

# NAKASEC VIRGINIA: YEAR IN REVIEW

ORGANIZING KOREAN AND ASIAN AMERICANS TO ACHIEVE RACIAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

## STORIES

**COMMUNITY SERVICES** Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Park applied for citizenship for the first time in 2018, but their application was rejected due to lack of English proficiency. They tried again after seeing a NAKASEC VA ad in September 2019. They came to a workshop feeling discouraged and weighed down by the previous experience. NAKASEC VA staff and volunteers assisted with application completion and support with the interview. This time, they passed the interviews, completed the oath ceremonies and will vote for the first time in 2021.



**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT** NAKASEC VA's multilingual canvassing team (Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean and English) focused on non-partisan voter registration and mobilization of almost 75,000 Asian American voters in Virginia. By Election Day, over 129,000 Asian American voters had voted, representing a 367% increase from 2016 (a higher rate than for all voters at 303%).

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** With the new knowledge and skills, I hope to continue to stay involved and help my friends and family get more involved. I still feel like there's so much to learn and do before I can consider myself "civically engaged," but I'm excited for how the future turns out. I'm really thankful to NAKASEC (VA) and everyone that was a part of the internship. I'm so glad that you guys could be a part of my story. As I said, this is a part of my character development, and there's still so much more to my story to be written.



## WINS

- ★ Passage of state legislation to expand in-state tuition for undocumented youth.
- ★ Passage of state legislation to create driver's privilege cards for undocumented residents.
- ★ Struck down the 40-quarters rule, which will increase access to public health care for legal permanent residents.
- ★ Office of New American established, and a NAKASEC VA staff member is appointed one of the inaugural board members.
- ★ Pushed the Virginia Department of Health to report out Asian and Pacific Islander COVID-19 data.

## MEDIA COVERAGE

RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH

VIRGINIA MERCURY

NVR RADIO

MANNA 24

WASHINGTON POST

VOICE OF AMERICA-VIETNAM

FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

KOREA TIMES

1310 AM

KOREA DAILY

NEW YORK TIMES

## BY THE NUMBERS

**803** UNIQUE ASIAN AMERICAN CALLERS TO OFFICE

**169** HEALTH CARE REFERRALS AND APPLICATIONS

**163** CITIZENSHIP APPLICATIONS + FEE WAIVERS

**142** SUPPORTERS

**93** UNDOCUMENTED ASIAN AMERICANS PROVIDED DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**29** CENSUS WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

**13** ASIAN AMERICAN YOUTH LEADERS TRAINED

**ELECTION 2020**

**70,818**

TEXT MESSAGES FOR NOV ELECTIONS

**114,223**

CALLS FOR NOV ELECTIONS

2020