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## **CITY OF FORT MYERS**

**Randall P. Henderson, Jr.**

**Mayor**

Welcome Citizens:

Another year has passed, and it is time to celebrate the 16th Anniversary of AsiaFest with activities planned at our beloved Alliance for the Arts. Fort Myers citizens and Floridians from all around look forward to this remarkable display of culture and art which enriches our community in diversity and education.

As your Mayor, I want you to know how much I appreciate your presence and positive influence in Fort Myers and beyond. It is such a joy to witness the events of this occasion, the family gatherings and fun that comes from the hard work of all those who pull this annual tradition together.

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your very positive contribution to the City of Palms, Fort Myers, Florida, your home.



Sincerely,  
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Randall P. Henderson, Jr.  
Mayor

***Carmine Marceno***  
Office of the Sheriff



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November 26, 2019

Annually, the Lee County Sheriff's Office joins the Asian Professionals Association of SWFL, Inc., a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, in their efforts to build community relationships, foster business partnerships and offer educational opportunities in our community.

Each year, your AsiaFest event serves to raise scholarship funds for students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement as well as participate in the betterment of our community.

We invite the residents, visitors and business people to come out to this year's AsiaFest...your 16th annual event...celebrating the "Year of the Rat" as we gather to appreciate the cultures and practices of the many Asian nations and communities.

We thank you for the beneficial and meaningful work that you do in our community!

Respectfully,

Carmine Marceno  
Lee County Sheriff



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December 13, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to congratulate the Asian Professionals of Southwest Florida, Inc. on the 16th Annual AsiaFest event. Each year, AsiaFest provides the community with two major benefits. One, the event serves to raise scholarship funds for students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and contribute to the betterment of our community; and two, providing Southwest Florida with a rich and dynamic exhibition of culture.

The 16th Annual AsiaFest celebrates the Year of the Rat. Rats are seen as a sign of wealth and surplus. AsiaFest is an embodiment of the wealth of social, cultural, and economic contributions of the members of the Asian Professionals of SWFL to our region.

As President of the Cultural Heritage Center of Southwest Florida, I wish to also thank the Asian Professionals of SWFL for their strong involvement in the Center, which is based in Punta Gorda, and is Florida's first Cultural Heritage Center. It is a place to learn and teach, celebrate and embrace all the cultures that make up our region. The Cultural Heritage Center celebrates our region's pioneer and indigenous beginnings and the diverse community that we have become. Cultural affinity groups from Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Desoto, and Sarasota counties, as members, come to together to celebrate our combined cultural contributions to the development and economy of this region. The Cultural Heritage Center holds two major events each year: International Culture Fest at Fishermen's Village; and Holidays Around the World at the Punta Gorda History Park. The Asian Professionals of SWFL is an integral contributor to both events.



Our community is better place because of the philanthropic and cultural contributions that the Asian Professionals of Southwest Florida make to our community.

Thank you so much for your efforts.

Sincerely,  
Jaha Cummings  
Councilman, City of Punta





# Schedule

## 10:00 AM

Fushu Daiko Japanese Taiko Drumming

Opening Remarks by Hosts;

*Larry Venturino, Viengsouk Phommachanh & Pearl Cruz*

KuroKawa Martial Arts Karate Demonstration

Tai Chi Demonstration by *Earl Delp*

## 11:00 AM

Lee Koon Hung Kung Fu Association Lion Dance

Chinese Association of SWFL Dance Performance

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*by Professor Qin Xiaoning*

Pacific Islander Polynesian Performance by Hula Connection

## 12:00 PM

Welcome Ceremony "Year of the Rat" Celebration

AsiaFest 2019 Cultural Fashion Show

City of Fort Myers Mayor *Randy Henderson*

AsiaFest Chairperson *Colin Feng /*

*APASWFL President Cynthia Roemisch*

The Chinese New Year Red Envelope Tradition

Korean Cultural Dance Performance

## 1:00 PM

Fushu Daiko Japanese Taiko Drumming

Indonesian Cultural Dance Troupe

Sultan's Dreams Chinese Fan Dance

Turkish Asian Series by Belly Dance Connection

Featured Filipino Performance

## 2:00 PM

Crowning of Ms AsiaFest 2020 by *Lorna Desnous*

Indonesian Cultural Dance Troupe

Korean Cultural Dance Performance

White Dragon Martial Arts Demonstration & Lion Dance

## 3:00 PM

Indonesian Cultural Dance Troupe

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- ❖ How has your Family Heritage, History, or Culture influenced who you are?
- ❖ What hopes and/or goals do you have for your future?

### Essay Judging Criteria

Theme & Content 50%-relevance, insight, thoroughness & validity of ideas

Organization & Development 20%-logical development & clarity

Grammar & Mechanics 20% Style 10%







## Congratulations to our 2019 APASWFL College Scholarship Awardees!

**Dan Naqui** (Pakistan) *Cape Coral High School*  
**Serena Truong** (Vietnam) *Gulf Coast High School*  
**Francesca Barra** (China) *Naples High School*

**Angel Tseng** (Taiwan) *Golden Gate High School*  
**Jacob Pham Tyler** (Vietnam) *Riverdale High School*  
**Hanyee Yang** (South Korea) *Cape Coral High School*

## Asian Professionals Association of SWFL College Scholarship Application

Fill out below or email [APASWFL@gmail.com](mailto:APASWFL@gmail.com) for application. Deadline is March 27, 2020

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Extracurricular, personal, and volunteer activities (attach additional sheets if necessary). List the organization, position and description of each activity and hours per week of involvement.

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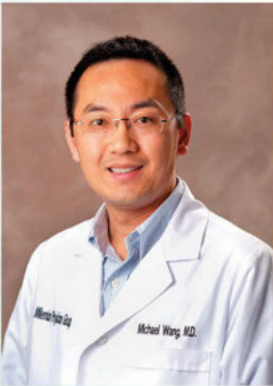
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## 2020 YEAR OF THE RAT

The Rat is the first of all zodiac animals. According to one myth, the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. The Rat tricked the Ox into giving him a ride. Then, just as they arrived at the finish line, Rat jumped down and landed ahead of Ox, becoming first.

In Chinese culture, rats were seen as a sign of wealth and surplus. Because of their reproduction rate, married couples also prayed to them for children.

Rats are clever, quick thinkers; successful, but content with living a quiet and peaceful life.

Optimistic and energetic, people born in the Rat year are likable by all. They are sensitive to other's emotions but are stubborn with your opinion. Their personality is kind, but due to weak communication skills, their words may seem impolite and rude.

On the financial side, they like saving and can be stingy. However, their love for hoarding will sometimes cause them to waste money on unnecessary things.

It's a fate that rat and human beings are greatly related with each other. They often eat our food and have the ability to survive at anywhere without picky about food. Because of this, the people born in the year of the Rat are outgoing, optimistic and highly adaptable in any environment. They are not the people who haggle over every ounce but stay at ease under all circumstances. So, they are easy to be liked and helped by others.

The Rat people are endowed with the power of acute observation, anticipation, and visionary power. 'Rats leave a sinking ship' which means the rat can be aware that the ship will be wrecked and run away in advance. Also, for a factory, once there are rats run out one after another, it predicts the fire damage is coming soon. They can be artistic creators, inventors, innovators etc. However, they should not rely on this power to deal with things completely.

### STRENGTHS

- 1 Insightful, quick reflexes, adaptable, strong adaptive capacity to environment, good at making all kinds of friends.
- 2 Versatile, can quickly and easily grasp any new skill.
- 3 Highly curious and thirsty for knowledge, outstanding memory.
- 4 Affectionate, sentimental, a little bit introverted, amiable, passionate, considerate to others.
- 5 Positive attitude, hard-working and self-controlled.
- 6 Neat and tidy, put their environment in perfect order.

### WEAKNESSES

- 1 Timid, overcautious, suspicious, conservative, indecisive and lack of courage.
- 2 Cunning, changeable, self-opinionated, gainful and blinded by gain.
- 3 Opportunistic, shortsighted and unambitious.
- 4 Overly curious, vain and gullible.

### CAREERS FIT FOR RATS

Because of their independence and imagination, they are suitable for creative jobs. These include authors, editors and artists. However, if they join a team, their creative outlet may be blocked.

Rats also pay attention to fine detail. They are fit for technical work, such as engineering and architecture.

They are alert, but have a lack of courage. This makes them unsuitable as police officers, entrepreneurs or other leadership and political positions. Although Rats make good financial decisions, they should be careful not to invest with a close friend. It will not only cause money problems, but also affect the friendship.

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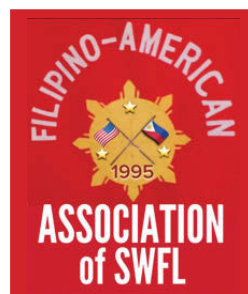


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