe Families for Children of New York, an organization which supports mothers in need. She was a member of the New York and Hawaii bar before retiring from the practice of law.

Civilian of the Year



Tom Lin moved to Hong Kong from China as a teenager. Selflessly, he chose to work instead of pursuing higher education to financially support his mother. He spent several years working in a factory that manufactured blank cassette tapes before advancing to become a backstage technician for the Hong Kong Television Company (TVB).

Tom later immigrated to the U.S. and settled in New York City where he worked as a restaurant employee in Chinatown and New Jersey, where he met others who inspired him to engage in community work. Many people were kind and supportive, offering him advice when he needed it.

In pursuit of the American dream, Tom opened a Chinese take-out restaurant in Harlem for over a decade. After saving enough money, he established TLB Trading in Chinatown, selling commercial kitchen supplies to Chinese restaurants in the northeast region. During this time, he held various other jobs, including as a travel agent, stamp dealer, and a licensed exterminator. He is married and has four children with his wife. One of his daughters earned a master's degree and became a public-school teacher in New York City.

During this period, Tom served as an auxiliary police officer with the NYPD's 5th Precinct, patrolling areas like Chinatown, Little Italy, and parts of SOHO. He helped secured roadblocks in the Chinatown area during the aftermath of 9/11. Tom assists the NYPD with major holiday events, such as Chinatown's New Year's celebrations, peaceful demonstrations, and he also helps his church, Oversea Chinese Mission Church, with church events and volunteers as a security guard during Sunday Mass.

Throughout the years, Tom received several honors and recognition for his community service. In 2008, he was honored with a reception by then-Mayor Bloomberg for his over a decade of volunteer work with NYC's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), where he contributed to national preparedness and response efforts for blackouts, fires, floods, storms, and security, while also serving as a translator for the local community.

After 30 years of auxiliary police officer service, Tom received the 30-year service award in 2022 from NYPD Commissioner Sewell. The following year, he was recognized for his service as President of the Civil Aid Service (C.A.S.), USA, through a letter from New York Governor Kathy Hochul. Through this organization, he assisted governmental agencies during natural disasters and provided emergency aid and community safety to those in need. Tom has been with C.A.S. for about 18 years.

Tom has been a longtime SOAFO member and supporter through the yearly journal and gift donations. His dedication to service in the community is an inspiration.

Member of the Year



Ken Leung is honored to be the recipient of the Society of Asian Federal Officers (SOAFO) 2025 Member of the Year Award. He has been an active member of SOAFO since he started his federal law enforcement career in 1998. He is also the current Legal Officer of SOAFO.

Mr. Leung started his law enforcement career in 1997 as an Excise Tax Investigator with the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance. His investigative work led to arrests and seizures of contraband cigarettes and untaxed alcohol & motor fuel. In 1998, he joined the United States Secret Service (USSS) at the New York Field Office where he worked investigative and protective assignments. He primarily investigated bank and Treasury program fraud, while his protection assignments included protecting the sitting President and Vice President, former Presidents and Foreign Heads of States visiting the United States.

Immediately after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Mr. Leung participated in the rescue & recovery efforts at Ground Zero. He then transitioned to the Staten Island Landfill where he helped with the recovery process for victims, as well as USSS evidence and properties in the debris from the 7 World Trade Center which housed the USSS New York Field Office.

In 2002, Mr. Leung transitioned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) where he spent 18+ years until his retirement. He started on the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) and then went on to several specialty squads. He was blessed to have worked on or was involved with some of the most sensitive national security cases and many high-profile criminal cases. Mr. Leung also wore many hats during his FBI career having been a member of the Hazardous Materials Response Team, a Special Agent Bomb Technician and a Technically Trained Agent. His assignments brought him over to Africa and Asia multiple times.

Mr. Leung retired from the FBI in 2020, but his retirement was short-lived. In 2021, he joined the Manhattan District Attorney's Office as a Senior Rackets Investigator where he investigated financial frauds. In 2022, an opportunity arose for Mr. Leung to re-join the USSS and be an 1811 once again. He excitedly jumped on it and came full circle on his federal law enforcement career. He currently works for the USSS Technical Security Division assigned to the New York Field Office.

Mr. Leung is also an attorney in the State of New York. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall University School of Law, a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Prosecutor of the Year



Stephanie Pak is an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, where she currently serves as an AUSA in the Criminal Division, Organized Crime and Gangs Section. Prior to joining the Organized Crime and Gangs Section, Stephanie was a member of the General Crimes Section. During her time in the Office, Stephanie has investigated and prosecuted a variety of cases involving firearms offenses, kidnappings, racketeering, wire fraud and money laundering. Stephanie has also successfully argued an appeal before the Second Circuit opposing the release of a defendant who was convicted of two murders at trial.

Prior to joining the Office, Stephanie was a Senior Assistant District Attorney at the Kings County District Attorney's Office, serving in the Violent Criminal Enterprises, Trial Zone, and Domestic Violence Bureaus. During her time in the Violent Criminal Enterprises Bureau, Stephanie developed long-term, multi-defendant investigations to target drivers of crime that were responsible for a disproportionate number of shootings in Brooklyn. Throughout her time at the District Attorney's Office, Stephanie also conducted three jury trials, with charges ranging from murder to first degree assault, all of which resulted in convictions. During her time in the Domestic Violence Bureau, Stephanie also prosecuted highly sensitive matters involving intimate-partner violence, balancing the interests and safety of victims, while ensuring that defendants were fully held responsible.

Stephanie is a graduate of Brown University and Fordham University School of Law.

Prosecutor of the Year



Matthew Galeotti currently serves as the Head of the Criminal Division at the Department of Justice. In this capacity, Mr. Galeotti supervises the Division's more than 1,100 federal prosecutors and staff members who conduct investigations and prosecutions involving organized and transnational crime, violent crime, cybercrime, public corruption, money laundering, securities fraud, health care fraud, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations, Bank Secrecy Act and sanctions offenses, child exploitation, international narcotics trafficking, human rights violations, intellectual property theft, and other crimes, as well as matters involving international affairs and sensitive law enforcement techniques.

Previously, Matthew served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York, where he was the Acting Deputy Chief of the Business and Securities Fraud Section and helped to investigate and prosecute securities and other complex fraud, abuses of financial and digital asset markets, money laundering, and cybercrime. From 2020 to 2022, Mr. Galeotti served in the Organized Crime and Gangs Section, where he focused on prosecuting gangs and other organized criminal enterprises involving murder, racketeering, sex trafficking, and narcotics trafficking. In recognition for his work, he was the recipient of a 2024 Assistant Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service and has also received a U.S. Attorney's Award for Superior Performance.

Prior to his time with the Department, Mr. Galeotti worked for Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale, and Dorr in New York City as a counsel and senior associate for their Investigations and Criminal Litigation team.

Mr. Galeotti clerked for the Honorable Pamela K. Chen of the U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of New York. He is a graduate of Columbia Law School and Villanova University.

Prosecutor of the Year



Sophia graduated from New York University School of Law in 2017, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Law and Liberty. She received her B.A., in Political Science, with minors in Modern Languages and Business Law, magna cum laude, from the University of Miami in 2014.

She clerked for the Honorable Raymond J. Dearie in the Eastern District of New York from 2020-2021. Sophia is currently serving on detail with the Justice Department's Criminal Division. She has been an AUSA in EDNY for more than four years, and most recently a member of the Organized Crime and Gangs Section.

Sophia has charged and tried significant cases involving violent crimes, among other offenses.

Prior to joining EDNY, Sophia was a litigation associate at the law firm Cravath, Swaine & Moore.

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Lifetime Achievement

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