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CAPE SELECTS NEW CLASS FOR LEADERS FELLOWSHIP

Top Asian American Industry Executives Train the Next Generation

Los Angeles, CA – July 13, 2018. CAPE (the Coalition of Asian Pacifics in Entertainment) launches its second annual CAPE Leaders Fellowship, a signature program modeled after their highly-successful CAPE New Writers Fellowship. The CAPE Leaders Fellowship equips the next generation of creative executives with the skills and professional network to break into the VP ranks and beyond. Over the course of five weeks, Fellows will participate in evening sessions, intimate breakfasts, networking mixers, and one-on-one mentoring sessions with high-level industry executives.

This year's class of Fellows includes: **Johnny Chiou** (Manager, Development, 3AD Productions), **Scott Sakamoto** (Production Supervisor, Walt Disney Animation Studios), **Sanjana Seelam** (Manager, Development, BuzzFeed Studios), **Kenny Tsai** (Director, Current Programming, Universal Television), **Jon Wu** (Director, Production, 20th Century Fox Films) and **Katharine Wu** (Director, Development, Appletree Pictures).

Led by top industry executives and agents, the Fellowship is co-chaired by CAPE Board Members **Kevin Iwashina** (Agent, Endeavor Content), **Albert Cheng** (COO and Co-Head of Television, Amazon Studios), and **Peter McHugh** (Manager, The Gotham Group). Scheduled mentors and speakers include **Walter Hamada** (President, DC Films), **Abhijay Prakash** (COO, DreamWorks Animation), **Patricia Röckenwagner** (Chief Brand Officer, STX Entertainment), **Sanjay Sharma** (Co-Founder/former CEO, All Def Digital), **Ramsey Naito** (EVP, Paramount Animation), **DanTram Nguyen** (SVP, Production, Fox Searchlight), **Eric Kim** (SVP, Current Programming, CBS), **Rina Brannen** (Head of Development, 3AD Productions), **Naia Cucukov** (SVP, Development & Production, Walden Media), **Heather Johns** (VP, Content and Business Development, Lionsgate), **Curt Kanemoto** (VP, Production, Atlas Entertainment), **James Shin** (VP, Development, Scooter Braun Projects), **Gloria Fan** (VP, Comedy and Drama, Fox 21 Television Studios), **Steve Tao** (VP, Current Programming, The CW Network), and more.

"Increasing diversity in the executive ranks is imperative if we want to diversify Hollywood," said CAPE Executive Director Michelle K. Sugihara. "As the gatekeepers and decision-makers, executives are the key to ensuring that what we watch on our screens reflects the world in which we live."

Fellowship partners include Warner Bros, Walden Media, Paramount Pictures, Endeavor Content, STX Entertainment, Fox Searchlight, JUSTIN Wines, and Fuji Water.

The CAPE Leaders Fellowship furthers CAPE's mission to champion diversity by educating, connecting, and empowering Asian American & Pacific Islander artists and leaders in entertainment and media.

For more information, visit www.capeusa.org.

About CAPE

Founded in 1991, CAPE (the Coalition of Asian Pacifics in Entertainment) champions diversity by educating, connecting and empowering Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) artists and leaders in entertainment and media. CAPE creates systemic change by training the next generation through two signature programs – the CAPE New Writers Fellowship and the CAPE Leaders Fellowship. Additionally, CAPE produces the #IAM Campaign and hosts numerous screenings, panels, and industry mixers.

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