

# ***WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS?***

The San Mateo County Chapter of OCA\* is accepting applications for its premier “**Speak and Lead with Pride**” program, a hands-on course designed to teach the art of public speaking and leadership skills to high school students. During the 6-week course, participants will gain self-confidence with enhanced public speaking and leadership abilities. The course concludes with a *recognition ceremony and speech contest* for a \$500 cash prize.

**When:** Six Saturdays, 10:00AM – Noon, all in 2017  
Feb 4, Feb 11, Feb 18, Feb 25, Mar 4 & Mar 11,  
plus a Recognition Ceremony & Speech Contest,  
tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Mar 16, 6-7:30 PM

**Where:** Foster City Recreation Center

**Cost:** All costs will be borne by OCA San Mateo. No cost to student

Due to the nature of the course, space is limited. Applicants should be high school students who identify as Asian Pacific Americans and who must commit to attending all six Saturday classes PLUS a Recognition Ceremony and Speech Contest tentatively scheduled for March 16 evening. In addition, in 2017, we are planning to have a Regional Speech Contest with our Sacramento chapter on a Saturday in mid September, 2017.

Participants are expected to attend all six classes and attend the evening recognition ceremony & speech contest. Apply early, as places fill quickly. Applicants must submit a recommendation letter from their school counselor or teacher and their latest school transcript.

Applications and other information are also available from your school counselor or visit our website at

<http://www.ocasanmateo.org/youth/speakandlead/speakandlead.php>

**Deadline to apply: Thursday, December  
15, 2016**

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\* OCA is a national membership driven organization dedicated to advancing the social, political and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs).

