

IMPACT REPORT

Amplify AAPI
Voices &
Communities



Storytelling
Empowering
Convening



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LETTER FROM THE CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Anla Cheng

CEO/Founder

Andrea Louie

Executive Director/COO

Dear Serica Family,

As we celebrate a banner year of impact of the Serica Initiative in 2025, we are thrilled to share how our commitment to **amplifying AAPI voices and communities** through storytelling, empowering, and convening has resonated deeply within our organization and beyond. Our collective efforts exemplify the strength of community and the **POWER OF US**, and we are grateful for your unwavering support of our mission and work. Together, we are creating a powerful platform for AAPI stories and voices that deserve to be heard and celebrated.

This year, we have not only elevated diverse narratives that reflect the richness of AAPI experiences but have also forged connections that empower individuals to share their stories and inspire change. We are fostering collective belonging and solidarity.

Serica builds the leadership pipelines and narrative infrastructure needed for Asian Americans to lead, influence, and be visible at the highest levels of society.

45+

Events and Convenings in 2025

100+

AAPI Leaders and Speakers Featured

2000+

Live Audiences Served

20,000,000+

Views on Social Media Platforms

60K+

Subscribers

3 NY Emmy Nominations
1 NY Emmy Documentary Short Award
2 Anthem Awards Gold Winners

SERICA OVERVIEW

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Mission

The Serica Initiative amplifies the impact of the Asian diaspora in America through storytelling, empowering, and convening.

Pillars & Programs



- **Storytelling**
 - Docuseries Films (PBS)
 - Voices Rising Series (ALL ARTS)
 - Serica Storytellers
- **Empowering**
 - CEO Dinner Series
 - AAPI Women's Leadership Mentorship
 - China Institute Next Gen x Serica (CINGS)
- **Convening**
 - AAPI Trailblazers Gala
 - Rising Stars Awards

IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

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PILLARS

Storytelling

PROGRAMS

Docuseries Films (PBS)

Voices Rising (ALL ARTS)

Serica Storytellers

IMPACT

- Amplify storytelling, 60K+/mo newsletter subscribers, 20M+ views across social platforms
- Shed light on the breadth and depth of the Asian and American experience

Empowerment

AAPI Women's Leadership Mentorship Program

China Institute Next Gen x Serica (CINGS)

CEO Dinner Series

- Empower AAPI women leaders to break barriers, elevate their leadership presence, and advance in their careers
- Inspire and equip future young AAPI leaders across sectors
- Engage top AAPI C-Suite leaders for exclusive discussions on US-Asia and global issues

Convening

Trailblazer Gala - Recognize AAPI Pioneers

Rising Stars Awards

Community Events

- Celebrate AAPI pioneers and rising stars
- 2000+ audiences, 100+ distinguished AAPI leaders and speakers featured
- Elevate AAPI community's dreams and hopes for belonging in America



NY Emmy Award



2 Anthem Awards Gold Winners

STORYTELLING 04

Docuseries Films

- **Climate Artists Season 2 (2024):** Emmy-winning cinematic series tells the story of climate change and the intersection of artists and the environment.
- **Between Black & White: Asian Americans Speak Out (2023):** 3-part digital film series exploring cross-racial and cross-cultural solidarity between AAPI and other communities of color.
- **be/longing: Asian Americans Now (2023):** profiled prominent Asian Americans in five stories about standing up, speaking out, and confronting hate.

Voices Rising

Voices Rising: What's Next for Asian Americans in...? is an NY Emmy nominated series that shines a spotlight on AAPI culture, explores issues at the heart of the Asian American experience, and celebrates the contributions of the Asian diaspora to American society in various fields— arts, food, & more!

Serica Storytellers

Serica Storytellers is a fireside-style blog & interview series featuring prominent raconteurs across artistic mediums who shed light on the breadth and depth of the Asian and American experience.

12

Serica Storyteller
Events (2025)

15

Docuseries film
episodes to date

4

Voices Rising
Events

100+

Speakers
profiled

75+

Hours of
Contents



NY Emmy Winning Film Series



Chief Medical Officer U.S. Open:
Dr. Alexis Colvin



Author: Michael Luo

EMPOWERING

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AAPI Women's Leadership Mentorship Program



Support and empower mid-career AAPI women leaders as they transition from high-performing managers to confident, effective senior leaders

CEO Dinner Series



Off-the-record dinner conversations for C-suite members the U.S.-Asia business community, empowering leaders to network and engage peers in thoughtful discussions

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AAPI Women's Leadership
Mentor/Mentee Pairs
(2025)

9

CEO Dinner Series (2025)

100+

All Time Dinners Hosted

70+

Active CEO Members

CONVENING

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2026
HONOREES

THE **SERICA**
INITIATIVE
THE POWER OF US
AAPI TRAILBLAZERS GALA 2026



AAPI Trailblazers Gala

Honoring AAPI Pioneers

Each year, we honor the trailblazing women & families who are shaping the future of business, arts, and society. These leaders are recognized for their visionary leadership, impact, and commitment to empowering others.



All Time Honorees

44

CONVENING

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Rising Stars Awards

2026 Rising Stars



CATHERINE CAI

General Partner, Palm Drive Capital



LOUISE LIU

Chief Executive Officer, Hill Research



**YIN CHANG &
MOONLYN TSAI**

Co-founders, Heart of Dinner

**Celebration of exceptional AAPI
women under 40 shaping the
future in corporate, entrepreneur,
and nonprofit sectors**

The Rising Star Awards recognize young, dynamic leaders under 40 who are blazing trails in their industries. These women represent the next generation of changemakers, innovators, and leaders.

All Time Awardees

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2026 TRAILBLAZERS GALA



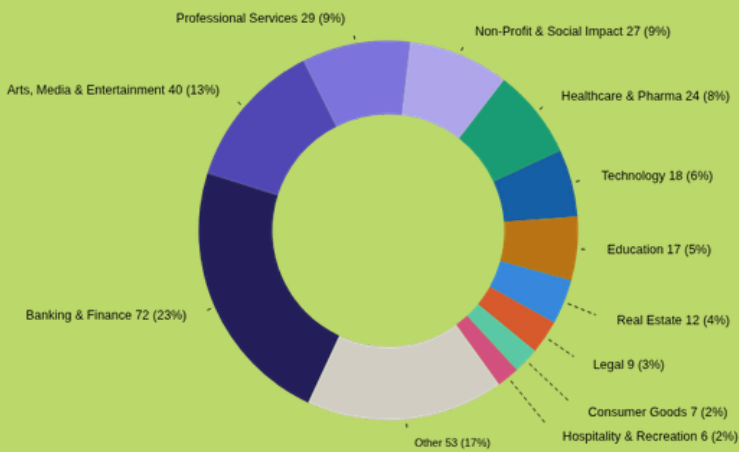
CONVENING

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2026 TRAILBLAZERS GALA ATTENDEES



350 GUESTS | 50% ATTENDEES DIRECTOR LEVEL & ABOVE

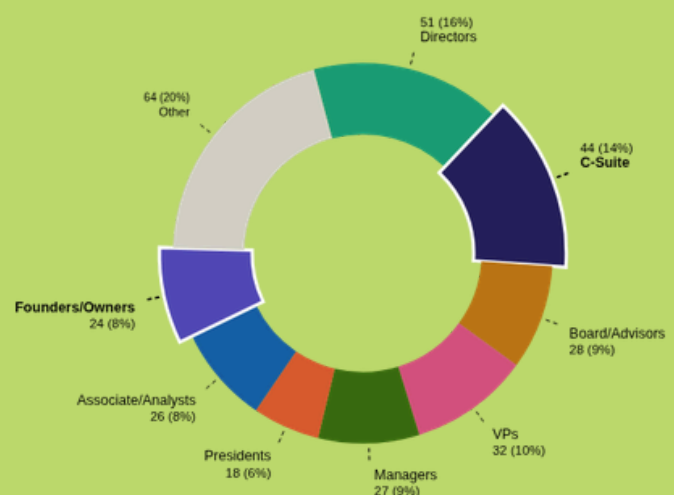


BY SECTOR # of guest (%)

Banking & Finance	72 (23%)
Arts, Media, & Entertainment	40 (13%)
Professional Services	29 (9%)
Non-Profit & Social Impact	27 (9%)
Healthcare & Pharma	24 (8%)
Technology	12 (6%)
Education	17 (5%)
Real Estate	12 (4%)
Legal	9 (3%)
Consumer Goods	7 (2%)
Hospitality & Recreation	6 (2%)
Other/not provided	53 (16%)

BY POSITION # guests (%)

C-Suite	44 (14%)
Founders/Owners	24 (8%)
Directors	51 (16%)
VPs	32 (7%)
Board/Advisors	28 (9%)
Managers	27 (9%)
Associate/Analysts	26 (7%)
Presidents	20 (7%)
Other/not provided	64 (23%)



CONVENING 10



AAPI Trailblazers Conference

Celebrate AAPI Leadership

The 2025 AAPI Trailblazers Conference celebrates the power of AAPI women in leadership, storytelling, and innovation. This premier gathering brought together distinguished thought leaders, trailblazers, and emerging changemakers for a day of inspiring discussions, networking, and celebration. The conference featured industry pioneers in AI, media, education, and healthcare.



Conference Topics

- AI
- Media
- Education
- Healthcare

Conference Attendees

180+

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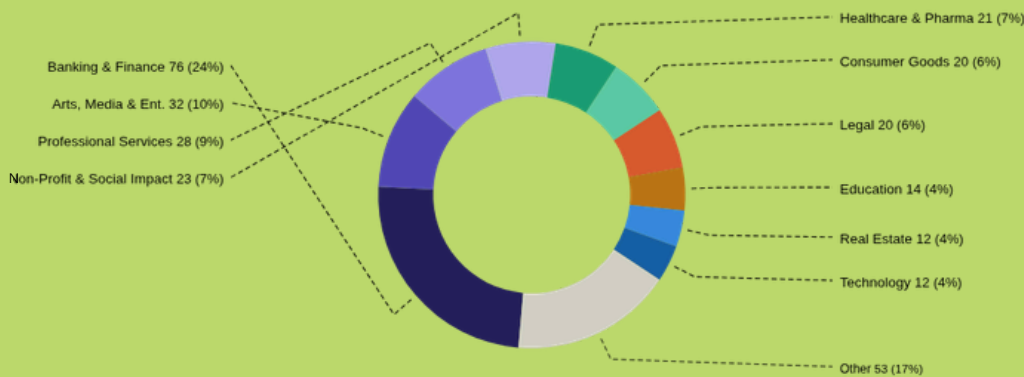
2025 TRAILBLAZERS CONFERENCE/GALA ATTENDEES



CONFERENCE: 125 GUESTS | 50% MEDIA & NON-PROFIT PROFESSIONALS
GALA: 316 GUESTS | 60% DIRECTOR LEVEL OR ABOVE

GALA ATTENDEE DATA BREAKDOWN

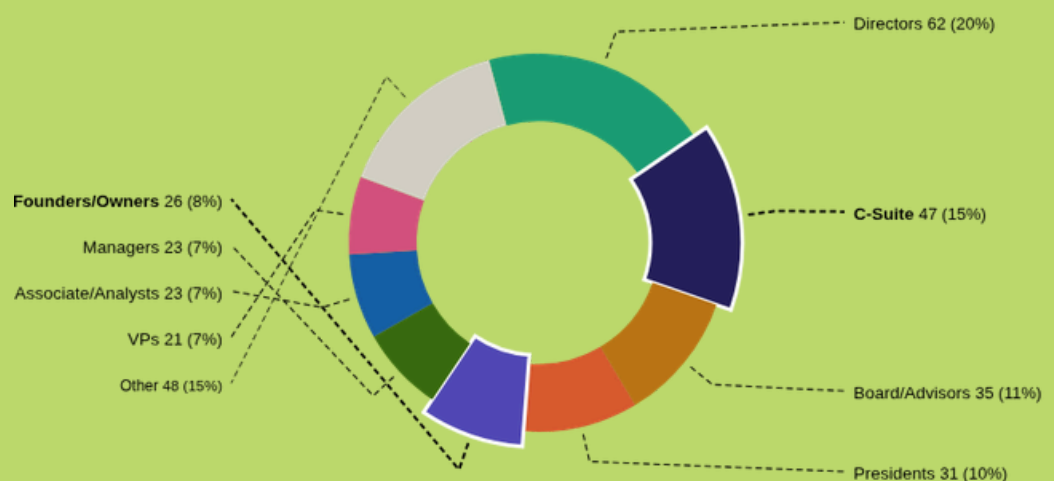
BY SECTOR • # of guest (%)



Banking & Finance	76 (28%)
Arts, Media, & Entertainment	32 (12%)
Professional Services	28 (10%)
Non-Profit & Social Impact	23 (8%)
Healthcare & Pharma	21 (8%)
Consumer Goods	20 (7%)
Legal	20 (7%)
Education	14 (5%)
Real Estate	12 (4%)
Technology	12 (4%)
Other/not provided	58 (21%)

BY POSITION • # of guest (%)

C-Suite	47 (15%)
Founders/Owners	26 (8%)
Directors	62 (20%)
Board/Advisors	35 (11%)
Presidents	31 (10%)
VPs	21 (7%)
Managers	23 (7%)
Associate/Analysts	23 (7%)
Other/not provided	48 (15%)



IMPACT STORIES

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SERICA STORYTELLERS

"From the Shen Wei event, I learned that the "journey" of bringing people together from varied cultures & background can make us harmoniously connected to one another so we can all witness & experience the amazing talent of Shen Wei. Thanks to Michelle, Julia & Sushila for making this trip a positive and memorable event."

- ED PURISIMA



VOICES RISING: ASIAN AMERICANS IN MOTION

"It was very cool to hear of how talented individuals were using their gifts to change the perception of Asians for good in dance, tennis, journalism, and medicine. I liked the diversity of the Asian Americans featured on stage."

- ANONYMOUS



TRAILBLAZERS GALA

"I wanted to thank you for including me in your wonderful gala initiative. It was fun, enlightening and inspiring, everything such an event should be."

You have a different focus than the other organizations and your focus is extremely important in giving AAPI women a greater voice, confidence and motivation to strive higher."

- SHERYL WUDUNN



AAPI MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

"The Serica AAPI Mentorship Program has been an incredibly meaningful experience. My mentor has shared invaluable insights from her journey as a successful entrepreneur. Her guidance has helped me clarify my long-term vision, sharpen my professional perspective, and approach challenges with a practical, solution-driven mindset."

- 2025 MENTEE



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026 13

VOICES RISING: SEP 24, 2026 | 7:30-9:30PM

KOREAN DIASPORA VOICES IN PERFORMANCE

FEATURING CHERRY ORCHARD CAST AND OTHER KOREAN ARTISTS @PARK AVE ARMORY



THE CHERRY ORCHARD



FILM ICON -
DOYEON JEON



SQUID GAME STAR -
HAESOO PARK

PARK AVENUE
ARMORY



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AAPI CONFERENCE - AI | NOV 4, 2026

2. AI/TECH PANEL



Catherine Kim

Executive Director,
Technology & AI,
IBM



Zhou

Founder, AI
Computer
Professor
Un



Helen Fu

Founder & C
MascotGO



Zoe Qiao

Director, PennAI at
University of Pennsylvania



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GOVERNMENT GRANTS

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS
NYC DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

INDIVIDUALS

SUJUAN BA
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NELLIE AND GEORGE SING
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KATHY HIRATA CHIN
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SERICA STAFF

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Chair, Founder & CEO



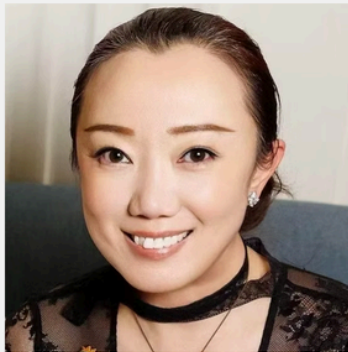
ANDREA LOUIE
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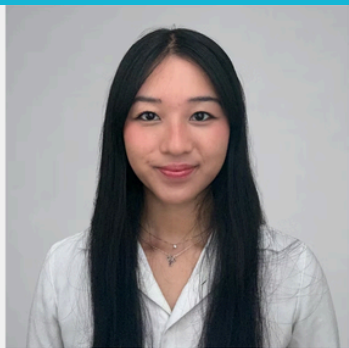
**DANIEL TAM-
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MICHELLE MAIURI
Events Director



LUCY YANG
Chief Development Officer



JULIA CAI
Programs & Communications Associate



SERICA BOARD

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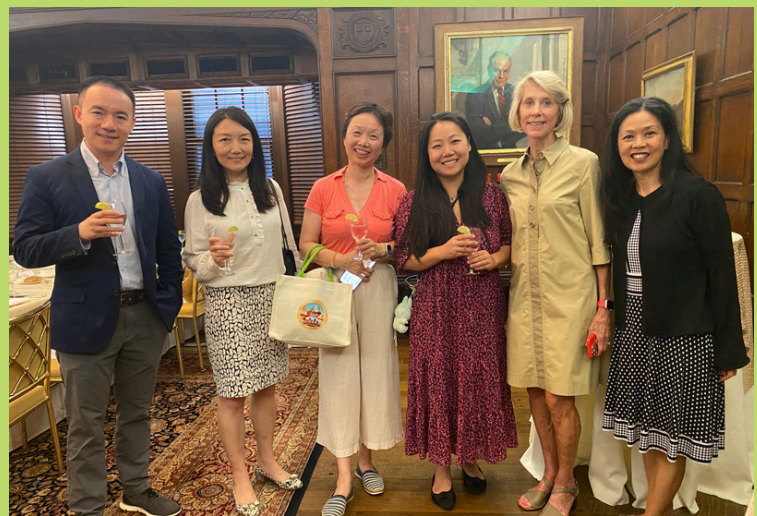
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