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naisA Global's NextGen Awards Gala to Honor Prominent Asian American Leaders

Washington, D.C. - naisA Global will celebrate Asian American leaders in business, diplomacy, and government at the NextGen Awards Gala on November 29, 2018. The Gala, now in its third year, serves to honor trailblazers across multiple industries while empowering the next generation of leaders.

naisA Global provides young Asian professionals with coaching, networking opportunities, and mentorship to help them achieve their full potential. Though Asian Americans have made remarkable progress, the group is still drastically underrepresented in leadership roles at the executive level. naisA Global aims to close that gap by equipping proteges with resources and inspiring them with exposure to outstanding leaders.

At the Gala, **U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth** will be honored and deliver a keynote speech. Sen. Duckworth was born in Thailand and is a decorated veteran of the Iraq War. In April, she became the first Senator in American history to give birth while in office.

Several Asian-American leaders will share their inspiring journeys with the Gala audience of several hundred influential leaders. **Robert K. Hur**, U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland, will receive a Leadership Excellence Award, as will **Julia Chang Bloch**, founder of the U.S.-China Education Trust and the first U.S. Ambassador of Asian descent.

Rep. John Delaney, U.S. Congressman for Maryland's Sixth District, will be honored for his achievements in government and entrepreneurship. Delaney co-founded Health Care Financial Partners and CapitalSource. Receiving the Freedom of the Press Award is **Richard Lui**, a news anchor at NBC and MSNBC who covers the nation's most impactful news stories. In addition, **Cindy Yao** will accept the Corporate Leader Award for her work as one of the few Asian American female C.F.O.s in multinational industry.

"This year's honorees trace their heritage through China, India, Japan, Korea, Thailand among other nations," says naisA Global founder Dr. Jamie Younghee Sheen. "naisA Global celebrates Asian leaders and provides emerging stars with the training and mentorship they need to reach the top of their chosen professions."

In keeping with naisA Global's mission to cultivate emerging leaders of Asian descent, the Gala will showcase three NextGen Leaders: **Dai Chihara, PhD**, Fellow at the National Institutes of Health; **Ajinkya Jadhav**, Harvard University student and founder of the WeAllTeen student innovation platform; and **Maxwell Yan**, student at Poolesville High School who helped found an IT tech company.

About naisA Global:

Founded in 2013 with the mission of helping Asian Americans reach their highest potential, naisA Global is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization with a high caliber network of over 2500 industry leaders and talented young professionals of Asian descent.