



***The American Immigration Council welcomes you to the
16th Annual Immigrant Achievement Awards***

Honoring our immigrant past; shaping our immigrant future.

Our Mission

The **American Immigration Council** was established in 1987 as an IRS designated 501(c)(3), tax-exempt, not-for-profit educational, charitable organization.

Our mission is to strengthen America by honoring our immigrant history and shaping how Americans think about and act towards immigration now and in the future.

The American Immigration Council exists to promote the prosperity and cultural richness of our diverse nation by:

- Educating citizens about the enduring contributions of America's immigrants;
- Standing up for sensible and humane immigration policies that reflect American values;
- Insisting that our immigration laws be enacted and implemented in a way that honors fundamental constitutional and human rights;
- Working tirelessly to achieve justice and fairness for immigrants under the law.

The **American Immigration Council** believes that the dignity of the individual knows no boundary. Our nation's moral and ethical values must be reflected in the way we welcome immigrants.

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Executive Director, American Immigration Council

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Master of Ceremonies

Ms. Surae Chinn

WUSA9 Reporter

Surae Chinn is excited to be back in her home town reporting the news in the nation's capital. She joined W*USA9 in March of 2009.

Surae spent four years as a weekend morning anchor in Kansas City, Missouri at KCTV5. She covered breaking news and wacky weather. They don't call it tornado alley

for nothing! This east-coaster will always have a soft spot for the city of fountains and the Midwest because that's where she met her husband; appropriately he's a meteorologist. Before KC, Surae was the weekend evening anchor at WSET in Lynchburg, VA. She's also an award-winning reporter, receiving a regional Edward R. Murrow Award for her special coverage and 30 minute newscast on GITMO. In addition, she received honorary Associated Press awards for best documentary.

Surae graduated from Virginia Tech. Go Hokies! She is a member of the Asian American Journalist Association.

Surae enjoys traveling, yoga and getting reacquainted with her hometown. So much has changed but yet has stayed the same. Surae was born in Hawaii, but all her family is in Virginia. Surae is married, and they have two rescue pets: a dog, Melvin, and cat, Mei Li.



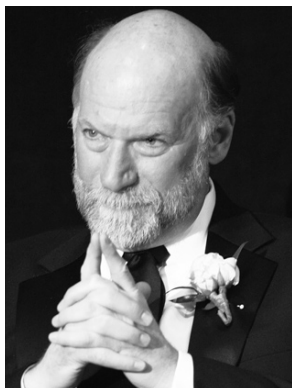
Youth Immigrant Achievement Award

Mr. Jonathan Jayes Green

Jonathan was born in Panama and moved to the United States with his family about 5 years ago, and has recently graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in the spring of 2010. Being the dedicated and scholarly achiever that he is, he was the recipient of the Congressman Van Hollen's Public Service Award and because of his extensive community involvement, obtaining over 1,000 community service hours; the Wheaton and Kensington Chamber of Commerce's Kennedy High School recognized him as community service student of the year.

In further acknowledgment of his accomplishments, Jonathan interned for Montgomery County Councilwoman Nancy Navarro, and worked as a volunteer with the Hans Reimer for County Council campaign along with helping Latino voters register with the Hispanic Democratic Club.

Jonathan was selected among hundreds of applicants to join the Montgomery Scholars Program at Montgomery College and is interested in pursuing a career in politics to continue serving his community. He currently works for Maryland State Delegate Sheila Hixson as her community liaison and continues to advocate for immigrant friendly legislation such as the In-State tuition bill.



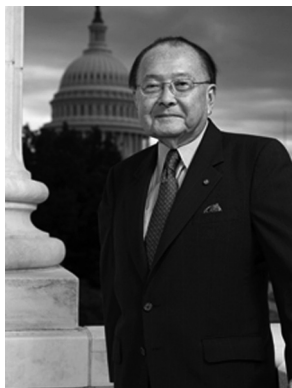
Remembering **Stephen K. Fischel**

Stephen K. Fischel, our dear friend, revered colleague and strong Council supporter, died Saturday, June 28, 2008 at the age of 59.

Steve began his illustrious career nearly 35 years ago with the U.S. Department of State. A tireless public servant, Steve dedicated himself to shaping legislative policy at the Visa office, and, with his promotion in 1997 to the Director of the Office of Legislation, Regulations, and Advisory Assistance, the introduction of important technology into the Visa process, ultimately eliminating backlogs and greatly reducing processing times. He also participated on the President's Bilateral Migration Talks with Mexico in 2001, providing options to address the "regularization" of undocumented Mexicans, crafting a framework for a bilateral Temporary Worker Program, and designing significant reform to the H-2B program.

For this work and others, Steve received numerous awards, including the Secretary of State's Award and the Hammer Award for creating facilitative visa processing for the Atlanta Olympics. In 2006, the Council was proud to honor him with a *Distinguished Public Service Award* for his leadership and commitment to serving the public with integrity, knowledge, wit, common sense, and abiding courage.

Beyond sharing with us his professional knowledge and ideas, Steve was a strong leader and good friend to all of the Council – working tirelessly to promote the Council's mission, fundraising for our crucial work, and most importantly, acting as a steadfast friend to our staff and members. Quick with a joke, a wide smile and a good story, Steve always did his best to enliven any and all Council functions. He will be missed by us all.



Stephen K. Fischel Distinguished Public Service Award

Senator Daniel K. Inouye

Daniel K. Inouye, the most senior member of the U.S. Senate and the President Pro-Tempore, is known for his distinguished record as a legislative leader, and as a World War II combat veteran with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, who earned the nation's highest award for military valor, the Medal of Honor.

Although he was thrust into the limelight in the 1970s as a member of the Watergate Committee and in 1987 as Chairman of the Iran-Contra Committee, he has also made his mark as a respected legislator able to work in a bipartisan fashion to enact meaningful legislation.

As Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and of the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator Inouye has been able to focus on defense matters that strengthen national security, and enhance the quality of life for military personnel and their families. This reflects his hope for a more secure world, and his desire to provide the best possible assistance to the men and women who put their lives at risk to protect the United States.

In addition, he is the Ranking Democrat on the Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee and the Indian Affairs Committee and sits on the Rules Committee. He helped establish the Inter-parliamentary Exchange Program between the U.S. Senate and Japan's legislature, and in 2000 the Government of Japan presented him with the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun.

Early in his tenure in the Senate, Senator Inouye delivered the keynote address at the 1968 Democratic National Convention, and was under consideration to become Hubert Humphrey's vice-presidential running mate that same year. He became the first Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in 1976, served as the third-ranking leader among Senate Democrats as Secretary of the Democratic Conference from January 1979 through 1988. He chaired the Senate Democratic Central America Study Group to assess U.S. policy and served as Senior Counselor to the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America (also known as the Kissinger Commission).

Senator Inouye has championed the interest of Hawaii's people throughout his career. With his support, Hawaii's infrastructure has been strengthened, its economy diversified, and its natural resources protected and restored. For local residents, particularly Native Hawaiians, whose history and welcoming culture give the state its defining characteristics, Senator Inouye has increased job training and employment opportunities, provided more community healthcare, and provided support services and research to help small businesses and diverse sectors, from agriculture to high technology.

His imprint is seen on all of the state's islands through initiatives such as Honolulu and Neighbor Island bus service, steady construction jobs in support of military infrastructure, the diversification of agriculture, the birth of the Kauai High Technology Center and the rise of the Pacific Missile Range Facility, the launch of the Maui supercomputer, the expansion of national parks and wildlife refuges in Hawaii, and the protection of Hawaiian monk seals, sea turtles, the alala (Hawaiian crow), the nene goose and coral reefs.

Senator Inouye got his start in politics in 1954 when he was elected to the Territorial House of Representatives; soon after his election, his Democratic colleagues, well aware of Inouye's leadership abilities, selected him as their Majority Leader. In 1958 he was elected to the Territorial Senate. When Hawaii became a state in 1959, he was elected the first Congressman from the new state, and was re-elected to a full term in 1960. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962 and is now serving his eighth consecutive term.

On May 24, 2008, Senator Inouye married Irene Hirano, who is President of the U.S.-Japan Council. He was married for nearly 57 years to Margaret Awamura Inouye, a former instructor at the University of Hawaii, who passed away on March 13, 2006. He has a son, Ken, who is married to Jessica Carroll from Rochester, New York, and a granddaughter Mary Margaret "Maggie" Inouye.



Immigrant Achievement Award

Dr. Wallace D. Loh

President, University of Maryland

Wallace D. Loh has served as president of the University of Maryland, College Park since November 1, 2010.

Wallace Loh has more than 30 years of experience in higher education and brings to Maryland an exceptionally strong and diverse background as an accomplished senior university executive, lawyer,

and public servant. Loh served as the executive vice president and provost of The University of Iowa (2008-10), dean and professor of public service and psychology at Seattle University (1999-2008), director of policy and chief policy adviser for the State of Washington's Office of the Governor (1997-99), vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean of faculties at the University of Colorado-Boulder (1995-97), dean and professor of law at the University of Washington Law School (1990-95). Loh served on the faculty at the University of Washington Law School prior to his appointment as dean (professor, 1980-95; associate professor, 1977-80; assistant professor, 1974-77).

Loh was born in Shanghai, China. He immigrated with his family to Lima, Peru, graduated from high school there, and immigrated alone to Iowa in 1961, supporting himself through higher education. He holds a J.D. from Yale Law School (1974), a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (1971), an M.A. in psychology from Cornell University (1967), and a B.A. in psychology from Grinnell College (1965, with honors).



Immigrant Achievement Award

Ms. Loung Ung

Author, Lecturer and Activist

Loung Ung is a survivor of the killing fields of Cambodia, one of the bloodiest episodes of the twentieth century. Some 1.7 million Cambodians—out of a population of just seven million—died at the hands of the infamous Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge regime.

Loung was born in 1970 to a middle-class family in Phnom Penh. Five years later, her family was forced out of the city in a mass evacuation to the countryside. By 1978, the Khmer Rouge had killed Loung's parents and two of her siblings and she was forced to train as a child soldier. In 1980, she and her older brother escaped by boat to Thailand, where they spent five months in a refugee camp. They then relocated to Vermont through sponsorship by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and Holy Family Church parish in Burlington.

Loung returned to Cambodia fifteen years after her escape for a memorial service for the victims of the Khmer Rouge genocide and was shocked and saddened to learn that twenty of her relatives had been killed. This realization compelled her to devote herself to justice and reconciliation in her homeland. Learning about the continuing destruction being caused by the millions of landmines that still litter the countryside in Cambodia led Loung to work to spread the word about the dangers of these indiscriminate weapons.

Her memoir, *First They Killed My Father: a Daughter of Cambodia Remembers*, is a national bestseller and recipient of the 2001 Asian/Pacific American Librarians' Association award for "Excellence in Adult Non-fiction Literature" (APALA). The book has been published in eleven countries and has been translated into German, Dutch, Norwegian, Danish, French, Spanish, Italian, Cambodian, and Japanese. Her second book, *Lucky Child*, received critical acclaims and is widely read in colleges and universities. Loung has been the subject of numerous television programs, including documentary film broadcasts on NHK Television in Japan and by WDR in Germany.

Loung is a featured speaker on Cambodia, child soldiers, women and war, domestic violence, and landmines. She worked for the Vietnam Veterans' of America Foundation's (VAF) *Campaign for a Landmine-Free World* from 1997-2003, prior to which she was Community Educator for the Abused Women's Advocacy Project of the Maine Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

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Loung has spoken widely to schools, universities, corporations, Young Presidents' Organization (YPO), The Million Dollar Round Table Plenary, and other symposia in the US and abroad, including the UN Conference on Women in Beijing, the UN Conference against Racism in Durban, South Africa, and the Child Soldiers Conference in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Loung sits on the Advisory Board for Hewlett-Packard's World E-Inclusion Initiative and The Cambodian Association of Chicago, Illinois. The World Economic Forum selected her as one of the "100 Global Youth Leaders of Tomorrow." She has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Boston Globe*, and the *London Sunday Times* and in *Biography*, *Glamour*, *Jane*, *Ms.*, and *People* magazines. Loung has been featured on National Public Radio's *The Diane Rehm Show*, *Talk of the Nation*, *Weekend Edition*, and *Fresh Air with Terry Gross*, *The Today Show* with Matt Lauer and Katie Couric, and has appeared on *ABC NEWS Nightline*, CBS, NBC, CNN, Fox, and C-SPAN. She has recently been spotted on stage with such notable personalities as Paul McCartney and Sheryl Crow.

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