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To: All High Schools in Greater Boston

From: Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Boston Lodge

Subject: **2016 National Essay Contest sponsored by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance**

Contest Date: Saturday, March 5, 2016 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Josiah Quincy Elementary School (cafeteria): 885 Washington St, Boston, MA 02111

Purpose: To provide students an opportunity for self-expression and stimulate creative thought. Furthermore, to educate students on the cultural heritage and the contributions of Chinese Americans, and to promote better understanding of cultural diversity and improve racial harmony among the many diverse groups in this country.

Requirements: Participants are given up to two (2) hours to write an essay in English not to exceed 500 words on a contemporary subject regarding Chinese/Asian Americans in the United States. The specific essay topic will be announced at the time of the contest. Blue books will be provided. **Please bring your own pens.**

Eligibility: Open to all high school students (grades 9 to 12).

Judging: An impartial board of judges will be selected by the sponsor to decide the winners. All entries will be judged on the basis of originality, clarity of thought and expression. The decision of the judges on all essays submitted and their interpretation of the rules will be final, conclusive and binding on all contestants.

Scholarship Awards:	<u>National Awards</u>	<u>Local Awards</u>
	First Prize \$1,000	First Prize \$100
	Second Prize \$700	Second Prize \$75
	Third Prize \$500	Third Prize \$50
	10 Merit Awards \$100	10 Merit Awards \$15

The top 3 Local Winners will have an opportunity to be mentored by a professional in their field of interest.

Reservation **Thursday, March 3, 2016. Due to limited seating, participants are required to**
Deadline: **reserve a space by register using the link below:**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NSIUO_M_OtwwxrqzBIfVoE0kw5ZI_QyPS6zcjtcHGg4/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link

Your assistance in encouraging students to participate is greatly appreciated. Your support will help our effort to develop better communication and writing skills among our young people.

If you have any questions or need further information please call (617) 658-3318 or email us at cacaboston.essaycontest@gmail.com. Thank you.