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To: **All High Schools in New Jersey**

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: Rockaway Township Public Library: 61 Mt Hope Road, Rockaway, NJ 07866

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: National Awards  
First Prize \$1,000  
Second Prize \$700  
Third Prize \$500  
10 Merit Awards \$100

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/1HmXP5N8jHyKTm52lwQVG0PiTu48qswaPPZpACeKRSY/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HmXP5N8jHyKTm52lwQVG0PiTu48qswaPPZpACeKRSY/viewform?usp=send_form)

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](mailto:cacaboston.essaycontest@gmail.com). Thank you.