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**The Honorable
Congressman Danny K. Davis
7th Congressional District, Illinois**



7TH DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

The 7th Congressional District in Illinois is one of the most exciting, interesting, diverse and dynamic places to live and work in the nation. It is a community with unlimited potential. It is also a district with great disparities and challenges.

The 7th District is wholly within Cook County and bordered on the east by Lake Michigan and extends to the western border of Cook County. The district is generally south of Armitage Avenue and has one arm which extends as far south as 57th Street. It includes much of the West Side of Chicago and parts of the suburban communities of Bellwood (all), Berkeley, Broadview, Forest Park, Hillside, Maywood, Oak Park (all), River Forest (all) and Westchester. In Chicago, the 7th District includes all or part of the community areas of Austin, China-town (Armour Square), Douglas, East Garfield Park, Englewood, Fuller Square, Bronzeville (Grand Boulevard), Humboldt Park, Kenwood, Loop, Near North Side, Near South Side, Near West Side, North Lawndale, Oakland, Washington Park, West Englewood, West Garfield Park and West Town.

The 7th District is home to a host of world class cultural, and 22 higher education institutions It is home to the Chicago Bears, Chicago Bulls, Chicago White Sox and Chicago Blackhawks. It is home to some of the best known and most colorful neighborhoods in Illinois including Chinatown and Greektown. The District’s suburban communities have long, rich histories and have amassed proud traditions.

The District includes downtown Chicago, home of Chicago’s financial exchanges (the Chicago Board of Trade, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the Chicago Board of Options Exchange, the Chicago Stock Exchange and is one of the world’s great international financial centers.

The District includes twenty one hospitals:

- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital
- Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital
- Garfield Park Hospital
- Gottlieb Memorial Hospital
- Hartgrove Hospital
- Jesse Brown VA Medical Center
- John H Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County
- Lorretto Hospital
- Loyola University Medical Center- Loyola University
- MacNeal Health Care Center
- Mercy Hospital & Medical Center
- Mount Sinai Hospital
- Northwestern Memorial Hospital
- Norwegian American Hospital
- Prentice Women’s Hospital
- Rml Specialty Hospital
- Rush University Medical Center
- Saint Anthony Hospital
- Saint Elizabeth Hospital
- Shriners Hospitals for Children Chicago
- Westlake Hospital
- University of Illinois Medical Center
- West Suburban Medical Center

Some of the higher educational institutions in the 7th district:

- Chicago-Kent College of Law
- Columbia College
- Concordia University
- DePaul University
- John Marshall Law School
- Loyola University
- Keller Graduate School of Management
- Rush Medical College
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
- Stritch School of Medicine (Loyola University)
- University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine

Key Cultural Institutions in the 7th district:

- Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum
- Arie Crown Theater at McCormick Place
- Art Institute of Chicago
- Auditorium Theatre
- Chicago Center for Black Music Research Library
- Chicago Children’s Museum
- Navy Pier
- John G. Shedd Aquarium
- Field Museum of Art
- Grant Park Music Festivals

CONGRESSMAN DANNY K. DAVIS - BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Danny K. Davis was chosen by the people of the 7th Congressional District of Illinois as their Representative in Congress on November 5, 1996. He has been re-elected by large majorities to succeeding Congresses.



In the 116th Congress, Representative Davis serves on Oversight and Government Reform including subcommittees: Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs; Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements; and Subcommittee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means including the Subcommittee on Oversight.

Congressman Davis is a member of several Congressional Caucuses including the Congressional Black Caucus, the Progressive Caucus, the Urban Caucus, the Community Health Center's Caucus, and the Congressional Sugar Caucus.

Congressman Davis has distinguished himself as an articulate voice for his constituents and as an effective legislator able to move major bills to passage. He has developed a unique and energetic style of communication and interaction with his constituents setting up dozens of advisory task forces to consider significant questions of public policy. He hosts several weekly television and radio shows which feature audience call in and produces regular written reports to every household in the district. In addition, he maintains weekly office hours in the district and is widely sought after as a speaker at district events.

In the 116th Congress Representative Davis is resolutely committed to preserving our democracy, protecting social security, maintaining our nation's gains in civil and human rights, women's rights, voting rights, protection of the environment, consumer and labor protections, reducing inequality, and ensuring quality, affordable health care for all, while retaining his focus on issues of job creation, poverty, health care, education, youth and criminal justice reform.

Prior to his election to the Congress he served on the Cook County Board of Commissioners having been elected in November 1990 and reelected in November 1994. Previously, he served for eleven years as a member of the Chicago City Council as Alderman of the 29th Ward.

Before seeking public office Congressman Davis had productive careers as an educator, community organizer, health planner/administrator and civil rights advocate. He has received hundreds of awards and citations for outstanding work in the areas of health, education, human relations, politics and advocacy including six honorary Doctorate Degrees from well known Colleges and Universities. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States and has spent time in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and in South and Central America.

Born in Parkdale, Arkansas, on September 6, 1941, Congressman Davis moved to the Westside of Chicago in 1961, after having earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Arkansas A.M. & N. College. He subsequently earned both Masters and Doctorate degrees respectively from Chicago State University and the Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He is married to Vera G. Davis, has two sons, Jonathan and Stacey, and is a member and Deacon of the New Galilee M.B. Church.



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**The Honorable
Congressman Bill Foster
11th Congressional District, Illinois**

CONGRESSMAN BILL FOSTER - BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Congressman Bill Foster is a scientist and businessman representing the 11th Congressional District of Illinois, a position he's held since 2013. He also represented the 14th Congressional District of Illinois from 2008 to 2011. He is the only PhD physicist in Congress.

Bill serves on the House Financial Services Committee where he advocates for consumer protections and an economy that works for everyone. In response to the Great Recession, he helped create several important reforms in the financial services and housing markets, including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Bill serves as chairman of the Financial Services Committee's Task Force on Artificial Intelligence.



He also serves on the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee where he has fought for evidence-based policies and forward-thinking approaches to some of our country's most pressing issues, including climate change and energy innovation. He is a champion for sustained federal funding for scientific research.

Bill serves as the chairman of the Science Committee's Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee, which is empowered to investigate and oversee federal scientific research.

In the wake of the devastating COVID-19 pandemic, Bill was named to the House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus. The Select Subcommittee is charged with examining the federal government's response to the COVID-19 crisis, including the use of taxpayer funds to mitigate the public health and economic consequences of the pandemic.

Bill's business career began at age 19 when he and his younger brother co-founded Electronic Theatre Controls, Inc., a company that now manufactures over half of the theater lighting equipment in the United States.

Before he became a Member of Congress, Bill worked as a high-energy physicist and particle accelerator designer at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab). He was a member of the team that discovered the top quark, the heaviest known form of matter. He also led the teams that designed and built several scientific facilities and detectors still in use today, including the Antiproton Recycler Ring, the latest of Fermilab's giant particle accelerators.

Bill lives in Naperville with his wife Aesook, who is also a physicist. Bill has two grown children, Billy and Christine. Bill's father was a civil rights lawyer who wrote much of the enforcement language behind the Civil Rights Act of 1964.



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**The Honorable
Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi
8th Congressional District, Illinois**

CONGRESSMAN RAJA - BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi was elected to Congress in 2016 and is now in his fourth term representing Illinois' 8th District, which includes Chicago's west and northwest suburbs as well as the 41st ward of the city. He serves as Ranking Member of the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, making him the first South Asian American in history to lead a Congressional Committee. He also serves on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services. The Congressman is a Vice-Chair of the Equality Caucus and Co-Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) Immigration Task Force. In addition, he is the founder and Chairman of the bipartisan Congressional Caucus to End Youth Vaping and the bipartisan Solar Caucus.



Representative Krishnamoorthi is the child of immigrants and was raised in Peoria, Illinois. He attended public schools in Peoria and was a valedictorian of his high school class. Scholarships and student loans allowed him to graduate summa cum laude from Princeton University with a degree in mechanical engineering and a certificate from the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs. He then graduated with honors from Harvard Law School and clerked for a federal judge before practicing law in Chicago.

Representative Krishnamoorthi pursued public service while practicing law and was appointed by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan as a Special Assistant Attorney General to help start the state's Public Integrity Unit created to root out corruption in Illinois. As a member of the Illinois Housing Development Authority, the Congressman chaired the Audit Committee, helping to provide thousands of low and moderate-income families across the state with affordable housing. Congressman Krishnamoorthi also served as Illinois Deputy Treasurer, where he oversaw the state's technology venture capital fund and helped make programs such as the state's unclaimed property program leaner and more efficient.

After his time in the Illinois Treasurer's Office, Representative Krishnamoorthi returned to the private sector, serving as president of research-oriented small businesses developing technology in the national security and renewable energy industries. Representative Krishnamoorthi also served as the Vice-Chair of the Illinois Innovation Council and co-founded InSPIRE, a non-profit that provides inner-city students and veterans with training in solar technology.

The Congressman resides with his wife Priya, a physician, and 3 children in Schaumburg, Illinois.



**The Honorable
Congressman Jonathan Jackson
1st Congressional District, Illinois**



CONGRESSMAN JONATHAN JACKSON - BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Congressman Jonathan L. Jackson represents Illinois' First Congressional District. Born to civil rights leaders Rev. Jesse Jackson and Jacqueline Jackson, the fight for underrepresented people runs in Congressman Jackson's blood. He has long been an advocate for marginalized communities using his platform to fight for equity and civil rights.

Congressman Jackson's commitment to social justice and equality has been the driving force behind his activism. As the national spokesman for the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, Congressman Jackson raised awareness about innocence and juvenile justice issues. He was heavily involved in the Chicago Police Department's false confessions cases, such as those of Darrell Cannon, Oscar Walden, and Johnnie Lee Savory. He played a role in several high-profile human rights and social justice cases, including negotiations with Syrian President Hafez-Al-Assad for the release of captured American Navy Lieutenant Robert Goodman and with Fidel Castro for the release of 22 Americans held in Cuba.



Congressman Jackson values public education and fervently supports expanding opportunities to families regardless of income. In Chicago, he fought against the closure of Chicago Public Schools where he led public hearings and provided civic education training to preserve community memory and prevent closures and turnarounds by private companies. His efforts helped Guggenheim Elementary School come off the closure list in 2010 and saved other schools from the same fate.

Congressman Jackson grew up in Chicago's South Shore neighborhood. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical University and a Master of Business Administration from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Business. Jackson has launched several telecom, distribution, and construction businesses. He has also taught finance and entrepreneurship at Chicago City Colleges and was a business professor at Chicago State University.

Congressman Jackson now brings his activism to Congress. He is committed to promoting policies that advance equality and justice, improving access to quality education and healthcare, and protecting the environment. He proudly serves on the House Committee on Agriculture and on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and is dedicated to working with his colleagues to pass meaningful legislation that will benefit the people of IL-01 and the nation as a whole.



STATE REP. LA SHAWN K. FORD - BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Elected in 2007 to the Illinois House of Representatives representing the 8th District, Rep. Ford is an outspoken advocate for his constituents. Rep. Ford is focused on social justice and disparities in employment, education, and the healthcare system. He has also worked to increase opportunities for ex-offenders, foster small business development, improve access to affordable housing, expand protections for our veterans, safeguard our environment and address our state's fiscal health.



La Shawn is a firm believer in the power of responsible parenting and established the Council on Responsible Fatherhood, which aims to support fathers and help them to become more responsible and present. La Shawn consistently advocates for increased access to financial resources and institutions for marginalized communities and promotes the value of education among students in his district.

La Shawn's own upbringing defines his philosophy as a public servant. Born to an unwed teenage mother in the Cabrini-Green housing projects, La Shawn never knew his father and was adopted by his grandmother. He learned the value of hard work at a young age, earning money for his family by shoveling snow, mowing lawns, collecting bottles and cans for recycling, and stocking produce in the local grocery store. His drive to help people at an early age earned him the moniker of "The Alderman" in Chicago's West Side Austin neighborhood.

La Shawn was the first member of his family to attend a four-year college after attending Weber High School. He graduated from Loyola University, where he played basketball and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education and a minor in political science.

Before becoming a legislator, Rep. Ford taught social studies and coached basketball in the Chicago Public Schools at Bridge Elementary on the Northwest Side and worked as a precinct captain in the Austin neighborhood where he grew up. A licensed real estate broker, Rep. Ford founded Ford Desired Real Estate in 2001. He is also an Illinois licensed insurance agent and continues to be licensed as a teacher.

La Shawn is an outspoken advocate for his community through his WVON-AM radio show, cable TV show on CAN-TV, and frequent columns in the Austin Voice and North Lawndale/Garfield Park Voice newspapers. He hosts frequent town hall meetings, small group discussions, and other opportunities to connect directly with his community.

Since 2007, La Shawn has been re-elected six times to continue his advocacy for the 8th District, a diverse set of communities including the West Side of Chicago and the suburbs of Oak Park, Berwyn, North Riverside, Forest Park, Proviso Township, Brookfield, La Grange Park, La Grange and Western Springs.

La Shawn continues to serve the 8th District with integrity and a commitment to improving the lives of all members of his community. La Shawn lives in the Austin community and is the proud father of daughter, Tia.

NEIL

FOR CONGRESS



Neil Khot is a first-generation American, a lifelong entrepreneur, and a values-driven leader running for Congress in Illinois' 8th District. At the age of 12, Neil started learning business leadership by working in his father's foundry and metal finishing small business in Belgaum, India.

He came to this country with just \$300 in his pocket—and went on to build successful, socially responsible businesses that created hundreds of jobs across Illinois. His ventures have spanned tech and people-driven businesses, all rooted in his belief in equity, innovation, and opportunity.

Neil has never held public office. That's exactly why he's running. Congress is too crowded with legislative wonks who lack a core competency of common-sense solutions that benefit the overall goals and missions of our Democracy. Neil will bring his 30+ years of hard work, leadership and compassion to the 'People's House'. His efforts will create jobs and make government return to serving its people, not just the political elite.

He's a problem-solver with real-world experience who knows how to deliver results – and believes public service is about impact, not ambition.

Why He's Running

With Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi running for US Senate, IL-08 is poised for change. **Neil is stepping up to keep the district in strong, capable, and forward-thinking hands while also continuing to grow our diverse representation in Washington.**

As costs rise, Trump continues to cause chaos in Washington, and vital programs like Medicare and Social Security are under attack. **Neil is the only candidate in the race with the background to be a consensus-driven voice in Washington who will represent working families and seniors.**

Building a Winning Campaign

Lowering Costs for Working Families

Neil knows firsthand how bad policy and tariffs drive up prices. He'll fight to bring down the cost of essentials—housing, food, and healthcare—by taking on Washington's greed and speaking out from firsthand knowledge about damaging tariffs.

Protecting Medicare & Social Security

Voters in this district earned these benefits. Neil will protect and strengthen them—not let Donald Trump and political insiders turn them into bargaining chips.

Leading with Real Economic Experience.

As a business owner and immigrant, Neil knows 'grit'. He has created jobs, balanced budgets, and expanded opportunities for people of all backgrounds. He'll bring the same discipline and vision to federal policymaking—without the chaos. Common sense, consensus-building solutions to everyday problems, not just political grandstanding.

Standing Up to MAGA Extremism

& Defending Democracy

Neil will be a strong, principled voice against MAGA extremism. He knows what's at stake and won't back down. As a businessman, Neil talks to all types of people from all backgrounds and gets things done.

Join Us



This campaign is about building a better future in Illinois – and it starts with all of us.

Contributions of \$3,500 (individual primary max), \$7,000 (couples max), or \$14,000 (couple max for the primary and general election) will help power a strong launch and build the grassroots momentum we need to win.

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MULTI ETHNIC ADVISORY TASK FORCE CHAIRMAN'S GREETINGS

Congratulations to all the newly appointed members of the 7th Congressional District's Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force (MEATF) Executive Leadership Council for 2025–2026. U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis extends his warmest wishes to each of you as you begin your service on this distinguished council. Your selection reflects your commitment to community empowerment, and we are confident that you will contribute meaningfully to our mission.



The year 2025 has been one of renewed progress and remarkable achievements. We give thanks for the blessings and opportunities that have allowed us to advance our shared vision. Our current Executive Leadership Council is now complete with an exceptional team composed of seasoned leaders, dedicated volunteers, and spirited youth—all united by a common purpose to uplift and empower the multi-ethnic communities we serve.

This year also marks the 17th anniversary of MEATF, founded in 2009. I take this opportunity to salute the distinguished leaders who came before me. Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar, an Indian American, served as the founding Chairman. He was followed by Dr. Muhammad Zahid, a Pakistani American, who served from 2013 to 2015. Dr. Tapas Dasgupta, also an Indian American, served during 2020. Martino Tangkar, an Indonesian American, and Kishor Mehta, an Indian American, provided impactful leadership between 2020 and 2023. In late 2023, I was honored to assume the role of Chairman. As a proud Chinese American, I am deeply humbled to continue the legacy of these remarkable individuals in leading this vibrant empowerment and advocacy organization—one that has shaped the social, economic, and political landscape of Illinois in profound ways.

The growth and momentum of MEATF over the years can be largely attributed to the passionate vision and tireless leadership of our founder, Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar. His inclusive approach to uniting 38 distinct ethnic communities has transformed MEATF into a national model of civic engagement and has led to the creation of its sister organization, the American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. (AMEC).

Our agenda for 2025–2026 remains bold and purpose-driven. We will continue to expand access to healthcare and foster global connections through international educational initiatives. Women's empowerment will remain a central focus, highlighted by our annual International Women's Day Gala. We will celebrate cultural contributions through the Global Community Oscars and advance mental health and nonviolence awareness through the Citizens' Action Alliance for Behavioral Health. In addition, we will continue addressing the growing challenge of homelessness through collaborative efforts that bridge public and private resources.

At the core of our mission, MEATF remains a proactive think tank and advocacy platform that confronts the issues affecting our diverse communities. These include voter registration, immigration, racial profiling, violence against Asian Americans, and equitable employment opportunities. We stand united in our commitment to justice, inclusion, and action.

Let us move forward together—with determination, compassion, and unity.

With pride and purpose,
Sam Ma
Chairman, Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force
U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis, 7th Congressional District



AMEC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S GREETINGS



The American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. (AMEC) is a bipartisan, grassroots organization committed to empowering multi-ethnic communities through social, cultural, educational, health, economic, and developmental initiatives. Since its inception, AMEC has created a vibrant and inclusive platform for meaningful dialogue and action—championing public policies that reflect the diverse voices of our nation.

Established in 2016 under the visionary leadership of Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar, and with the blessing of Congressman Danny K. Davis, AMEC—alongside its key partner, the Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force (MEATF)—has played a pivotal role in protecting and advancing the interests of minority communities across the country.

As both a think tank and an advocacy body, AMEC has consistently addressed pressing issues that impact all ethnic communities, including—but not limited to—voter registration, immigration, healthcare access, racial equity, and economic opportunity. Our forums and initiatives over the years have engaged professionals, business leaders, and community advocates in tackling economic hardship and advancing social justice.

I am proud to note that our membership continues to grow, and our Leadership Council remains deeply committed to our shared mission. The success of our programs, including this year's AMEC & MEATF Gala, is a testament to the tireless efforts of our committee chairs, volunteers, and dedicated members. A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Vijay Prabhakar for his steadfast and inspiring leadership. And to each of our valued members—thank you for your unwavering support, countless hours of service, and shared belief in a more equitable future. Your commitment fuels our progress.

At this important juncture, I urge all of you to continue supporting AMEC and MEATF so that, together, we can implement transformative initiatives and achieve our collective goal: to uplift and empower every community we serve.

With gratitude and resolve,

Udaya Shivangi, MD
National Chairman



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AMEC GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings and Welcome to AMEC Gala 2025.

The month of June holds deep historical significance—most notably June 19, now observed across the nation as Juneteenth. On this day in 1865, freedom finally reached enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas—more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued. What began as a local celebration has since evolved into a powerful, nationwide observance—honoring the enduring struggle for justice and marking the oldest known tradition commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.

Freedom is not merely an end goal, it is an important means through which dignity, opportunity, and human potential are realized. It must be cherished, safeguarded, and upheld with unwavering resolve. In today's world, we face persistent threats to freedom: systemic injustice, rising intolerance, or global conflict. These challenges have real, often devastating consequences for individuals, families, especially ethnic communities. That is why, more than ever, we are called to stand united in our commitment to equity, justice, and peace. Our strength lies in solidarity—and in the courage to protect and expand the freedoms that generations before us fought to achieve.

I offer deep thanks to Congressman Danny K. Davis for his unwavering leadership, vision, and commitment to uplifting communities across our nation. I also extend heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar for his dynamic and inclusive leadership, and for continuing to elevate AMEC USA into a model of civic engagement and empowerment.

To all our members and volunteers—thank you for your dedication, time, ideas, and energy. You are the lifeblood of this organization.

Congratulations to the 2025 Congressional Awardees. Your service and leadership are an inspiration to us all.

As we move forward, may we remain united in purpose, grow in strength, and continue to create lasting, positive change in our communities—and in the world.

May God bless us, strengthen our unity, and grant us His peace.

Warmly,

Dr. Zenobia Sowell

Governor

American Multi Ethnic Commission – AMEC USA



AMEC LT. GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



I have always held close the belief in a faith that sees the invisible, expects the incredible, and receives the impossible—faith that can conquer anything. These words became my guiding light during one of the most uncertain times in our history: the COVID-19 pandemic. It was faith, prayer, and collective resilience that carried us through those dark and unfamiliar days. And indeed, we endured, we adapted, and we emerged—wiser, stronger, and more unified.

Faith means believing in what we cannot always see or understand. During the lockdown and the widespread disruption caused by the coronavirus, we were reminded that strength is often found in connection, compassion, and service. God granted us the perseverance to overcome a path our nation had never traveled before.

Throughout that time, our founder, Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar (Dr. VGP), was a pillar of support. He actively reached out to AMEC members—especially the fragile, the vulnerable, and the disconnected—ensuring that no one felt alone during the crisis. His unwavering leadership and commitment kept our community linked by threads of hope, service, and solidarity.

Dr. VGP's outreach—through phone calls, emails, texts, and social media—served as a lifeline for many. He reminded us to hold our heads high, care for one another, and continue being vessels of strength and compassion.

In 2024 and 2025, AMEC continues its momentum with an energized leadership council and a bold vision for the future. I was proud to participate in numerous community and cultural events this year, including The 42nd Annual Lunar New Year Celebration by the Asian American Coalition of Chicago, Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Appreciation Luncheon, Asian Heritage Fest hosted by the Alliance of the Indian Americans of Naperville Area (AIANA), and The 13th International Ramayana Dance Drama, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the International Ramayana Institute of North America. We were honored to witness February 22, 2025, proclaimed as “Asian American Coalition of Chicago Day”, further recognizing the growing influence of multi-ethnic communities.

AMEC is forging ahead with vision, vibrancy, and a renewed commitment to advocacy, equity, and cultural unity.

Join AMEC—Victory is Yours!

Warm regards,

Martino Tangkar

Lieutenant Governor

American Multi Ethnic Commission – AMEC USA

AMEC FOUNDER PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS



Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar

- National Chairman, American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians - AAMEP
- President, Gandhi King Center for Non Violence, Chicago NFP
- Global Ambassador, Houston Tamil Studies Chair, University of Houston, Texas
- Founder Chair, U.S. Congressional Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force - 7th CD - IL & American Multi Ethnic Commission, USA
- Senior Adviser , U. S. Congressman Jonathan Jackson(1 CD- Illinois) Campaign Committee
- Chairman, The Global Eye Magazine & Global Strategic Alliance Inc., - GSA, USA

Brief INTRO of DR. VGP:

Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar is an internationally renowned Public Health Physician, who was the first Asian and Colored person to receive the U.S. Public Health Service's Highest Award during U.S. President Bill Clinton's Administration.

Dr. VGP is a high-energy leader who effectively communicates a vision and relentlessly works to make it a reality.

Dr.VGP is a Creative Master Strategist, Powerful Public Speaker, and Formidable Persuasive Writer who excels in innovation and insightful political acumen.

Dr VGP is the President of American Multi Ethnic Commission AMEC USA and Chairman of Global Strategic Alliance, a proven public relations and global branding corporate.

Dr VGP hosts a popular weekly talk show "Dr VGP Talk Show "and is the Editor in Chief of The Global Eye Magazine that reaches 42 million households including 2 million in USA.

On June 4,2024, U.S. President Joe Biden and First Lady Dr Jill Biden invited Dr & Mrs Vijay G. Prabhakar to the White House and congratulated Dr VGP for the spectacular success of the 13th Annual AMEC Global Congressional Awards Gala held on June 1 at Naperville, Illinois.

On December 5, 2025 Dr VGP had the opportunity to listen to President elect Trump's key appointees Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy, the U.S. Doge Co-Chairs on the Capitol Hill.



Donald Trump Jr. & Dr. VGP



On March 2,2025 , Dr VGP had a dinner meeting with Donald J. Trump Jr hosted by Omeed Mallik , CEO 1798 Capital in West Florida to boost nationwide support for Vivek RAMASWAMY's candidacy for Governor, State of Ohio.

Dr VGP's innovative leadership brings together creative minds to provide sustainable solutions for global peace to shape the future.



Dr Vijay G Prabhakar, President, American Multi Ethnic Commission & Chairman, Global Eye Magazine accompanied by his wife Mrs Cynthia Prabhakar were special guests of President Biden and Dr Jill Biden at the White House Congressional Picnic on Tuesday, June 4 at the lawns of the White House. President Biden welcoming Dr Prabhakar congratulated him on the grand success of the 13th Annual AMEC Congressional Global Awards Gala held on June 1 at Naperville, IL.



GLOBAL IMPACT OF AMEC

Embracing Culture, Commerce, and Community: A Journey of Global Ethnic Connection

Living in America for nearly four decades has deepened my ethnic roots and broadened my worldview. I've come to truly appreciate the unique opportunity this country offers—to blend culture and commerce in ways that elevate lives and create shared prosperity. The multicultural tapestry that defines American life touches me daily through meeting new people, exploring unfamiliar places, and experiencing diverse traditions and cuisines. These encounters are not just enriching—they're unforgettable.



Over the past year, my travels to Japan, India, Sri Lanka, and Scotland have further deepened my understanding of global diversity and unity. As an Ambassador of the American Multi Ethnic Coalition (AMEC), I've been privileged to witness and celebrate the richness of cultures worldwide.

One of the most transformative experiences was my visit to Japan during cherry blossom season. The breathtaking sakura trees reminded me of AMEC's signature performance, "Around the World in 60 Minutes", which showcases 38 ethnic groups through dance, music, and cultural expression. Witnessing Japan's serene elegance in person gave new life to this performance and reaffirmed the beauty of shared stories told through art.

In January 2025, I attended the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The theme, "Diaspora's Contribution to a Viksit Bharat," underscored the vital role of the Indian diaspora in building a developed India. It was deeply moving to see thousands from across the globe gather in pride and purpose.

Sri Lanka offered another dimension to my multiethnic journey. From its lush tea gardens and ancient Buddhist relics to its vibrant culture and hospitality, every experience reaffirmed the powerful concept of unity in diversity—a shared human value that transcends borders.

Beyond culture and community, these journeys also ignited my passion for global food security and sustainable agriculture. India is leading a quiet revolution through the promotion of millets—nutrient-dense, climate-resilient grains with transformative potential for global nutrition.

Attending the **6th International Nutri-Cereals Convention (INCC 6.0)** in Hyderabad (October 17–19, 2024) was eye-opening. The convention, led by the visionary Dr. Benhur Dayakar Rao, brought together global experts to spotlight the nutritional and environmental value of millets. I was honored to join Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, Founder and President of the Global Strategic Alliance (GSA), to present our vision for promoting millets in the United States.

The AMEC delegation, including Dr. Raghunath Rao, Mr. Anil Pulla, and Srinivas M of Prisam, played an active role by managing our booth, engaging with delegates, and advocating for millet innovation. The convention featured cutting-edge research, innovative millet startups, over 80 exhibition stalls, and dynamic cookery demonstrations. It wasn't just an event, it was a movement.



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During this trip, I joined Dr. Prabhakar in Delhi to meet with Dr. Jitendra Singh, India's Minister of State for Personnel and Public Grievances, to promote the upcoming Global Millet Expo (September 5–6, 2025)—an initiative to unite continents around sustainable food systems.

We also visited Marwah Studios, where our visionary Editor-in-Chief of GlobalEye interviewed Sandeep Marwah, the pioneer behind Noida Film City and the Asian Academy of Film and Television. Marwah Studios has redefined media in North India, producing over 4,500 programs with a strong focus on socially impactful cinema—echoing AMEC's mission to use culture as a catalyst for global change.

These meaningful journeys and conversations with thought leaders and changemakers have only strengthened my resolve to connect diverse communities through AMEC's platform.

While expanding internationally, AMEC continues to lead impactful initiatives across America:

June 1, 2024 – 13th Annual Congressional Global Awards Gala, Naperville, IL: Honored luminaries like Jesse White (Man of the Year) and Dr. Leena Gupta (Woman of the Year), alongside leaders in innovation, education, and healthcare.

March 2, 2025 – Top 20 Women of Excellence Awards, Elmhurst, IL: Celebrated trailblazing women in public service, education, medicine, and law. Keynote by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

March 12, 2025 – 13th Annual Congressional International Women's Day Celebration, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.: Honored the Top 20 Global Women of Excellence 2025, including Dr. Udaya Shivangi, Devika Malik, and Jennifer-Ruth Green. Including Special Recognitions: Paralympic Committee of India, Sashi Thanedar, Parthiban Shanmugam, Mustafa Ajmeri, Dr. Kalyani Gopal, Sunil Savili, and Dr. Vasavi Chakka

Congressman Danny K. Davis and other Congressional leaders presented commendation plaques and medallions, reaffirming AMEC's unwavering commitment to equity and excellence.

Hosting our flagship Gala for the fourth time at Naperville's Yellow Box reflects the city's enduring support for multicultural celebration and inclusive leadership. Whether in India, Washington, or Illinois, at AMEC, every initiative is guided by a mission: to foster global impact, elevate multicultural voices, and build bridges across borders. As this movement grows, we invite individuals everywhere to embrace the values of inclusion, sustainability, and shared humanity.

Together, let's create a future where culture, commerce, and compassion intersect to build a better world.

Dr Vasavi Chakka
Dean,
The Global Eye International Institute of Leadership



AMEC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREETINGS



The Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force (MEATF), founded in 2009 by Congressman Danny K. Davis, began as a visionary think tank and advocacy platform aimed at uniting Chicago's diverse ethnic communities with the African American community. The mission was clear: to foster collaboration, shared service, and inclusive development for all residents of the City of Chicago.

Today, that vision has grown stronger through the American Multi-Ethnic Commission (AMEC NFP), a federally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and its sister entity, the American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. (AMEC)—a statewide, bipartisan grassroots organization representing 38 vibrant ethnic communities across Illinois.

The multi-ethnic fabric of this great city, and our nation, is woven by individuals from all walks of life. These communities have built the foundation of Chicago's strength and resilience, and they continue to shape the broader American story.

This evening, at the 14th Annual AMEC Awards Gala, we are proud to recognize exceptional individuals who have used their leadership to serve, empower, and uplift our communities. These honorees are true beacons of hope and progress. I extend heartfelt thanks to the Awards Jury, led by Neil Khot, for their thoughtful deliberations and commitment to excellence in selecting this year's awardees.

This gala is not only a celebration, it is the largest multi-ethnic festival in Chicagoland, with wide reaching impact. We are grateful to our media partner, The Global Eye, a world-wide digital publication reaching over 42 million households globally. This year marks a significant milestone—17 years of MEATF's impactful work. From community-building to crisis response, including our unified outreach during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen firsthand the power of collective action. When tested, we stood together—and we rose together.

MEATF and AMEC represent more than organizations; they represent a movement. Under the leadership of Congressman Danny K. Davis and the founding vision of Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar, we continue to advocate for equity, transparency, economic growth, and integrated development across the 7th Congressional District of Illinois and beyond.

To all our awardees and presenters, congratulations on your outstanding contributions. Your work inspires us to move forward with purpose and pride. Let us stay united, resilient, and committed—today and always.

With deep gratitude,

Naveen Karna

Executive Director, American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. (AMEC)



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AMEC SECRETARY GENERAL'S GREETINGS ! BY SEETA BALA

Greetings and Welcome!

This past year has brought with it a powerful blend of challenges and triumphs, uncertainty and hope, loss and renewal. Through it all, we have found strength in our communities, purpose in our mission, and grace in simply being present in the land of the living. Let us take a moment to reflect and give thanks—for life, family, health, friendship, and the resilience that carries us forward.



The American Multi Ethnic Coalition (AMEC) continues to stand at the forefront of impactful community initiatives. What began as a local movement has evolved into a nationally recognized organization, thanks to the enduring guidance of U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis and the visionary leadership of Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar. Today, AMEC proudly operates chapters in New York, New Jersey, Georgia, California, Massachusetts, Texas, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

Over the years, our work has spanned a wide array of social, economic, and civic concerns—particularly those impacting professional and entrepreneurial communities. Throughout every effort, Congressman Davis has reminded us of the importance of aligning our development goals with the realities of economic hardship and a rapidly shifting political landscape.

Our continued growth is a clear indication of success. Our membership is expanding, and our mission is reaching more individuals and communities than ever before. This would not be possible without the extraordinary leadership of Congressman Davis and Dr. Prabhakar.

To our dedicated members and volunteers—I extend my deepest appreciation. Your commitment, energy, and countless hours of service are what make our work meaningful and enduring.

Thank you for continuing to support and embody the vision of Congressman Danny K. Davis. At this important moment, I humbly ask for your ongoing support to ensure that the American Multi Ethnic Commission (AMEC) continues to grow, serve, and meet the evolving needs of our communities.

Together, we can build a stronger, more inclusive future.

With gratitude,
Seeta Bala
Secretary General
American Multi Ethnic Commission – NFP



AMEC MARCHES ON

“ Shī bǐ shòu gèng yǒu fú.”

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” — Chinese Proverb

This timeless wisdom has deeply resonated with me throughout my journey with the American Multi Ethnic Coalition (AMEC). What began as a simple act of volunteering—assisting backstage with entertainment and logistics—soon became a life-changing experience that shaped my personal growth, leadership, and purpose.

The warmth, camaraderie, and vision I encountered at AMEC inspired me to become more deeply involved. I am especially grateful to Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar, Founder and President of AMEC, for recognizing my potential and inviting me into a leadership role. Through his guidance, I’ve had the opportunity to contribute creatively to many aspects of AMEC’s work bringing together people from diverse backgrounds, planning large-scale events, and celebrating both emerging talent and established leaders.



In March 2025, we celebrated AMEC’s 5th Annual Women’s Day by hosting two landmark events. In Chicago, we recognized the Top 20 Chicagoland Women of Excellence, and in Washington, D.C., we honored the Top 20 Global Women of Excellence, bringing together change-makers from across the world. Another highlight was the historic unveiling of the American Multi-Ethnic Commission’s logo, followed by the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebrations in May 2025, held in the heart of the nation’s capital.

The visionary leadership of Dr. VGP continues to energize our movement. His passion for building bridges across ethnic, cultural, and generational lines has helped AMEC thrive. He consistently inspires us to pursue collaboration over division, impact over inertia, and community over isolation.

What makes AMEC special is its people. From our executive team to our working committees, everyone brings dedication, compassion, and a willingness to go the extra mile. Their tireless efforts have not only advanced our mission—they have helped create a sense of belonging and shared purpose that binds us all. Today, AMEC is more than just an organization to me—it is a calling, a community, and a part of my identity. I am proud to witness our growing membership, especially among youth and emerging leaders from across the Americas, Asia, and beyond. Together, we are building something truly meaningful.

With deep appreciation,

Yuqin Wang (aka Arista Leong)

Vice President, AMEC USA



AMEC EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ACKNOWLEDGES



It has been a wonderful experience organizing the 14th AMEC Global Champions Gala 2025. From its inception to this very evening, it has been a labor of love made possible by the tireless efforts and passionate dedication of so many individuals. We begin by expressing our heartfelt gratitude to the SECA Special Events and Community Arts (SECA) Commission for their generous grant, which helped defray several expenses associated with the Gala. Their support has been instrumental in making this celebration possible.

Our inspirational and visionary leader, Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, infused the process with relentless energy and creative ideas that pushed us all to deliver our very best. We extend our deep appreciation to our living legend, U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis, for serving as our Congressional Host, and to our distinguished Congressional Co-Hosts—U.S. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, U.S. Congressman Jonathan Jackson, State Representative La Shawn Ford, U.S. Congressman Bill Foster, U.S. Congresswoman Delia Ramirez, and Mayor Nathaniel George Booker—for their presence and support at this celebration of service and excellence.

We would also like to extend a sincere thank-you to our valued sponsors—Global Strategic Alliance, Global Eye Magazine, GSA Vision Asian Pvt Ltd, Motherson Group, Tanishq, Belleze Med Spa, First Eagle Bank, Medstar Lab, and numerous others—whose generous support has been vital in bringing this vision to life. Their partnership reflects a shared commitment to uplift communities and celebrate excellence.

Our gratitude goes to the dynamic AMEC leadership team—Governor Dr. Zenobia Sowell and MEATF Chairman Martino Thangkar—for their guidance and collaborative spirit. This event was truly made extraordinary by the outstanding work of all our committee chairs and co-chairs, who brought vision, coordination, and dedication to every detail.

We thank Seetha Bala, Chair of the Entertainment Committee, for curating the vibrant and breathtaking showcase, “Around the World in 60 Minutes,” and the finale dance competition that transported us across cultures in a single evening. We also thank Gauri Yadav and Siddiqu Muhammad for co-anchoring the entertainment segment with enthusiasm and charm, adding an engaging energy to the evening.

To our Banquet and Dinner Committee—Kathy Thorat, Aneta Kolcun, and Rubina Hafeez—we are grateful for your impeccable planning and hospitality, which created a warm, elegant, and delicious experience for all.



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We appreciate the efforts of Chenna Kesavulu and Pinaki Basu, who led the Reception and Registration Committee, ensuring every guest was warmly welcomed and efficiently checked in.

Martino Tangkar and Neil Khot, Co-Chairs of the Awards Committee, deserve our sincere thanks for their thoughtful approach in selecting honorees and maintaining the integrity of the award process.

The Volunteer Committee, led by Arista Leong and Afroz Hafeez, brought energy and seamless coordination through their enthusiastic team. Your behind-the-scenes contributions did not go unnoticed.

Thank you to our event anchors, Ranga Chandrasekaran and Mohita Sukumar, for guiding the evening's flow with clarity, poise, and charm. Mohita also deserves special thanks for her leadership of the Booth Committee, which added another layer of engagement to our event.

To our dedicated Gala Co-Chairs, Dr. Udaya Shivangi (Jackson, Mississippi) and Chacko Cherian (Atlanta), your collaborative leadership and unwavering commitment were foundational to the success of this Gala.

We extend our appreciation to Srivani for managing the stage logistics with calm precision, ensuring a smooth and professional presentation throughout the night.

We applaud Nilab Dubey and Anil Pulla of the Social Media Committee for creating compelling content and amplifying our event across platforms. Anil also led our back office design efforts at Design Qubes in Hyderabad, along with his team, devoting countless hours to producing visually stunning work with excellence.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Anu Malhotra for chairing the Ad Book Committee and compiling a keepsake that beautifully reflects the Gala's spirit and reach.

To Shree Guruswamy, Chair of the Inter-Governmental Liaison Committee, we are grateful for your skillful coordination of key partnerships and connections.

Allen George, Chair of the Press and Media Committee, deserves recognition for securing broad coverage that communicated the significance of this event to a wider audience.

To Agneeswaran Gurusamy, Chair of Audio Visual & Information Technology, we extend our appreciation for the flawless technical execution that supported every aspect of the program.

We thank Fatima Traore and Kadar Sodagar for their elegant leadership of the Processional and Opening Ceremonies, which set a tone of respect, celebration, and international unity.

Kathy Thorat, serving also as our Executive VP and AMEC's financial czar, ensured everything ran efficiently and with transparency—thank you for your quiet leadership and accountability.



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We thank Dr. Vasavi Chakka for her exceptional coordination of our VIP guests, who were made to feel valued, welcome, and appreciated thanks to her efforts.

We also extend our appreciation to Mr. Nagendar Sripada and the team at Endpoint Graphics, our printing partner, for ensuring all our materials were of the highest quality and delivered with care.

We are honored to welcome celebrity anchor Ms. Simran Ahuja, who flew all the way from Mumbai to be with us tonight. With a global following of over two million and renown as one of Bollywood's most beloved emcees, her presence added star power and grace to our evening.

We warmly congratulate all our awardees and commend the vibrant participants of the cultural events and dance competition for their talent, enthusiasm, and commitment to excellence.

To every committee, every volunteer, every partner, and every supporter—thank you. This gala was not just a gathering, but a movement, and it was made possible because of you. Together, we created a night to remember. If we have inadvertently omitted anyone, please accept our sincere apologies and know that your contributions are deeply appreciated.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Kathy Thorat
14th AMEC Global Champions Gala 2025



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On behalf of the American Multi Ethnic Commission (AMEC), it is with great pleasure that we extend a warm welcome to Motherson Group as the Title Sponsor of the 14th Annual AMEC Congressional Global Championship Gala 2025.

As one of the world's most respected and dynamic global manufacturing companies, Motherson Group stands as a beacon of excellence, innovation, and transformative leadership. Your commitment to quality, sustainability, and inclusive growth resonates deeply with the values that AMEC upholds. We are truly excited to have your prestigious organization partner with us in this milestone event.

We are particularly delighted that Mr. Paramdeep Singh of New York will be representing Motherson Group at the Gala and will have the opportunity to engage with distinguished elected officials including U.S. Senator Roger Wickes, U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis, and other esteemed members of Congress.

The presence of Motherson as Title Sponsor brings global stature to our event, and we are confident that this collaboration will serve as a platform to highlight the group's pioneering role in global manufacturing and its alignment with America's renewed vision of becoming a hub of industrial excellence and innovation.

AMEC is a bipartisan national not for profit coalition representing 38 ethnic communities across the United States. Through initiatives spanning social justice, education, culture, healthcare, and civic engagement, our mission is to elevate and empower communities by maximizing the collective strength of diversity.

The 14th Annual AMEC Congressional Global Awards Gala will be held on **Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 5:00 PM onwards, at the Yellow Box Auditorium, 1635 W. Emerson Lane, Naperville, Illinois**. This prestigious gathering, attended by over 1,500 distinguished guests, honors individuals and organizations whose leadership has made a significant impact on society through service, innovation, and advocacy.

Our AMEC Executive Vice President **Katherine Thorat 630 863 1462** and amec.commission@yahoo.com will be available to attend to all your requests, if any for the Gala .

We look forward to celebrating this vibrant partnership with Motherson Group and working together to create an impactful event that reflects our shared values and commitment to excellence.

**With warm regards,
Sincerely,**

Dr. Vijay Prabhakar
President
AMEC, USA

Dr. Zenoba Sowell
2025 Gala Award Jury Chair
Governor, AMEC, USA

Martino Tangkar
2025 Gala Award Jury Co-Chair
Lt. Governor, AMEC, USA

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Global Champions Gala 2025

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PROGRAM

Entertainment Segment Co-Anchors : Gauri Yadav & Siddiqu Muhammed
Awards Ceremony Host : Simran Ahuja, Bollywood Celebrity, Mumbai, India
Grand Finale Co-Anchors : Mohita Sukumar & Prof. Ranga Chandrasekaran

- 5:25PM :** Auditorium Doors Open
- 5:33PM :** **Word of Welcome** : Dr Udaya Shivangi, National Chair, AMEC USA
- 5:36PM :** **Inter Faith Invocation** :
• Pastor Cheryl Ravuri, New Jersey, NJ
• Dr. Vasavi Chakka, Naperville IL
• Mustafa Ajmeri, Atlanta, GA
- 5:41PM :** Grand Entry of Co-Anchors : Gauri Yadav & Siddiqu Muhammad
- 5:45PM :** **AROUND THE WORLD in 60 MINUTES**
- Welcome Drum Roll : Chansoo Lee, Korean American Percussionist
- Polish Dance : Polonia Dance Ensemble
- Indian Dance-1 : Bollywood-Ghunguru Dance Group
- Filipino Dance : Chicago Nightingales
- Russian Dance : Kalinka Group
- Chinese Dance-1 : Chicago Flying Fairies
- Mexican Dance : Ballet Folklorico Quetzalcoatl
- Indonesian Dance : Indonesian Consulate General & Performing Arts of Chicago
- Tibetan Beauty : Mei Dance Academy
- Chinese Dance-2 : Nan Art Dance
- Indian Dance-2 : Mohiniattam-Bharathanjali School of Dance
- 6:40PM :** **American National Anthem** : Yesoe Yoon, Korean American Singer
- 6:42PM :** **PROCESSIONAL HERALDING HONORABLE U.S. REP DANNY DAVIS**
- Celebrity Host **Simran Ahuja** & AMEC Governor **Dr. Zenobia Sowell**
 - Mali AMEC Commissioner **Fatima Traore** & Pakistani American Commissioner **Kadar Sodagar**
 - Mexican American Commissioner **Dr Mercedes Martinez** & MEATF Chair **Sam Ma**
 - Chinese American Commissioner **Arista Leong** & Nigerian American Commissioner **Stella Okere**
 - Indian Consul General **Somnath Ghosh** & Chinese Consul General Ambassador **Wang Baodong**
 - Gold Sponsor, Tanishq CEO **Krishna Dalal** & AMEC Lt. Governor **Martino Tangkar**
 - **Illinois State Rep La Shawn K. Ford** & Awards Jury Co-chair **Neil Khot**
 - **Congresswoman Delia C. Ramirez** and **Congressman Bill Foster**
 - **Congressman Jonathan Jackson** and AMEC National Chair **Dr Udaya Shivangi**
 - AMEC President **Dr.VGP** escorts **Congressman Danny K. Davis.**
- 6:47PM :** **Dr. VGP Introduces AMEC Executive Leadership Team and introduces Bollywood Celebrity Anchor Simran Ahuja**
- 6:49PM :** **Greetings** : Krishna Dalal, Tanishq CEO – Our Gold Sponsor
- 6:51 PM:** **Congressional Welcome** : U.S Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthy
- 6:53 PM:** **Call to Action** : Neil Khot, Awards Jury Co-chair

AWARD

Outstanding Child of the Year :
Child Prodigies of the Year :
Outstanding Student of the Year :
Young Sportsman of the Year :
Golden Eagle Award :
Photo Journalist of the Year :
President John F. Kennedy Award :

AWARDEE

Arman Yousefzai
Thomas Tao & Charles Tao
Ellen Chua
Machi J. Nelson
Sunil Shah
Sirmukh Singh Manku
Steven C Hugh



Global Champions Gala 2025



Lily Prabhakar Changemaker Award	:	Shanthi Vijay Rajan
Attorney of the Year	:	Renato Mariotti
Agri Vision Leadership Award	:	Janardhan Rajagopal
Outstanding Senior Citizen	:	Delorse C. Morrison
Business Leadership Award of Excellence	:	Manish Gandhi
Outstanding Community Activist of the Year	:	Jeff Wang
Innovator of the Year	:	Nagarjuna Malempati
Lifetime Achievement Award	:	Lutfi Syed Hassan

- 7:28 PM : U.S Congressional Greetings** :
- U.S Congressman Bill Foster
 - U.S Congressman Jonathan Jackson
 - IL State Rep La Shawn K. Ford
- 7:34 PM : Global Leaders Greetings** :
- Indian Consul General Somnath Ghosh
 - Chinese Consul General Ambassador Wang Baodong

7:40 PM : A MUSICAL SALUTE TO OUR AMEC GLOBAL CHAMPIONS

- The Whitney Houston Experience: Sherie Yvette Withers
- Fashion Extravaganza: Prosthetic Foundation of America, Justice, IL – Vikram Choudhary, CEO
- Bollywood Hungama: Abbas Ali Mizra and Troupet

8:05 PM :

AWARD

AWARDEE

Man of the Year	:	Pastor Steve Munsey
Woman of the Year	:	Elizabeth Ru Jia
Young Woman of the Year	:	Rohini Singh
Mir Ali Ethnic Singer of the Year	:	Yesoe Yoon
Volunteer of the Year	:	Naveenchandra Karna
Civic Leadership Award	:	Paul H. Luu
Organization of the Year	:	Bharatiya Senior Citizens of Chicago, Haribhai Patel
Outstanding Citizen of the Year	:	Sheila Dordies
Ethnic Restaurant of the Year	:	Madurai Kitchen, Hema Karthikeyan
Tech Entrepreneur of the year	:	Mangesh Kulkarni
President Toni Preckwinkle Leadership Award	:	Soo Lon Moy
Health Care Organization of the Year	:	Midwest Asian Health Association-MAHA, Dr Hong Liu
Grassroots Champion Organization of the Year:	:	ARAM, Nithya Palanisamy

SPECIAL AWARD: Dr Sampatkumar Shivangi Legacy Leadership Award : U.S. Congressman Danny K Davis

8:35 PM : Congressman Danny K Davis Remarks

8:40 PM : Grand Finale Co-Anchors : Mohita Sukumar & Prof. Ranga Chandrasekaran

- By the Riverside – A Chinese Classical Dance: Hao Dance Art
- Vijay Muralidharan & Troupe: Fusion Medley
- AMEC Global Challenge Cup – Open Dance Team Competition

10 Competing Teams - Sweet Sizzlers, Ghunguru (Vande Mataram), Beat Brigade (One World Beat), Suparnika Girls, Dance Raja Dance, Team Rangeela, Nrithya Sangeeth, Ghunguru (Rangila Maro), Dev Darshan Senior Group, Queen International Concept NFP Corporation.

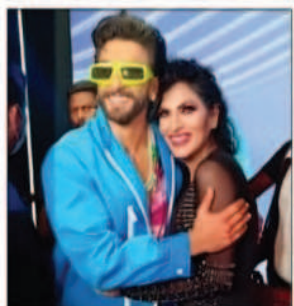
Challenge Cup Dance Jury: Simran Ahuja, Cynthia Prabhakar, Anthony A, Olaoye- Ajayl (New Jersey), Hardik Rawat (Renowned Dancer from India), Srividya Ranganathan and Shirley Rodriguez.

9:44 PM : Bollywood Dance Performance: Shirlzar Dance Company

9:50 PM : Announcement of the Winner of **AMEC Global Challenge Dance Cup 2025** by Dance Jury

10:00 PM: Group Photograph of Awardees

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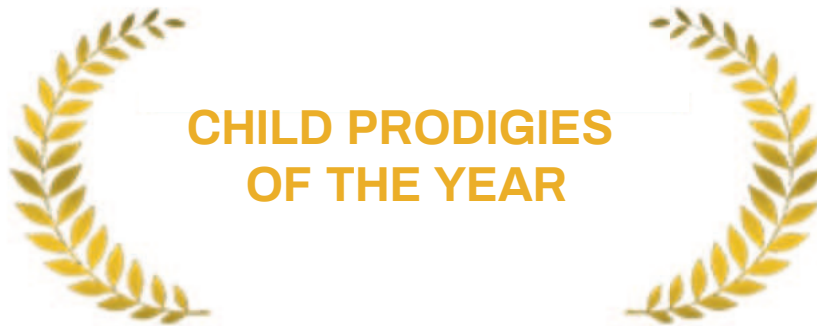


ARMAN YOUSEFZAI

Skokie, IL.

Arman is an energetic and curious child who will be entering Kindergarten. He enjoys learning through play, storytelling, and creative activities, and is known for his social nature and eagerness to help in group settings. Arman serves at the altar at St. James Armenian Church and actively participates in community events alongside his older brother.

He is involved in nonprofit organizations such as the Armenian American Federation (AAF) and Empower Nation, where he regularly volunteers. A passionate dancer with the Sardarabad Dance Company, Arman has also been attending Mathnasium for the past two years to strengthen his math skills.



THOMAS TAO & CHARLES TAO

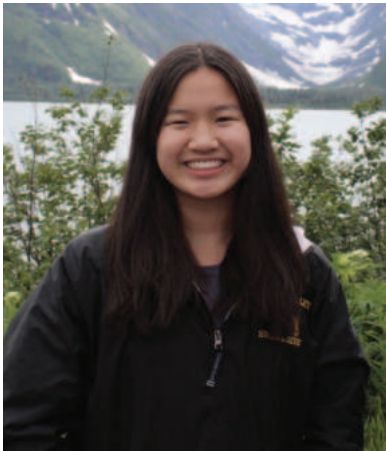
The University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, Chicago, IL

At just 6 and 4 years old, Thomas and Charles have already demonstrated compassion, cultural awareness, and a remarkable sense of community.

In June 2023, during a visit to Beijing, they participated in a local cultural exchange event where they shared stories about American holidays, joined in bilingual storytelling, and performed an English rhyme. Their kind and open-hearted presence was warmly praised by both parents and organizers.

In July 2024, they traveled to rural Yantai, Shandong, to help distribute new toys, snacks, and clothes—items they personally selected and packed. They spent meaningful time playing with local children and were recognized for their efforts with the Yantai International Friendship Youth Award, presented by a city official.

Together, Thomas and Charles embody the values of generosity and friendship, making a positive impact even at such a young age.



ELLEN CHUA

Sophomore, Metea Valley High School, Aurora, IL

Ellen Chua is an incoming junior at Metea Valley High School with a passion for service, leadership, and the arts. She currently serves as the elected Vice President of the Chinese Honor Society and Head of Community Outreach for the Aspiring Health Professionals club. A dedicated member of the Varsity Swim Team, Ellen organized the 2024 “Drown Out Breast Cancer” fundraiser, helping raise money for breast cancer research through team-led efforts.

Beyond school, Ellen has volunteered over 120 hours at Edward Hospital, where she also plays piano weekly to bring comfort to patients and visitors. A committed musician, she has participated in the Illinois Achievement of Music program for the past ten years. Ellen is also an All-Academic All-Conference swimmer and an active volunteer at her local church. Through her many roles, Ellen continues to lead with compassion, discipline, and a commitment to making a meaningful difference in her community.



**YOUNG SPORTSMAN
OF THE YEAR**

MACHI J. NELSON

Proviso West High School, Hillside, IL

Machi Josiah Nelson is a distinguished scholar-athlete and a 2025 graduate of Proviso West High School in Hillside, Illinois. A dedicated and disciplined student, Machi has excelled both on the court and on the track, earning a reputation as one of the school's most accomplished athletes.

As a 3-year varsity basketball player, Machi made a lasting impact, scoring a remarkable 989 career points. During the 2023–2024 basketball season, he was selected to the All-Tournament First Team at the prestigious 62nd Annual Proviso West Holiday Tournament and earned All-Conference First Team and Academic All-Conference honors in the West Suburban Silver Conference.

In the 2024–2025 season, Machi continued to shine, repeating his All-Tournament First Team selection at the 63rd Annual Proviso West Holiday Tournament, and once again being named All-Conference First Team and Academic All-Conference. He capped off the season with a career-high 33-point single game, further cementing his place as a leader and playmaker on the court.

What truly sets Machi apart is his extraordinary debut in track and field during his senior year. With no prior experience, he began training in March 2025 and within just three months achieved historic success. He became the IHSA Indoor High Jump State Champion and followed that triumph by winning the IHSA Outdoor High Jump State Championship as well. His outstanding performance earned him All-Conference First Team and Academic All-Conference honors in track and field as well.

Machi Josiah Nelson embodies excellence, resilience, and a growth mindset. His achievements reflect not only his athletic talent but also his commitment to academic success and personal development. As he steps into the next chapter of his journey, Machi carries with him the spirit of leadership, humility, and determination.



GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD

SUNIL SHAH

President, Federation of Indian Association (FIA), Chicago, IL

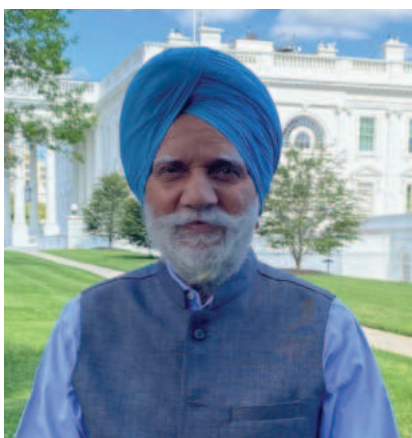
Mr. Sunil Shah is a respected financial services professional with New York Life Insurance Company, where he has served clients through the Greater Chicago Office for over 27 years. A dedicated and high-performing agent, Mr. Shah is a Life and Qualifying Member of the Million Dollar Round Table, a global recognition reserved for the top tier of financial professionals in the industry.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Shah is a passionate and well-recognized community activist. He is the Chairman and Founding President of the Federation of Indian Associations – Chicago (FIA-Chicago), one of the region’s most prominent platforms for representing the voice and interests of the Indian-American community.

For the past 25 years, Mr. Shah has resided in Schaumburg, Illinois, with his wife Rita and sons Swapnil and Sahaj. Deeply committed to civic life, he currently serves as a Zoning Commissioner for the Village of Schaumburg, contributing to the community’s planning and development efforts.

Mr. Shah also serves as an Ambassador for the Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA) in the Upper Midwest Region and is a proud lifetime member of the organization. His dedication to service extends to numerous religious and social organizations, where he contributes generously through both volunteer work and financial support.

A dynamic leader, tireless volunteer, and unifying voice, Mr. Sunil Shah exemplifies the values of service, integrity, and impact. His work continues to uplift and empower communities across the Greater Chicago area and beyond.



**PHOTO JOURNALIST
OF THE YEAR**

SIRMUKH SINGH MANKU

News Correspondent, Washington D.C.

Sirmukh Singh Manku is a pioneering figure in American journalism and a respected voice within the South Asian community. His multifaceted career, spanning engineering and media, reflects a lifelong commitment to service, representation, and excellence.

Born in India and arriving in the United States in the late 1960s, Manku began his professional journey as a structural engineer. For over forty years, he served with integrity and precision in the engineering field, contributing meaningfully to the built environment. However, it was in the late 1980s that he transitioned toward a second and equally impactful calling—journalism.

By the mid-2000s, Manku had established himself as an award-winning correspondent with TV Asia. His reporting was widely recognized for its depth, empathy, and dedication to uplifting the narratives of the South Asian diaspora in America. His most notable achievement came when he became the first Sikh-Sardar in history to be granted a White House press pass. This milestone not only marked a personal triumph but also represented a breakthrough in media representation for underrepresented communities.

Based in Washington, D.C., Manku remains a prominent figure in the capital's media landscape. He is known for his continued engagement with civic, cultural, and community affairs and for his unwavering belief in the power of storytelling to unite and inform.

Through decades of work, Sirmukh Singh Manku has exemplified leadership, integrity, and trailblazing vision—as a journalist, a community leader, and an advocate for visibility and voice in public discourse.



STEVEN C HUGH

Chairman, U.S. Asian American Leadership Council, Chicago, IL

Steven C. Hugh is a distinguished business leader and community advocate recognized for his entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to fostering cross-cultural collaboration. As the Founder and Chairman of the Board of the U.S. Asian American Leadership Council, he plays a central role in advancing leadership, advocacy, and engagement within the Asian American community.

Mr. Hugh's influence extends deeply into the Chinese American community as the Founding Chairman of the Board—and current Chairman of the Advisory Board—of the United Chinese American Association. Through this organization, he has been instrumental in promoting civic participation and cultural exchange.

In the business arena, Steven serves as President of the United States and China Entrepreneurs Commerce Club, where he facilitates vital partnerships and economic opportunities between American and Chinese entrepreneurs. He also leads as President of Superior Brands Corp. and All Trans International Corp., where his strategic vision drives growth and innovation in both domestic and international markets.

With a steadfast dedication to leadership, community, and global commerce, Steven C. Hugh continues to shape positive change and foster meaningful connections across industries and cultures



**LILY PRABHAKAR
CHANGEMAKER AWARD**

MS. SHANTHI VIJAY RAJAN

Cincinnati, Ohio

Shanthi Vijay Rajan is a self-taught quilter, educator, and creative entrepreneur whose journey in the fiber arts exemplifies resilience, cultural adaptation, and artistic innovation. Born in Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu, and raised in Chennai and Bangalore, Shanthi moved to the United States after completing her undergraduate studies in Home Science at Mount Carmel College, Bangalore. She later earned a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition from the University of Missouri and became a Registered Dietitian, serving on clinical teams at the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Children's Hospital before stepping away from her profession to raise her family.

It was during these early years of motherhood in the 1990s that Shanthi discovered quilting—a uniquely American art form unfamiliar in her native India, where warm climates and cultural traditions did not include quilt-making. Inspired by HGTV's daily quilting programs and limited by her husband's demanding on-call medical schedule, she pursued the craft independently, developing her skills in the quiet morning hours before her children awoke. Her creative path was a natural continuation of her lifelong love for handwork, having already mastered cross-stitch, crochet, knitting, and embroidery. Beginning with a simple Singer sewing machine gifted to her on her first wedding anniversary, she transitioned from making clothing for her family to creating vibrant and technically complex quilts.

As her skill and artistic voice matured, her work caught the attention of a local quilt store, which commissioned her to create sample pieces. This led to employment, mentorship, and further refinement of her technical expertise. Today, Shanthi teaches quilting at three locations across Cincinnati and maintains a thriving creative practice, offering custom quilts, memory quilts, and quilted bags under her label, Paisley Quilts and Bags. Her quilts have received formal recognition, including Best of Show honors at the Wyoming Art Show, a juried fine arts exhibition. Beyond artistic merit, her work is deeply personal and meaningful. One of her most cherished projects was a quilt she created for her mother in India, which brought comfort and warmth during her mother's final years of declining health.

Shanthi continues to play an active role in the regional quilting community through annual holiday markets, custom commissions, and her growing student base. As an immigrant woman artist and educator, her story is one of transformation—turning a solitary pursuit into a platform for sharing, healing, and building community.



RENATO MARIOTTI

Attorney at Law, Paul Hastings Law Firm, Chicago, IL

Renato Mariotti is a nationally recognized litigation partner at Paul Hastings LLP, where he advises clients across diverse industries on navigating complex regulatory environments, litigation risks, and government enforcement actions. His practice focuses on helping corporations and individuals capitalize on opportunities arising from regulatory changes while protecting them from legal exposure in high-stakes disputes and investigations.

A former federal prosecutor in the Securities and Commodities Fraud Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mariotti brings deep insight into the financial services industry, which he now leverages in private practice to defend clients in enforcement actions brought by the Department of Justice (DOJ), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), and other federal and state regulators.

Mariotti has tried and won over 20 criminal and civil cases, including the landmark *United States v. Jitesh Thakkar*—the first-ever criminal prosecution of a non-trader for market manipulation. His cross-examination in that case led to a stunning admission by the government's key witness, resulting in a judicial acquittal on conspiracy charges and a full dismissal of all remaining counts by the DOJ following a jury deadlock largely favoring acquittal.

In addition to defending clients in enforcement and criminal matters, Mariotti conducts internal investigations, provides regulatory compliance guidance, and represents clients at the intersection of cryptocurrency, digital assets, and government scrutiny—where legal, reputational, and financial risks often converge.

Mariotti earned his J.D. from Yale Law School and his A.B. from the University of Chicago. He is widely regarded as a thought leader in securities law and white-collar defense and is frequently sought for commentary on legal and regulatory developments in financial markets and emerging technologies.



**AGRI VISION
LEADERSHIP AWARD**



JANARDHAN RAJAGOPAL

C.E.O., Amrut Samudree Pvt. Ltd, Anna Nagar, Tamil Nadu, India

Janardhan Rajagopal is the Founder and Director of Amrut Samudree Pvt Ltd, an innovative social enterprise dedicated to sustainable seaweed cultivation along the coastal regions of Tamil Nadu, India. His mission-driven approach combines ecological stewardship with economic empowerment, offering scalable livelihood opportunities to coastal communities—particularly women from fishing families.

Amrut Samudree specializes in cultivating seaweed using eco-friendly methods such as bamboo rafts and tube-net systems in shallow coastal waters. This form of aquaculture serves as a sustainable alternative to traditional fishing, generating steady income and reducing the pressure on declining marine resources. Seaweed is a valuable raw material for diverse industries, including food, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and agriculture.

Beyond its economic potential, seaweed cultivation offers significant environmental benefits. It helps mitigate ocean acidification, reduces eutrophication, and contributes to carbon dioxide removal, making it a nature-based solution for some of the pressing challenges facing marine ecosystems today.

Under Janardhan's leadership, Amrut Samudree is currently working with over 500 women from coastal self-help groups and is rapidly expanding its operations. The company aims to empower more than 2,000 women from fishing communities over the next two years, fostering inclusive growth and climate-resilient livelihoods.

Janardhan Rajagopal's work represents a compelling intersection of social impact, environmental sustainability, and inclusive economic development, positioning Amrut Samudree as a model for community-based blue economy ventures in India and beyond.



DELORSE C. MORRISON

Bellwood, Illinois

Delores Christine Dilworth Morrison was born on January 27th in Tennessee, where she spent her early years before moving to Chicago. As a young student at St. Malachy School, she discovered something that shaped her deeply—her mother, Pearlie B. Allen, was learning to read at the same time she was. This powerful moment instilled in Delores a lifelong appreciation for education, dignity, and determination.

She married Charlie B. Slaughter, and together they raised four daughters. While caring for her family, Delores remained committed to their education, volunteering regularly at their schools and teaching them the value of working with purpose and perseverance. At the same time, she pursued her own dreams—first becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) through DTI, and then advancing to become a Registered Nurse (RN).

Later in life, Delores married John Morrison and actively served in the International Free and Accepted Order of the Eastern Star, lending her time and talent to their nursing department. Her generosity extended beyond her home as she supported extended family, offering care, shelter, and love to nieces, cousins, and siblings in need.

Her greatest joy is her family. She is the proud grandmother of ten grandsons and one granddaughter, who have established careers in education, business, technology, public service, and the military. They have blessed her with 25 great-grandchildren, each a part of the legacy she has built with love.

Even after retiring from nursing, Delores continues to serve. Nearly 90 years old, she remains active in her senior living community in Bellwood, Illinois, organizing events, calling bingo, and providing transportation and companionship to fellow seniors.

Delores Christine Dilworth Morrison's life is a shining example of strength, service, and multigenerational love. Her story continues to inspire all who are fortunate to know her.



MANISH GANDHI

CEO - SMG Capital, Hunter Foundry Machinery & DIA packaging

Manish Gandhi is a seasoned entrepreneur and investor with a background in Manufacturing Engineering and a proven track record of building and scaling businesses across diverse industries. Known for his strategic vision and international business acumen, he has spent over two decades leading and growing enterprises with a focus on long-term value creation.

After successfully exiting his first venture in the power generation industry, which he led for 23 years, Mr. Gandhi transitioned into a new chapter of business leadership by establishing the Gandhi Family Office. Under his guidance, the family office has invested in more than 10 profitable businesses and startups over the past two years, reflecting a dynamic and diversified approach to entrepreneurial investment.

In addition to his business pursuits, Mr. Gandhi and his family are deeply committed to philanthropy through the Gandhi Charitable Foundation, which supports a range of humanitarian and religious initiatives in both India and the United States. The foundation is grounded in the belief that prosperity must be shared, and the family has made a longstanding commitment to annual giving focused on improving lives and uplifting communities.

Manish Gandhi resides in Oak Brook, Illinois, with his wife Shailja Gandhi. Together, they are the proud parents of two sons, both married, and grandparents to four grandchildren, all of whom live in the Chicago area and surrounding suburbs.



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JEFF WANG

Attorney At Law, Wang & Associates PC, Naperville, IL

Jeff Wang, Esq. is the founder and principal attorney of Wang & Associates, P.C., where he has dedicated over a decade to providing expert legal services in real estate, immigration, and business law. Based in Naperville, Illinois, his practice serves the greater Chicago area with a focus on empowering individuals, families, and entrepreneurs—especially those from immigrant and non-English-speaking communities.

Mr. Wang is widely respected not only for his legal acumen but for his deep commitment to community service. Through his immigration work, he has helped countless families navigate complex U.S. immigration processes, secure both non-immigrant and immigrant visas, and begin new lives with dignity and opportunity. His real estate and business law services have supported first-time homebuyers and small business owners in achieving long-term stability and economic mobility.

Recognizing the need for accessible legal education, Jeff Wang has organized and participated in dozens of free community seminars, “know-your-rights” workshops, and Q&A sessions on topics ranging from immigration policy to real estate transactions and business formation. These sessions have provided critical guidance to underserved populations, ensuring they have the knowledge and tools to protect their rights and make informed decisions.

He is also a mentor to aspiring attorneys from underrepresented backgrounds, encouraging the next generation of legal professionals to pursue excellence while remaining rooted in service and integrity.



NAGARJUNA MALEMPATI

Founder, Remit2Any & Remit Circle, Everett WA

Nagarjuna Malempati is a distinguished software engineer and fintech entrepreneur with a proven track record of building scalable, secure systems that serve millions globally. As a member of a high-impact engineering team at Meta, he contributed to the infrastructure that powered services used by billions, solving complex challenges at the intersection of scale, reliability, and innovation. Subsequently, he founded Remit2Any, a zero-fee remittance platform committed to making global financial inclusion a reality. Designed with transparency and user empowerment in mind, Remit2Any facilitates cross-border money transfers with a secure and seamless experience. He is also the Founder of RemitCircle, a B2B fintech platform that simplifies and accelerates international payments for businesses through robust, reliable systems.

Driven by a strong sense of social responsibility, Nagarjuna co-founded FoodNCare, a tech-enabled nonprofit launched in 2021 that connects food donors with verified NGOs. The platform addresses hunger and food waste by promoting transparency, traceability, and measurable impact in food donation networks across India.

In addition to his entrepreneurial and philanthropic work, Nagarjuna serves as Additional Director at Mokshagna Technologies Pvt. Ltd., where he supports strategic initiatives in software product innovation.

He holds a Master of Technology (M.Tech) degree from IIT Hyderabad, and brings to every endeavor a rare combination of technical excellence, visionary thinking, and deep social consciousness.



LUTFI SYED HASSAN

*Honorary Consul General, The Cooperative Republic of Guyana Southwest, USA
Houston, Texas*

Hon. Lutfi Hassan, a distinguished resident of Houston, Texas for over 44 years, currently serves as the Consul General of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana to the Southwest United States. A highly respected entrepreneur, civic leader, and international advisor, Mr. Hassan brings vast experience from both private and public sectors. As the founder of the Apex Group of Companies, he has demonstrated long-standing expertise in business development and international strategy, advising several multinational corporations throughout North and South America and Asia.

Over the past two decades, Mr. Hassan has also made a powerful impact in American politics. He has served as an advisor to numerous presidential, gubernatorial, senatorial, congressional, mayoral, and judicial campaigns. Notably, he was appointed as National Finance Co-Chair for President Barack Obama's 2008 and 2012 campaigns and served on the Democratic National Committee's National Advisory Board. He also advised South Asians for Biden, helping to mobilize voter engagement across the country.

A trailblazer for South Asian Americans in U.S. civic and political spheres, Mr. Hassan was selected to join the South Asian American Leadership Council (SAALC) in Washington, D.C., and has held several leadership roles including founding chair of the South Asian American Political Action Committee (SAAPAC) and founder of the South Asian Chamber of Commerce, which now marks its 27th year. His contributions were honored in 2003 when a U.S. flag was flown over the Capitol in his name by order of the House of Representatives. His leadership has extended to presidential appointments, including serving from 2000 to 2004 on the USAID Central-Asian American Enterprise Fund Board, appointed by President Bill Clinton. In 2007, he acquired Swiftships Shipbuilders in Louisiana, increasing revenues from \$13 million to over \$300 million by 2013. He has chaired the Houston Mayor's Advisory Board for International Affairs, served on transition teams, and contributed to boards such as the Urban League and Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence.

Mr. Hassan currently serves as Senior Advisor to the Chairman of Continental Hospital Group, and on the advisory board of the Global Eternal Gandhi Museum in Houston. He remains an influential voice in global diplomacy, public service, and community development.



MAN OF THE YEAR



PASTOR STEVE MUNSEY
President, Family Christian Center, Munster, IN

Pastor Steve Munsey is the senior pastor of Family Christian Center, a thriving megachurch located in Munster, Indiana, within the Greater Chicagoland Area. Alongside his wife, Melodye Munsey, he co-pastors the church, which is recognized as one of the fastest-growing congregations in the United States, with tens of thousands of members and a weekly attendance exceeding 13,000. The church is renowned for its vibrant, multicultural community and innovative approach to ministry, including the extensive use of drama and the visual arts to bring biblical stories to life.

Steve Munsey's passion for ministry began early. As a teenager, he wrote his first dramatic rendering of the "Passion of Jesus Christ," which evolved into the annual "Jesus of Nazareth" Passion Play—a large-scale production that now draws audiences from across the country and internationally. The play features elaborate sets, live animals, special effects, and a cast of over 1,000 volunteers, reflecting Pastor Steve's commitment to making the Gospel relevant and engaging for every generation.

In addition to his pastoral leadership, Munsey is an accomplished author, with books such as *How to Become a Heavenly Hero*, *Seven Blessings of the Passover*, and *Seven Blessings of the Atonement* that have inspired readers worldwide. He is also a sought-after speaker and evangelist, known for his dynamic "Story Time" presentations, which use music, media, and storytelling to captivate audiences and communicate biblical truths in fresh, relatable ways.

Pastor Steve and Melodye live in Munster, Indiana, and are parents to Kent and Candace Munsey. Beyond his ministry, Steve enjoys spending time with his family, mentoring young leaders, and supporting the next generation of pastors. His influence extends far beyond his local church, impacting communities across the nation and around the globe through television, radio, and international speaking engagements.



WOMAN OF THE YEAR

ELIZABETH RU JIA

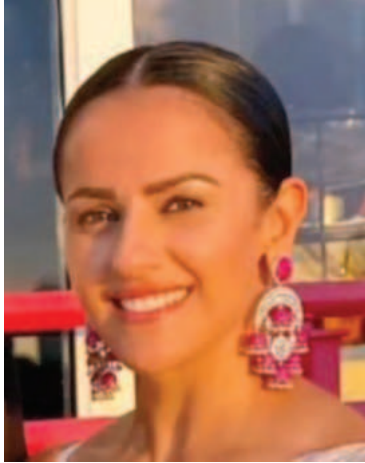
Chicago, IL

Elizabeth Ru Jia is a highly accomplished artist, educator, and cultural consultant recognized as one of the 100 Most Influential Chinese Contemporary Artists. With a distinctive cross-cultural approach, she has exhibited widely in both the United States and China, with her works featured at major venues such as the Xizhui Museum of Art and the US-China Friendship Gala. Her paintings, including the celebrated "Friendship" and "Peking Opera", reflect her deep cultural roots and artistic innovation, blending traditional techniques with modern expression.

Elizabeth holds an MBA in International Management from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a BA in Art Directing from the Communication University of China. She is the founder and president of Culture China Premier Solutions, LLC, where she provides diversity and cultural consulting services to Fortune 500 companies, including Brach's and Dentons. Her past academic appointments include teaching at New Oriental Education in Beijing and guest lecturing at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), where she has contributed to special programs on cultural heritage and global art education.

She is the author of *The Love of Panda: Our Common Ground* and several articles on art and cultural dialogue. Her early training began in China at the age of nine, later studying at Tsinghua University. Her awards include multiple honors from the Beijing Winter Olympic Art Competition, World Bolan Poetry, and the Worldwide Chinese Female Artist Competition.

Elizabeth is an active member of the Chinese National Painter and Calligrapher Association, US-China Cultural Association, and has served as a judge for art exhibitions and public cultural initiatives. Her community involvement and artistic leadership continue to bridge artistic traditions and contemporary global perspectives.



**YOUNG WOMAN
OF THE YEAR**



ROHINI SINGH

Past President Of JRRS, New York

Rohini Singh is a dynamic and accomplished leader whose contributions span film, philanthropy, education, and community engagement. She is the co-founder of Maurya Entertainment and Astro Lion Pictures, two production companies behind several notable Bollywood and Hollywood films. Her work in the entertainment industry is matched by her deep dedication to service and community leadership.

For over a decade, Rohini has played an active role in the Jericho School District on Long Island, New York. She is the former President of the PTA at Jericho Elementary and Middle School (JRRS) and continues to serve on their executive boards. She also sits on the executive board of the Jericho Athletic Association (JAA), where she supports youth development through sports and recreation.

Rohini balances her professional and civic life with her role as a devoted wife and mother of three children, all of whom attend schools in the Jericho district. Her passion for giving back is also reflected in her work with several non-profit organizations. She serves on the board of the Nargis Dutt Memorial Foundation, which provides cancer care for underserved communities in India, and the Indian American Forum, which promotes cultural understanding and advocacy. She is also actively involved with South Asian Young Women's Entrepreneurs (SAYWE), where she served as gala chair.



**MIR ALI ETHNIC
SINGER OF THE YEAR**



YESOE YOON

Korean American Singer, Niles, IL

Yesoe Yoon is a Korean-born lyric coloratura soprano known for her expressive, floating voice and her leadership as a music educator and civic contributor. Her vocal talent has been featured at numerous high-profile events, including performances of the national anthem at Millennium Park for the Aga Khan Foundation, the Illinois Treasurer's Office, and ceremonies led by former Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White. She has performed across a wide range of venues—from universities and churches to government and corporate functions—sharing her passion for music with diverse audiences.

Yesoe holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Media, and Music from Northeastern Illinois University, where she also trained in classical voice. She went on to pursue a Master's degree in Voice Performance, further honing her craft. A versatile musician, she is also proficient in piano, flute, ocarina, and other instruments, and is dedicated to teaching voice and piano to students of all ages. Her commitment to youth and cultural education includes her past role as conductor of the children's choir at the Chicago United Korean School.

Currently, Yesoe is pursuing a Doctorate in Strategic Leadership and Innovation (DBA) at Concordia University Chicago. Alongside her artistic and academic pursuits, she works in the financial services sector, focusing on bond reconciliation, and serves on the Finance Committee for the Village of Niles, demonstrating a unique blend of artistic excellence, educational leadership, and public service.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

NAVEENCHANDRA KARNA

*Executive Director, American Multi Ethnic Commission
Bolingbrook, Illinois.*

Mr. Naveenchandra Karna is the Global Head of Digital Solutions at Tata Consultancy Services, USA, and Executive Director of the American Multi Ethnic Commission. A trailblazer in technology, he also serves as Technology Director for Corporate Business Systems at IRI and holds the prestigious Kellogg Executive Scholar Certificate in Chief Digital Officer leadership. He is also a faculty member at The Global Eye International Institute of Leadership, where he mentors emerging leaders.

A serial entrepreneur, Mr. Karna is the driving force behind Amaze Foods and Yellow Box Café, blending innovation with culinary vision. He played a pivotal role as a founding member of 3i – International Indian Icon and the Artists Association of North America. He has served as COO of Global Eye Magazine and Joint COO of Global Strategic Alliance, where he led its first-ever global expo to resounding success.

With an unwavering commitment to innovation, inclusion, and impact, Mr. Karna is a dynamic leader transforming industries and empowering communities worldwide.



PAUL H. LUU

C.E.O., Chinese American Service League, Chicago, Illinois.

Paul Luu is the Chief Executive Officer of the Chinese American Service League (CASL), the largest and most comprehensive Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) social service organization in the Midwest. With over 25 years of nonprofit leadership, Paul has dedicated his career to strengthening organizations that serve immigrant and minority communities across the Chicagoland area and beyond. His leadership is grounded in humility, collaboration, and a commitment to building strong, sustainable infrastructure for community impact.

Under Paul's leadership, CASL launched the Center for Social Impact and Change Insight, a groundbreaking national initiative that collects social determinants of health data from over 35 AANHPI organizations. It is the first effort of its kind to center underserved AANHPI communities, offering accessible, community-driven data to guide programming and advocacy nationwide.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Paul expanded services while guiding CASL through crisis response efforts, including a senior meals program, the development of a culturally responsive behavioral health department, and a strategic partnership with The Asian American Foundation to establish one of the nation's first AANHPI Anti-Hate Action Centers.

Prior to CASL, Paul served as President & CEO of the Vietnamese Association of Illinois (VAI), where he led the organization through a period of growth and revitalization, launching a legal clinic, expanded veteran care services, and a new community center. He also spent a decade in leadership with the Boys & Girls Clubs, developing safe spaces for youth in Chicago and Champaign County.

Paul serves in numerous civic roles, including on boards and committees for the University of Illinois-Chicago, the Coalition for a Better Chinese Community, Insight Memorial Hospital, Civic Federation of Chicago, and the Lieutenant Governor's Agriculture Equity and Food Insecurity Council. He remains a dedicated ally to Chicago's immigrant communities and a committed advocate for equity, policy change, and cross-sector collaboration. Paul holds a Bachelor of Science from Illinois State University and resides in Chicago with his family.



**ORGANIZATION
OF THE YEAR**

BHARATIYA SENIOR CITIZENS OF CHICAGO
MR. HARIBHAI PATEL
FOUNDER, CAROL STREAM, IL

The Bharatiya Senior Citizens of Chicago is a vibrant, community-based organization dedicated to serving Indian senior citizens across the Chicago area. Founded in 2007 by Haribhai Patel, the organization began with a small group of passionate individuals and has since grown into a dynamic network of nearly 1,600 members—the largest and most active senior citizen organization of its kind in the United States.

With a mission to enhance the quality of life, well-being, and cultural connection for its members, the organization offers a wide range of programming. From monthly events, cultural celebrations, and international/domestic tours to health awareness drives and guidance on issues such as Medicare and OCI applications, the group provides vital resources and joyful experiences that promote dignity, engagement, and belonging among seniors.

Under the visionary leadership of President Haribhai Patel, the organization has also made a significant philanthropic impact. It has donated two surgical ambulances to the Indian Blind Association, one cardiac ambulance to Amreli Hospital, contributed \$65,000 to Savarkundla Hospital, and donated \$55,000 to Umang, an institution that supports children with speech and hearing impairments. These acts reflect the organization's commitment to service—both locally and globally.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Haribhai led with compassion and urgency, organizing vaccination drives and ensuring that senior members were informed, supported, and protected. His dedication to the community, both in the U.S. and India, has made him not just a leader but a beloved figure and guiding force.

Today, Bharatiya Senior Citizens of Chicago stands as a testament to unity, resilience, and cultural pride. Through celebration, service, and connection, it continues to uplift the lives of Indian seniors and preserve the values of seva (service), respect, and togetherness.



**OUTSTANDING CITIZEN
OF THE YEAR AWARD**

SHEILA DORDIES

C.E.O., Mothers For Families NFP, Chicago, Illinois.

Sheila Dordies, Founder of Mothers for the Families, was born on June 29, 1963, in Memphis, Tennessee, as the third of eight children to Andrew Phillips and Gladys Dordies. Her upbringing was shaped by the civil rights movement and the influence of her father, a Memphis sanitation worker who marched with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the historic fight for labor rights. Mr. Phillips stood among the crowd when Dr. King delivered his final “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop” speech—an experience that profoundly impacted Sheila’s understanding of justice and dignity.

Growing up amid racism, poverty, and inequality, Sheila bore witness to the struggle and strength of her community. Inspired by the grassroots movements of her childhood, she developed a passion for advocacy and service that has defined her life's mission.

Throughout her journey, Sheila has worked alongside influential leaders including Congressman Danny K. Davis, Congressman Jonathan Jackson, Senator Mattie Hunter, and State Representative LaShawn Ford. Her voice has resonated across platforms like the Black Women’s Expo and Eyes on Chicago with Dr. Hermene Hartman of INDIGO Magazine.

Inspired by civil rights icons such as Fannie Lou Hamer, Winnie Mandela, and Senator Mattie Hunter, Sheila founded Mothers for the Families—a nonprofit based in Englewood, Chicago. The organization focuses on healing communities impacted by violence, poverty, and neglect, grounded in the principles of Restoration, Reclamation, and Transformation.

Sheila also launched Dordies Cleaning Company with support from political and community leaders, creating economic opportunities through entrepreneurship. Additionally, as a Deputy Registrar, she teaches voter education and registration, advocating for civic participation in underserved communities.

Through determination and deep community roots, Sheila Dordies continues to lead with compassion and conviction. Her work is a powerful reflection of resilience, justice, and the belief that true change begins with love and collective action.



**ETHNIC RESTAURANT
OF THE YEAR**



MADURAI KITCHEN

Arlington Heights, , IL

Founded by tech professionals Hema and Karthikeyan, Madurai Kitchen is a family-owned Indian restaurant with locations in Arlington Heights and Warrenville, Illinois. Since its founding in 2022 (Arlington Heights) and 2024 (Warrenville), the restaurant has established itself as a destination for authentic South Indian cuisine, offering a wide variety of dishes that reflect the rich culinary traditions of Madurai, a historic city in Tamil Nadu, India. The menu features both vegetarian and non-vegetarian specialties, including dosas, parottas, biryanis, and a selection of Indo-Chinese dishes, all prepared with fresh ingredients and bold flavors.

Madurai Kitchen is celebrated for its flavorful curries, crispy dosas, and authentic parottas. The restaurant caters to a broad range of tastes, with options for both spice enthusiasts and those who prefer milder flavors. The staff is friendly and passionate about delivering high-quality food and excellent service, ensuring a memorable dining experience for every guest. The ambience is welcoming, with a focus on hospitality and a commitment to making customers feel at home.



MANGESH KULKARNI

Head of Operations - GlobalTekForcecom Inc, Virginia

Mangesh Kulkarni is a dynamic entrepreneur and technology leader with a deep commitment to innovation, economic empowerment, and community development. He is the founder of Globaltekforcecom Inc., a Woman-Owned Small Business that delivers cutting-edge enterprise architecture, AI-driven automation, and cloud-based solutions to both federal agencies and commercial enterprises. Under Mangesh's leadership, the company has grown into a boutique consulting firm known for its agility, innovation, and impact across multiple industries.

With over two decades of experience in the tech sector, Mangesh has built a career at the intersection of technology and strategic problem-solving. His work emphasizes not only technical excellence but also a human-centered approach that considers sustainability, equity, and long-term value creation. Through Globaltekforcecom, he has led critical projects for government clients, offering scalable solutions in areas ranging from cybersecurity to intelligent automation.

Mangesh is also an active real estate investor and developer, with a focus on revitalizing underserved neighborhoods and supporting projects that contribute to inclusive urban growth. His ventures blend business acumen with a strong sense of civic duty, often aligning commercial success with positive social outcomes.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Mangesh is a dedicated mentor and philanthropist. He supports minority- and women-owned startups, serves on advisory boards, and regularly contributes to nonprofit initiatives that promote education, healthcare access, and entrepreneurship among underrepresented communities.



**PRESIDENT
TONI PRECKWINKLE
LEADERSHIP AWARD**



SOO LON MOY

Volunteer, Chinese American Museum of Chicago, Illinois

Soo Lon Moy has dedicated her life to education and the empowerment of Chicago’s Chinese American community. A proud product of the Chicago Public Schools, she served for 34 years as a bilingual educator, advocating for cultural literacy, bilingual parent engagement, and the preservation of Chinese heritage. As a lead teacher, she successfully secured grants to support Chinese cultural programming and community-based initiatives.

Beyond the classroom, Soo Lon has been a driving force in cultural preservation and community engagement. She has served as a board director of the Chinatown Museum Foundation (CMF) since 2004, including eight years as its president (2012–2020). She currently chairs CMF’s Exhibition Committee, helping to curate impactful exhibitions at the Chinese American Museum of Chicago (CAMOC) that highlight the Chinese American experience.

Soo Lon also serves as treasurer and board member of the Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community, as well as the Moy Family Association Women’s Club, where she previously held the role of president. Her leadership extends to her volunteer work as a docent at the Field Museum, where she has served for over two decades, and to her past board membership at the Chicago Cultural Alliance (CCA). A dedicated collaborator, Soo Lon has worked with a wide range of cultural organizations—from the Hellenic Museum and Ukrainian National Museum to the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian—bringing diverse stories to life through shared programming.

She is co-editor of *Chinese in Chicago, 1870–1945* (2005) and lead writer of the *Chinese Heritage Curriculum Resource Guide* (1999), published by Chicago Public Schools. She holds a B.A. in Sociology and Anthropology from the University of Illinois Chicago and an M.S. in Elementary Education from Northern Illinois University.

Soo Lon Moy continues to be a passionate advocate for education, cross-cultural understanding, and the legacy of Chinese Americans in Chicago and beyond.



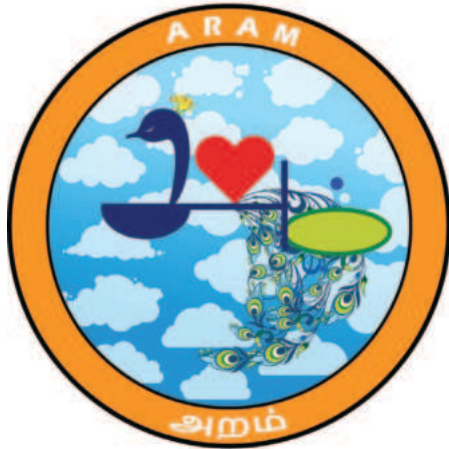
MIDWEST ASIAN HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Hong Liu, CEO, Chicago, IL

The Midwest Asian Health Association (MAHA) is a Chicago-based nonprofit organization established in 2003 with the mission to reduce health disparities for medically underserved, low-income populations, especially Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, in the Midwest. MAHA provides culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate services, including health education, screening, immunization, mental health support, substance abuse prevention, and employment assistance.

MAHA is recognized for its strong partnerships with community organizations, healthcare providers, academic institutions, and public health departments. It hosts events such as the Midwest AANHPI Mental Health Service Summit, which aims to elevate mental health awareness and foster collaborative solutions in the region

MAHA is led by Dr. Hong Liu, a founding member and Executive Director. Dr. Liu, who came to the U.S. in 1988 and holds advanced degrees in Political Science and Public Policy Analysis, is a well-respected community leader dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of minority and immigrant populations. Under her leadership, MAHA's programs have reached and benefited hundreds of thousands of immigrants, refugees, and other underserved groups in the Midwest. Dr. Liu is also active on government advisory councils and has received numerous awards for her contributions to public health.



ARAM

Westmont, Illinois

ARAM is a nonprofit cultural organization founded in 2016 with the mission of preserving Indian heritage while empowering communities through education, service, and the arts. ARAM provides a vibrant platform for Indian-American families to stay rooted in their cultural identity while making meaningful contributions locally and globally.

Over the past decade, ARAM has launched several impactful initiatives. Its Tamizh Palli program has introduced over 200 children across North America to the richness of the Tamil language and literature. The Thirukkural Vaguppu complements this by instilling timeless moral values through weekly sessions on the classic Tamil text, the Thirukkural.

Beyond education, ARAM has consistently championed social impact through charitable giving and grassroots volunteerism. From sponsoring education for underserved students in India to distributing disaster relief materials and supporting local healthcare needs, ARAM's philanthropic reach continues to grow. In 2025 alone, ARAM raised funds to support the education of 112 children through its partnership with Arul Oli.

Driven by a team of passionate volunteers and visionary leaders, ARAM remains committed to cultural celebration, community upliftment, and service—uplifting lives one tradition, one lesson, and one act of kindness at a time.



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U.S. CONGRESSMAN DANNY K DAVIS *7th Congressional District, Illinois*

Danny K. Davis is the United States Representative for Illinois's 7th Congressional District, serving since 1996. He is a highly respected and revered Democratic leader known for his commitment to progressive causes and effective advocacy for his constituents.

Born on September 6, 1941, in Parkdale, Arkansas, Davis is the son of sharecroppers and grew up in a large family. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Arkansas A.M. & N. College (now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff) in 1961 before moving to Chicago, where he began his career as a postal clerk and later became a teacher in the Chicago Public Schools. He went on to earn a master's degree from Chicago State University and a doctorate in public administration from the Union Institute in Cincinnati. Before his election to Congress, Davis served as a Chicago alderman for the 29th Ward from 1979 to 1990 and as a Cook County Commissioner from 1990 to 1996. He has built a solid reputation as a grassroots progressive, focusing on issues such as education, criminal justice reform, housing, health care, job creation, and poverty reduction.

In Congress, Davis is a member of the Ways and Means Committee and has chaired the Worker and Family Support Subcommittee. He is also active on the Oversight and Reform Committee and participates in numerous caucuses, including the Congressional Black Caucus, the Progressive Caucus, and the Urban Caucus. He is recognized for his energetic communication style, hosting weekly television and radio shows, maintaining regular office hours, and producing written reports for his district.

Davis has received hundreds of awards and honorary doctorates for his work in health, education, and advocacy. He is married to Vera G. Davis, and is a deacon at the New Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. His leadership continues to shape public policy and improve the lives of residents in Chicago and beyond.



**LINCOLN LEADERSHIP
AWARD**

WOLF BLITZER

Anchor, The situation Room, CNN , Washington D.C.

Wolf Isaac Blitzer is an acclaimed American journalist, television news anchor, and author, best known for his long tenure as a principal anchor at CNN. Born to Polish Jewish Holocaust survivors, Blitzer's family immigrated to the United States when he was an infant, settling in Buffalo, New York, where he grew up.

Blitzer began his journalism career in 1972 with Reuters in Tel Aviv, reporting on international and Middle Eastern affairs. He later became the Washington, D.C., correspondent for The Jerusalem Post, a position he held for over 15 years, which established his expertise in both American and Middle Eastern politics.

Joining CNN in 1990 as the Pentagon correspondent, Blitzer gained national prominence for his coverage of the Persian Gulf War. He served as senior White House correspondent from 1992 to 1999, covering the Clinton administration and earning accolades for his reporting on major stories. Blitzer has anchored several key CNN programs, including Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer (1998–2009) and The Situation Room, which he has hosted since 2005. As of March 2025, he co-hosts The Situation Room with Pamela Brown in a new morning slot.

Renowned for his interviews with world leaders and his moderation of presidential debates, Blitzer is a respected authority on U.S. politics and international affairs. He is the author of two books and has received numerous awards for his journalism. Blitzer is married to Lynn Greenfield and has one child. His background as the son of refugees has informed his advocacy for humanitarian causes.



LIGHT OF LIFE AWARD



CONGRESSMAN CLEO FIELDS

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Cleo C. Fields is an American attorney and politician currently representing Louisiana's 6th congressional district in the United States House of Representatives. Raised in a large family outside Baton Rouge, Fields overcame significant childhood hardship to pursue higher education and public service.

Fields graduated from McKinley High School in Baton Rouge and earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from Southern University in Baton Rouge. At just 24 years old, he made history as the youngest person ever elected to the Louisiana State Senate, and he quickly became known for his advocacy on issues such as education, economic development, and community empowerment.

In 1992, Fields was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, becoming the youngest member of the 103rd Congress. During his tenure, he introduced landmark legislation, including the Delta Initiatives Act and the Check Cashing Act of 1993, and was a strong advocate for voting rights, education reform, and economic opportunity. He also created the Congressional Classroom program, now known as the Louisiana Leadership Institute, to inspire and develop future leaders.

Fields ran for governor of Louisiana in 1995, making history as the first African American to become the Democratic nominee for the office. Though he was not elected, his campaign further cemented his reputation as a dedicated public servant. After leaving Congress, he returned to the Louisiana State Senate and built a successful law practice before making a comeback to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2024.

Fields is married to Debra and has two adult sons. He remains deeply committed to serving his community and improving opportunities for all Louisianans through his work in Congress and beyond.



CONGRESSMAN DARIN LAHOOD

16th Congressional District, Illinois

Congressman Darin LaHood serves as the representative for Illinois’s 16th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Born and raised in Peoria, LaHood is a third-generation resident with strong local roots. He graduated from Spalding High School, earned his bachelor’s degree from Loras College, and completed his law degree at the University of Illinois-Chicago John Marshall Law School.

Before entering politics, LaHood was a respected prosecutor, working as an Assistant United States Attorney in Las Vegas—where he was named Chief Terrorism Prosecutor—and as an Assistant State’s Attorney in Cook and Tazewell Counties. He also practiced law in Peoria.

LaHood began his political career in 2011 when elected to the Illinois State Senate, serving until 2015. He then won a special election to the U.S. House, initially representing the 18th District. After redistricting in 2023, he became the congressman for the new 16th District, which covers 21 counties across central and northwestern Illinois, including Peoria, Bloomington-Normal, and Rockford.

In Congress, LaHood sits on the House Ways and Means Committee, chairs the Subcommittee on Work and Welfare, and serves on the Subcommittee on Trade. He is also a member of the House Intelligence Committee and the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party. Known for his conservative values, LaHood advocates for economic development, fiscal responsibility, law enforcement support, and national security.

He is active in bipartisan caucuses, including the US-China Working Group and Digital Trade Caucus, and supports Illinois farmers and small businesses. LaHood, an avid athlete, enjoys running, hiking, and backpacking. He lives in Peoria with his wife Kristen and their three sons.



**CONGRESSMAN
DANNY K. DAVIS
PEACE PRIZE**



ELIZIE L. HIGGINBOTTOM

President/CEO, East Lake Management Group Inc.

Elzie L. Higginbottom is a pioneering real estate developer and influential business leader born on November 24, 1941, in Chicago, Illinois. Raised in a family that valued entrepreneurship and service, Higginbottom excelled as an athlete and scholar. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1965 with a B.A. in agricultural economics, where he was a standout track and field athlete—winning multiple Big Ten championships and earning NCAA All-American honors in the 440-yard dash.

Higginbottom began his business career at Baird & Warner in Chicago, where he established and led the Government Assisted Multifamily Finance Division, overseeing significant loan portfolios. Rising through the ranks, he became the mortgage vice president in charge of FHA financing. In 1983, he founded East Lake Management & Development Corp., which grew to become the largest minority-owned real estate company in Illinois. Through East Lake, Higginbottom developed and managed thousands of housing units, including landmark high-rises in Chicago’s Loop and River North districts, and partnered with the Chicago Housing Authority and other institutions to provide affordable, safe housing.

Recognized for his leadership and impact, Higginbottom was named to Crain’s Chicago Business list of “Who’s Who in Real Estate” in 2005 and was inducted into the Chicago Association of Realtors Hall of Fame in 2000—making him the only African American to receive this honor. He is also committed to community service, endowing the Higginbottom Urgent Care for Kids Unit at Mercy Hospital and co-founding Friends of Track and Field to inspire young athletes.

Higginbottom serves on the board of After School Matters and as a trustee for the Illinois Institute of Technology. He is married to Deborah Larsen and is the father of four children. Elzie Higginbottom’s legacy is one of innovation, perseverance, and dedication to improving lives through real estate and public service. His favorite quote reflects his philosophy: “Patience Is The Smart Thing To Do. Without Patience, You Will Never Be Successful In Business.”

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CHENNAI, INDIA

DOCTORS DAY CELEBRATIONS 2024



**FRIDAY
5TH JULY**
FROM 5PM ONWARDS



LE ROYAL MERIDIEN
CHENNAI, TAMIL NADU - 600016
(NEAR GUINDY METRO STATION)

CHIEF GUEST



SELVI APOORVA IAS
Agricultural Production Commissioner
& Principal Secretary to Government
Govt. of Tamilnadu.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



DR. KRISHNAN SUTHANTHIRAN
President/Founder of
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Best Cure Foundation

PRESIDED BY



DR VIJAY G. PRABHAKAR
National Chair
American Association of Multi Ethnic
Physicians- AAMEP USA

SPECIAL GUESTS



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Chairman, Arma Medical Foundation
Chennai



PADMASRI DR S. NATARAJAN
Founder, Aditya Eye Hospital
Mumbai



L. SRINIVASAN
President, Global Welfare Foundation
Chennai

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW TEAM BEST MEDICAL CENTERS AND SOCIETIES

- Opening of a New Cancer Center in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu India with the world's first Gamma Beam 100- 80 CM, Equinox Unit with built In Electronic MLC for IMRT, SBRS and Active RX, Treatment Planning Systems invented and manufactured by Best Theratronics, LTD. and Best Nomos companies of TeamBest Global.
- Opening of the world's first Best Cure Foundation Non-Profit Best Cure Proactive, Preventive, Primary, Medical, Dental and Eye Care Wellness Center in Coimbatore by the end of 2024.

YOUNG PHYSICIANS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE PROGRAM AND DINNER TO LEARN ABOUT HOW CAN WE SAVE AS MANY AS 50% OF THOSE DYING TODAY (FIRST SESSION) AND IN THE SECOND SESSION ABOUT THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE IN DIGITAL AGE.

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AN EXCLUSIVE BIRTHDAY SALUTE

to OUR LIVING LEGEND U.S. CONGRESSMAN

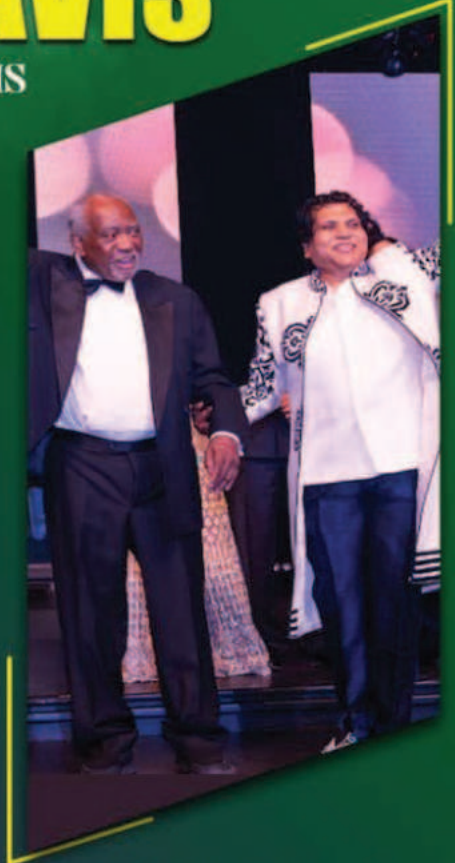


DANNY K DAVIS

7TH DISTRICT - ILLINOIS



16TH ANNIVERSARY of AMEC



AMERICAN MULTI ETHNIC COMMISSION

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TODAY, SEPTEMBER 6 IS THE BIRTHDAY OF CONGRESSMAN DANNY K. DAVIS AND THE 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMEC-MEATF.

September 6, 2009 was the day that Congressman Danny K. Davis along with DR. VGP founded the 7th Congressional District's Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force MEATF, which today has grown into an impactful and service oriented empowering national organization, AMERICAN MULTI ETHNIC COMMISSION.

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in honor of

Telangana State Representative, India
MAKKANSINGH RAJ THAKUR, M.L.A
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SUNDAY
19th JAN
7 PM

**AT SHALIMAR BANQUET HALL,
280 WEST NORTH AVENUE,
ADDISON, ILLINOIS**

7.00pm - 7.30pm : Music Prelude by Global Prince Abbas Ali Mirza, Dubai
7.30pm - 8.45pm : Welcome Ceremonial & Felicitations
8.45pm : Dinner - Hyderabad Style Veg/Non Veg

SPECIAL GUESTS OF HONOR



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**At Medstar Auditorium,
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**THURSDAY
23
JAN
5.30PM**



MEET & HEAR THE DISTINGUISHED PANEL OF SPEAKERS...



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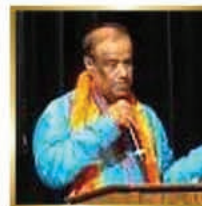
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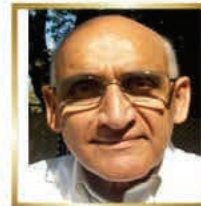
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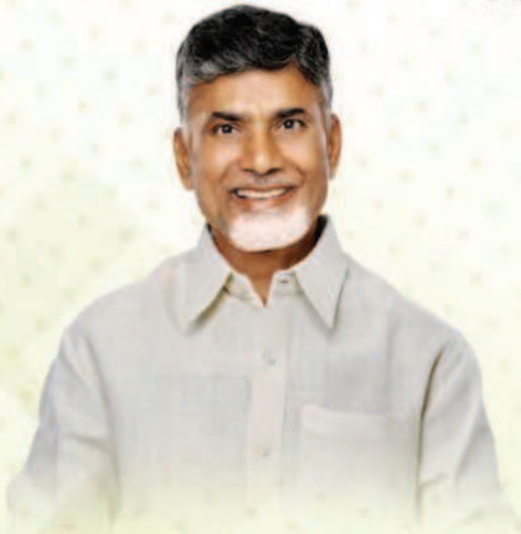
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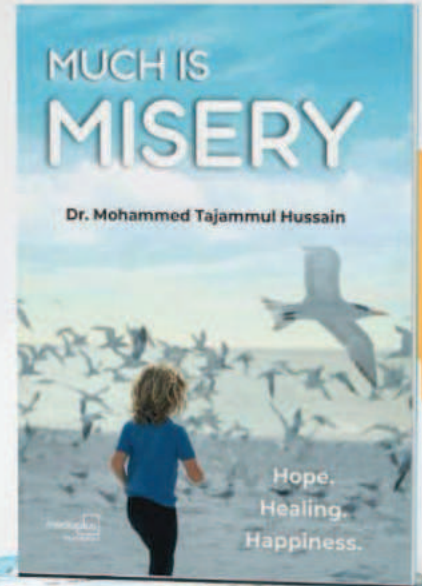
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FIRST COPY OF THE BOOK
MUCH IS MISERY
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Author:
Dr. Tajammul Hussain
Oncologist, Chicago, USA



FEBRUARY 11, 2025
STARTS AT 6.00PM



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GLOBAL EYE CONCLAVE ON **HEALTHY LIVING**

On Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 5pm

Boundary Hall, Mumbai Cricket Association, BKC Area
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PROGRAM :

5.00pm-5.15pm : Appetizers
5.15pm-5.30pm : Plenary Address
5.30pm-7.30pm : Panel Discussions
7.30pm : Group Photo followed by Dinner



13TH ANNUAL AMEC CONGRESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



- Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 2 PM -
Rayburn House Building Room 2075,
Capitol Hill, Washington D.C, U.S.A



"Progress Of Women Is Progress For All : DR. VGP"

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Top 20 Global Women of Excellence



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Founder & Director
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Dean's Chair, Dept of Food
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West Lafayette, Indiana



Dr. Brandi Jackson
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Friday November 1, 2024

6 pm onwards

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invites you to
**5th Annual GSA International
Women's Day
Celebrations**

**Honoring America's Top 20
Women of Excellence 2025**

At 5.15 PM

CMMA Hosts

Interfaith
**HOLY RAMADAN
IFTAR MEET FOLLOWED BY
MAGHRIB PRAYERS**

At 7.10PM

8.00 PM

Book Launch of
**MUCH IS
MISERY**



 **Date**

Sunday, 16 March 2025

 **Venue**

SHALIMAR BANQUETS,
280 W. North Avenue, Addison, IL 60101



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Dr. Tajammul Hussain
*Author of
Much is Misery*

Program

All are Welcome

5.15 pm : Meet & Greet - Appetizers

5.30pm-7.10 pm : Global Eye Magazine Presentation of America's Top 20 Global Women of Excellence 2025 and Special Awards

7.10 pm : Chicago Muslim Medical Alliance : CMMA 's Inter Faith Holy Ramadan Eid Prayers

7.30 pm : Dinner

8.00 pm : Chicagoland Book Launch of MUCH IS MISERY : Hope, Health & Happiness Authored by Dr Mohammed Tajammul Hussain, Renowned Oncologist .

RSVP: Kathy Thorat
Chief Happiness Officer, Global Eye Magazine
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Dr Mohammed Tajammul Hussain
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**AT 3PM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025
AT ROOM H-137, U.S. CAPITOL HILL WASHINGTON D.C.**

Guests to assemble at Southside entrance of Capitol Hill Building between 2.30pm to 2.45pm and will be escorted by the Member's staff to the event room after security screening.

***Join us as we honor our hero and carry forward
the legacy of Dr. Sampatkumar Shivangi.***

**Dr Udaya Shivangi
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VOTE ON APRIL 1, 2025

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At 6pm at Medstar Auditorium, 4531 W, Harrison Street, Hillside, IL
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INVITES YOU TO THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF
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BY



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DELIVERS THE SPECIAL ADDRESS



AT 6.45PM AT MEDSTAR AUDITORIUM, 4531 W, HARRISON STREET, HILLSIDE, IL
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025



DR. UDAYA SHIVANGI, *President AAMEP - USA*
American Association of Multi Ethnic
Physicians, Jackson, Mississippi

KICKS OFF THE 14TH ANNUAL AMEC GALA MASCOT AT 7.35PM

7.45 PM - 8.30 PM : Dinner Please RSVP for Veg/Non-Veg

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**6pm : Award
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7pm : Dinner**

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AUGUST 6, 2024**



ON MONDAY, JULY 29 FROM 12 NOON TO 3PM

AT COMMUNITY CENTER, 18405 LIVERNOIS AVE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48221

Shri
THANEDAR for CONGRESS

Shri Thanedar represents a strong voice for his constituents the African American Community which includes much of Wayne County including the City of Detroit, Grosse Pointe and Down river. Congressman Shri Thanedar is fighting to improve the lives of hardworking families in metro Detroit.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SHRI FOR CONGRESS WELCOME

CHAIR : \$6,000 CO-CHAIR : \$3,300 HOST : \$1,500 CO-HOST : \$1,000
PATRON : \$500 DONOR : \$250 FRIEND: \$150 SUPPORTER : \$100

CHECKS PAYABLE TO SHRI FOR CONGRESS

Contribution Link to donate:

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Let us Unite to Re-elect our Congressman Shri Thanedar who embraces our values and is our VOICE in Congress to make the 13th Congressional District a more economically driven and prosperous for all.

RSVP : KRISTINA KING
312 989 4479

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732 208 7700

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734 767 8085



American Multi Ethnic Commission



INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN

APRIL **26** SATURDAY

MEDSTAR AUDITORIUM,
4531 HARRISON ST,
HILLSIDE, IL 60162



4PM - 5.45PM

The Planning meeting for the 14th Annual AMEC Congressional Global Champions Gala 2025 scheduled on 14 June 2025 at 5pm

- Delegation of Duties
- Flow of Program
- Refreshments will be served - Participate & Progress

American Multi Ethnic Commission Members Only for 4pm Planning Meeting

6PM - 6.45PM : GLOBAL EYE MAGAZINE CELEBRATES 5TH ANNUAL INDIA UNITY DAY

observed to Commemorate the defeat of the Anti India Resolution in the City of Chicago Council on March 24, 2021.



U.S. Congressman Jonathan Jackson presents the **PRIDE OF INDIA AWARDS** to 11 outstanding Indian Americans.

Call to Action By **NEIL KHOT**, Voice of Populace



6.45PM - 7.30PM :



U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis Swears in the **AMEC 2025 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Special address by **State Rep. Hoan Huynh** (13th District-IL)



7.35PM : KICK OFF THE 14TH ANNUAL AMEC GALA MASCOT



Dr. Udaya Shivangi, President, American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians - AAMEP - USA, Jackson, Mississippi.

7.45 PM - 8.30 PM : Dinner Please RSVP for Veg/Non-Veg

ALL ARE WELCOME

RSVP: KATHY THORAT, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, AMEC USA
630 863 1462



Please Join hosts

Neal Patel Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar Anwar Sadatullah
Dr. M. Tajammul Hussain Terry R. Yormark II

For a Private Lunch and Discussion benefitting

Vivek Ramaswamy

Candidate for Governor of Ohio

Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 12 Noon

At the Residence of

NEAL & DR. SONAL PATEL

3 Falcon Lakes Dr, South Barrington, IL 60010

Minimum Contribution: \$5,000 per person

Maximum Contribution : \$16,615 per person

Personal Checks only payable to "Vivek Ramaswamy for Ohio"

Personal Credit Cards also accepted.

For Credit Cards use attached Online Form

***Personal Checks and Credit Card Contributions
should be in by 5pm March 18***

Contact: Dr Vijay G. Prabhakar - 773 865 1722 (Text Only)

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SELVI APOORVA IAS
Agricultural Production Commissioner
& Principal Secretary to Government
Govt of Tamilnadu

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Dr Raj Kumar Khatri IAS
*Former Additional Chief Secretary,
Agriculture Department
& Industries Department,
Government of Karnataka*



ANNOUNCEMENT OF GSA FIRST GLOBAL MILLETS EXPO USA



PROF. DR. SENAY SIMSEK
Dean's Chair, Food Science Dept
College of Agriculture,
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**UNDER THE PRESIDENSHIP OF
DR GEETHALAKSHMI V**
Vice Chancellor
Tamil Nadu Agricultural University
Coimbatore



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THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024 - 6 PM
**At Convocation Auditorium, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University,
Lawley Road, Coimbatore 641003**

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 14TH ANNUAL AMEC CONGRESSIONAL GLOBAL CHAMPIONS GALA
 WELCOME OUR DISTINGUISHED LEADERS



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