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Help take back our country!

Hello everyone! Welcome to our new site and our new organization: Asian Pacific Americans for Progress! We are a powerful grassroots network of Asian Pacific Americans and friends standing for progressive values around the United States.

Mission Statement:

A grassroots, internet-empowered, national network of Asian Pacific Americans for Progressive Action.

Goals:

- Develop a national network of APA's interested in progressive politics
- Support candidates who represent our organization's vision and mission (the [APA for Progress Fund](#))
- Increase APA involvement in local and national politics
- Increase awareness of APA issues.

We are dedicated to working with APAs across this great country to continue the grassroots movement for positive, progressive change in America. Please [join us](#) -- be a part of this growing movement!


» [c. spandan's blog](#)

Bobby Scott Fundraiser

Courtesy: Dewita Soeharjono

A number of APAP supporters are working to do fundraising for Congressman Bobby Scott (VA-3). Congressman Bobby Scott was the State Chairman for Howard Dean's campaign in Virginia. He needs your help and support for his coming re-election.

8 Reasons why we need to continue our support for Congressman Bobby Scott:

1. He is progressive.
2. He is among the few Democrats who voted against Iraq War.
3.  that had he been elected as the President of the US, Bobby Scott would have been his pick to be the head of OMB.
4. He voted against the Patriot Act, the Bush tax cuts, and the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill. For more information on his voting records, please go to http://www.house.gov/scott/legislative_info.htm
5. He is also a champion of Civil Rights and womens rights. He was one of the supporters for the largest rally in Washington, DC - March for Womens Lives.
6. He holds one of the three (3) Democratic Congressional seats out of 11 congressional districts in Virginia.
7. He is the first African American to be elected to Congress since Reconstruction and the only African American Congressman we have in Virginia. Bobby Scott is also the first American with Filipino heritage.

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80 Local Contacts
2000 Listmembers and
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RNC is "loaded" with money. They will do whatever it takes to support their candidate! We need to help prepare Bobby Scott financially to preserve his seat...!!

Members of APA for Progress have a goal of raising \$5000 for Bobby (\$3800 already raised). Please help us raise the remaning \$1200 by Tuesday, June 29.

Please join us in supporting Bobby Scott.

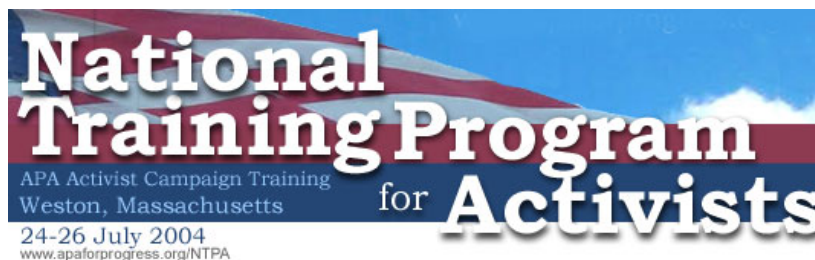
[top](#) There are two ways you can help Bobby Scott:

1. Attend his reception in DC, Monday, June 28, 2004 from 6-8pm at Numark Gallery, 625-27 E St. NW, Washington DC. Contributions start as low as \$100.

OR, if not planning to attend, but would like to help contribute.....

2. Please go online and contribute to Scott for Congress at <http://www.scottforcongress.com>

» [c_spandan's blog](#)



[Register online](#)

[-OR- download the registration form...](#)

Come Train and Party with APAP in Boston!

Asian Pacific Americans for Progress is proud to announce a new revised offer for anyone interested in attending the Democratic National Convention in Boston. When you join APAP, you get 3 days of training, 4 nights of housing (for people outside of MA.), 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners and reduced costs to 2 fabulous concerts and 1 gala event.

Lodging is provided at Regis College in Weston (about 17 miles West of Boston near Wellesley and just off the I-90/I-95 intersection).

Most of the activities and training are at the Hynes Center in downtown Boston. See below for transportation options. Bostonians can take the train to Riverside to get on a shuttle to Regis College. So plan on joining us for some fun and activism!

The price is \$25 for students/limited income and \$50 for professionals!

Participants sign up here: [REGISTER ONLINE](#)

Make sure that \$25-\$50 has been paid through PAYPAL, or send a check to APA for Progress c/o Monica Flores Lodise 1511 Center Street, Oakland, CA 94607

[REGISTER ONLINE](#), please register early to help us with planning.

Have you already paid?

Students & Limited Income:
\$25 confirms your space:



Professionals:
\$50 confirms your space:



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- [Dean Fest](#)
(23 days)
- [APA for Progress National Training Program for Activists \(NTPA\)](#)
(24 days)

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Are you an Asian or Pacific Islander American or involved with this community? Are you inspired to take your country back? Come to the APA for Progress National Training Program for Activists and join over 100 activists from across the country in:

- Learning effective organizing at all levels, from the courthouse to the White House
- Improving your voter contact and volunteer skills
- Building capacity in your grassroots organization
- Connecting with Congressional candidates who need your help

APA for Progress
National Training Program for Activists
Weston, Massachusetts
Regis College Campus
Friday Evening, July 23 - Tuesday Evening, July 27

How does this Work?

APA for Progress offers the following to APA for Progress members who pay their membership fee (\$25 students/limited income and \$50 professionals).

We expect 125 APA for Progress participants!

First 75 out-of-state participants receive:

FREE housing (Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday)
Access to the Democratic GAIN training (Saturday, Sunday)
NTPA training (Monday)
4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
Reduced costs to 2 fabulous concerts and 1 gala event

First 50 Boston-area participants receive:

Access to the Democratic GAIN training (Saturday, Sunday)
NTPA training (Monday)
4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
Reduced costs to 2 fabulous concerts and 1 gala event

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

[Click here for contact and travel information for NTPA.](#)

How to Sign Up

Three Steps: Register (Online or Snail Mail), Pay, and Make your Travel Arrangements!

Register

Use the [REGISTER ONLINE](#) link to fill in your contact information and pay online. Or, [download the registration form, print, and send to APA for Progress, c/o Monica Flores Lodise, 1511 Center Street Oakland, CA 94607.](#)

Pay your membership fee...

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DOWNLOADS

[NTPA Registration Form](#)
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TRAVEL INFORMATION

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Don't see your state?
Step up to the plate!
Become a local contact by e-
mailing our [outreach](#)
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Help grow the progressive pan-
APA movement!

Students & Limited Income:
\$25 confirms your space:



Professionals:
\$50 confirms your space:



Make your Travel Plans to Boston!

We will contact you within 5 days to confirm your registration. Tell your friends, relatives, and associates. It's time to get your airplane/train/bus tickets to Massachusetts for a fun-filled, action-packed weekend with lots of opportunities to connect with APA activists across the country.

Questions about the NTPA? Please leave a message for Wei Hsie at 508-393-0573.

Questions about APA for Progress? Please leave a message for Monica Flores Lodise at 510-508-1535.

As a nonprofit grassroots lobbying organization, 100% of APA for Progress's resources can be used to fund training, research, and lobbying efforts; therefore, contributions to APA for Progress are NOT tax deductible.

APA for Progress put on a training through Democratic GAIN that will accomplish the following:

1. Train grassroots activists and campaign workers in grassroots organizing skills and campaigning for victory this year. Each participant will learn how to effectively work on the grassroots level and to write and implement a successful campaign plan.

2. Provide each participant with a training manual that will outline organizing guidelines and modern campaigning techniques. Each trainee will learn to use this manual to impact races in his or her area.

3. Develop an action plan that will help Asian Pacific Americans mobilize activists and work in their communities at all levels of races this year. Trainees will learn how to mobilize each other and build structure on the precinct level.



[Get your NTPA gear here!](#)

Training Courses

Courses are led by Democratic GAIN www.democraticgain.com at Tufts University and APA for Progress www.apaforprogress.org at Regis College and will include:

Campaign Overview – This class provides an introduction to the pieces and players in a campaign and how they fit together to create victories. This course serves as an introduction to campaign work and an overview of the rest of the training.

Mobilizing Asian Pacific Americans – This unique class focuses on the history of the Asian Pacific American electorate and how to best bring them into the process this year. Participants will look at the most effective message and targeting techniques as well as tactics for mobilizing this important community.

Grassroots Organizing – An effective Field program can be the key to winning in close races. This course teaches participants how to build relationships with voters and win

how to allocate your resources when talking to voters. The technicalities of targeting can be challenging but this class will explain how to use your resources to get the maximum number of voters to the polls.

Voter Contact Strategy and Tactics – Once you have determined which voters to target, you must know how to contact them effectively and economically. This class teaches participants to build the list that will get them to victory and how to use the Voter File to guide their strategy.

Volunteer Recruitment and Maintenance – Volunteers are an integral part of every campaign and a field operation simply cannot be run without them. This class teaches trainees to develop activists in their communities, delegate responsibility, and build a successful ground team.

Get Out The Vote – GOTV is the final crucial component of every ground operation. This class focuses on how to build a plan for getting voters to the polls on election day.

Message and Polling – This class teaches participants to use their candidates' strengths and polling data to develop a message that will bring voters to the polls.

Earned Media – This class teaches participants to match message with messenger and utilize press contacts, a press list, letters to the editor, editorial boards, events and counter events, and press conferences to communicate their message to the right voters.

Organizing Canvasses and Phone Banks – Canvasses and phone banks are the most effective way to communicate with voters and serve as the building blocks of any grassroots efforts.

Introduction to Fundraising – This class provides an introduction to new campaign finance laws and how groups can fundraise in the most efficient ways.

Unions and Constituency Groups - This class introduces participants to different families of organizations and explains how we work together to win. It will outline effective ways to reach out to those groups as well as strategies to connect message to messenger for optimal coordination.



Fees

NTPA training fees:

We expect 125 total APA for Progress members. Please sign up by July 15 to assist us with planning.	Membership to APA for Progress \$25-\$50 sliding scale.
We expect 50 activists from the Boston area. If you can assist APA for Progress is finding your own housing, please do so!	We expect 75 participants from outside Massachusetts. Please join us!

[REGISTER ONLINE](#). If you live in the Boston area and would like to open up your home to some of our activists, please let us know: monica@apaforprogress.org.

Have you already paid?

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Professionals:
\$50 confirms your space:



Email monica@apaforprogress.org for further information about the NTPA and whsie@apaforprogress.org for more specific information about lodging, scheduling, and registration.

My Vote is My Voice



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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (as of June 30, 2004)

FRIDAY, July 23rd

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Check into Regis College
9:00 PM - Welcoming Remarks and Orientation

SATURDAY, July 24th

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM - Breakfast at Regis College (Lunch and Dinner provided free to APAP at Hynes Center)
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Travel to Hynes Center
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Democratic GAIN's 101 Days, 101 Ways to Victory continued.
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Dinner provided by GAIN at Hynes Center
9:00 PM - APA for Progress Social

SUNDAY, July 25th

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM - Breakfast at Regis College (Lunch and Dinner provided free to APAP at Hynes Center)
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Travel to Hynes Center
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Democratic GAIN's 101 Days, 101 Ways to Victory continued.
1:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Free time to explore Boston or
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Relax at Regis College. Enjoy other facilities, swimming pool, basketball etc
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Barbeque Dinner at Regis
8:00 PM - Democratic GAIN, MTV and Rock The Vote present the Jumpoff: 100 Days to Victory at the Avalon*

MONDAY, July 26th

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM - Breakfast at Regis College
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM National Training Program for Activist at Regis. Workshops on APA issues.
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM VIP luncheon with elected APA officials
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Introduction from APAP endorsed APA candidates with Q/A
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM APAP Workshops continue
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM APAP Organizational meeting
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner at Regis
8:00 PM - APIA Democratic Convention Gala at the Science Museum*

TUESDAY, July 27th

9:00 AM - Breakfast at Regis College
1:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Revolutionary Women's Conference with Hillary Clinton, Madeleine Albright, Jennifer Granholm, Carol Mosely Braun, Nancy Pelosi, etc.*
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM - Revolutionary Women's Rally and Concert
6:00 PM - Check out of Regis
*ADDITIONAL COSTS \$25 for the Democratic GAIN and Rock The Vote present the Jumpoff: 100 Days to Victory
\$10 for the Revolutionary Women's Conference and Concert
\$35 per night for additional housing at Regis beyond MON night

Free - APAP members have access to MON-THU advanced training sessions from GAIN
Free - Membership to GAIN until Dec. 31, 2004

**TBD for the APA Gala

For more info on APAA, go to: www.asianpacificprogress.org

For more info on GAIN, go to: www.democraticgain.org

For more info on Revolutionary Women go to: www.revolutionarywomen.com

TRANSPORTATION

Regis College can be easily reached by taking the Metro/Subway (called the "T" in Boston) by taking the Green Line D to Riverside station (final stop) and taking the shuttle to Regis College. The T usually runs till late.

From Logan Airport take the Blue Line to Government Center and transfer to the Green Line (allow 60 minutes for this journey). Alternately take a Shuttle from the airport – the cost should be under \$7.

Driving directions to Regis College can be obtained from Mapquest by entering Regis College, Wheaton, MA

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