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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
- 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!

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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 training and join over 250 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

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Weston, Massachusetts: Regis College Campus

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NTPA Step 1: Register **1) Register**

Use the [registration form](#) to fill in your contact information: **make sure to put NTPA in the interests section.** Or, [download the registration form, print, and send to the address listed.](#)



### 2) Pay

Course fees are \$250/participant\*.

- Send your course fee via **postal mail**:

APA for Progress  
 (make checks out to APA for Progress and add a memo: NTPA)  
 c/o 2616 8th Avenue  
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Please make sure to include your real name and contact e-mail and/or phone.  
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### 3) Prepare

We will contact you within 10 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.

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.

Have questions? send a message to [monica@apaforprogress.org](mailto:monica@apaforprogress.org) or call 510.508.1535.

21st Century Democrats will help APA for Progress put on a training that will accomplish the following:

1. Train Democratic 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



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- [Asian Pacific American Community Summit](#) (4 days)
- [APA Houseparty Night Conference Call](#) (9 days)
- [Progressive Midwest Conference](#) (10 days)

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learn how to mobilize each other and build structure on the precinct level.

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## Training Courses

Courses are scheduled to 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 elections one person at a time, neighbor to neighbor.

**Targeting** – No ground effort can be successful without knowing which voters to talk to, and 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 the members of the Democratic family 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.

NTPA Training

	Activist Track	Field Organizer Track
<b>Day 1: July 25</b> 9:00-10:00	Welcome and Introduction – <i>Featuring keynote speakers</i>	
10:00–11:00	Campaign Overview	
11:00–12:30	Grassroots Organizing	

12:30-1:30	Lunch	
1:30-2:30	Voter Contact Strategy and Tactics	Crafting a message for issues and initiatives
2:30-3:30	Message	Voter Contact Strategy
3:30-4:30	Writing a Field Plan	Volunteer Recruitment and Maintenance
4:30-4:45	Break	
4:45-5:45	Targeting	Writing a plan for activism
5:45-6:45	Volunteer Recruitment and Maintenance	Finding supporters and targeting them effectively
6:45-7:45	Optional Dinner – <i>Featuring Speaker</i>	
<b>Day 2: July 26</b>	Unions and Constituency Groups	GOTV
9:00-10:00	Organization canvasses and phone banks	Mobilizing Asian Pacific Americans
10:00-11:00	Mobilizing Asian Pacific Americans	Unions and Constituency Groups
11:00-12:00	GOTV	Lunch
12:00-1:00	Lunch	<i>Action Commitment / Group Discussion</i>
1:00-2:00	<i>Action Commitment / Group Discussion</i>	Earned Media
2:00-3:00	Introduction to Fundraising	Organizing Canvasses and Phone banks
3:00-4:00	Earned Media	Internet Organizing
4:00-5:00	Internet Organizing	Community Organizing
5:00-6:00	Closing – <i>Featuring speaker</i>	
6:00-6:30	After-party!	

## \*Fees

NTPA training fees:

\$250 <b>\$195 early bird by June 21</b>	non-members
\$225 <b>\$175 early bird by June 21</b>	APA for Progress Members <sup>1</sup>
\$195 <b>\$125 early bird by June 21</b>	Boston-area residents NO HOUSING REQUIRED <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>-APA for Progress membership donations may go towards your NTPA training fee.

<sup>2</sup>-Boston residents who do not need to stay overnight at the Regis College campus pay a reduced fee.

This tuition fee covers the entire 2-day training period, including breakfast, box lunch, snack and all materials and lodging.

Email [monica@apaforprogress.org](mailto:monica@apaforprogress.org) for further information. A limited number of scholarships may be available for those who cannot afford the tuition.

Space is limited. Please fill out the [registration form](#) now!

## Sponsors

The National Training Program for Activists is a project of APA for Progress with training assistance from 21st Century Democrats. If you would like to become a sponsor or "Adopt-an-Activist," please contact Monica Flores Lodise of APA for Progress at 510.508.1535 or [monica@apaforprogress.org](mailto:monica@apaforprogress.org).

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