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## Paudel Named to White House Ambassadors Program

DUBUQUE, Iowa – City of Dubuque Human Relations Specialist Manisha Paudel will serve in the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI) E3! Ambassadors program, a new initiative that aims to “Educate, Engage, and Empower” young leaders to improve quality of life and opportunity for young Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs).

Paudel was one of 32 young leaders from across the United States selected to conduct community outreach, addressing specific issues of education, mental health, pathways to public service, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) in young AAPIs. Paudel will volunteer 3-5 hours a month from September 2014 through May 2015 and will use strategies learned in the WHIAAPI program to address health and education issues faced by Marshallese residents in Dubuque, as well as other group-specific needs in other Asian community groups in Dubuque.

“I applied for this volunteer program due to my personal interest to join a group of young leaders for action-based outreach strategies,” said Paudel. “My participation in this program will serve a great purpose for me professionally as well, as a human relations specialist, since the outreach and needs-identification strategies I learn can be modified to apply across multiple groups.”

Selected WHIAAPI program ambassadors are announced in a White House blog, invited to convene in-person in Washington, D.C, receive a congratulatory letter from WHIAAPI

Executive Director, Kiran Ahuja, and have the opportunity to work collaboratively with WHIAAPI staff, members of the President's Advisory Commission on AAPIs and Regional Interagency Working Group, as well as other administration officials.

For more information on the national Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, visit [www.whitehouse.gov/aapi](http://www.whitehouse.gov/aapi).

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