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Message from the President

On behalf of VCSA, I would like to send our best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful Holiday season. Year 2008 has come to an end and it is time to celebrate all the achievements and successes that VCSA has accomplished in the past year.

In this issue, we would like to review some major highlights and activities that VCSA has accomplished in 2008, including the celebration of the 11th anniversary of the National Youth Leadership Development Program: Camp Len Duong in Wimberley, Texas; the 12th annual Youth Excellence Recognition Luncheon Program, the annual Youth Tobacco Prevention Summit, the hurricane Ike relief effort, the Houston Community College annexation of Alief area and many more! We would not have been able to deliver all of these great programs without the tireless efforts and dedication of hundreds of VCSA members and volunteers. We truly appreciate your involvement and support.

In October, VCSA held an election for the new Board of Directors to lead the organization in the next term. I am honored to be selected to serve as your President for the 2008-2010 term. Also, according to the amended ByLaw which was approved by members in December 2007, up to three non-elected members can be invited to join our Board of Directors; so far, we have one new board member who accepted the invitation.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors, partnering organizations, supporters, volunteers, and above all, our members, who have helped VCSA deliver all programs and activities in 2008. Your continued support has been a source of encouragement for all of us in the Executive Board. We are very excited and look forward to working with you again in 2009.

Sincerely,

Hung M. Le
 (President)



Message from the Board Chair



Greetings,

On behalf of the newly elected Board of Directors of VCSA, I would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your family for a wonderful holiday season and a new year 2009 full of success, great health and happiness.

In early January of 2009, the new Board of Directors will have a Retreat in Houston, Texas with the presence of all the presidents of all chapters of VCSA to discuss the VCSA strategic plan in the next two years. VCSA has come a long way and in this term, we will have the opportunity to celebrate our success with our upcoming 20th Anniversary celebration in 2010.

VCSA has grown from a little group of 14 founding members into a national non-profit organization with presence in five major cities in the United States (Houston, Austin, Dallas/Fort Worth, Washington DC and San Diego) and one city in Canada (Toronto, Ontario). With a membership of more than 550 in the age range of 16 to 81 and more than thirty different professions, VCSA is very proud of its tradition of inter-generational working style and its team work spirit.

Every year, VCSA accumulated some twenty thousands of volunteer hours across these different chapters serving the local communities in the areas of education, leadership development, cultural awareness, science and youth related programs. Its annual Leadership Development Len Duong camp project has helped to train more than 2,700 young community leaders and students to achieve their leadership potential and its annual Youth Excellence Recognition program in Houston, Texas has been recognized by the Mayor of City of Houston as one of the major achievement celebration for the Vietnamese American community in our city.

These wonderful achievements would not be possible without the continual sponsorship and support from the local corporations and foundations such as St. Luke's Episcopal Health Charities, Texas Instruments, Shell Oil Corporation, CenterPoint Energy, UPS, Kim Son Restaurant, KT Printing, El Paso corporation, Bank of America, Willows Foundation, Houston Foundation, to name a few. We also would like to acknowledge the collaboration and partnership of several institutions and other community organizations to work with us to address our community needs such as the Children's Museum of Houston, the Houston's Museum of Natural Science, Boat People SOS, Asian American Health Coalition, Alief ISD, Houston Community College System, and many more...

With 2009 around the corner, this is a perfect time to reflect what have been done in 2008 and look forward to another great year of 2009.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Anhlan', written in black ink. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Anhlan Phuc Nguyen

VCSA Board Chair

New Year Presentation at Ed White Elementary School, Houston, TX

The White Elementary School has requested VCSA to deliver some cultural workshop activities for the kids on the Lunar New Year Day this year on Feb 7th, 2008 at Ed White Elementary school. Thien Cao and Chinh Ngo and the team delivered some cultural presentations and activities for Lunar New Year and the kids had a

great time. Big congrats to the Tet Cultural Team led by Chinh Ngo and Thien Cao.



Poetry Game at Quan Am Festival - Houston, TX

VCSA Houston also delivered a wonderful Tha Tho Game at the Quan Am Festival at Vietnam Buddhist Center on March 29, 2008 weekend. Mr. Bao Nguyen along with the VCSA Tha Tho team has run a very successful Tha Tho game for the whole afternoon. Great thanks to all volunteers who helped out with the booth logistic and setting up sound system and congratulations for bringing the beauty of Vietnamese poetry to thousands of visitors during this Festival.



11th Annual Len Duong Camp in Wimberley, TX



During Memorial weekend this year, from Friday, May 23rd to Monday, May 26th, VCSA successfully delivered Camp Len Duong 2008 at Camp Young Judaea in Wimberley, TX, located about 25 miles from the state capital. This year's theme is "Leadership empowerment through community, culture, and civic involvement" Len Duong Camp 2008 attracted 272 campers from more than 60 cities in 15 states, three provinces in Canada, and even a camper from Vietnam. Our sincere appreciation to all volunteers, speakers, staff, sponsors and supporters who helped to make this camp a reality.



Len Duong 2008 was in fact a very well-orchestrated program put together by several VCSA members across the nation and hosted by the VCSA-Austin chapter. Camp Master Dinh Ngo from Oklahoma City was assisted by Boon Tran (Assistant to Camp Master) from Houston and the Program Management Team: June Molina (Dallas), Cam Van Nguyen (Austin) and Mieu Vu (Austin). Camp Master from Houston and the Program Management Team: June Molina (Dallas), Cam Van Nguyen (Austin) and Mieu Vu (Austin).



Congratulations to all 60 Camp Staff for a job very well done in 2008! See you at camp Len Duong 2009 in Canada!



Houston's Reception to welcome Ambassador Michael Michalak

The Vietnamese Culture and Science Association (VCSA), in collaboration with the Vietnamese Community in Houston and Vicinity (VNCH), hosted a meeting dinner with the Honorable Michael Michalak, US Ambassador to Vietnam on June 10, 2008 at Kim Son Restaurant, 2001 Jefferson, Houston, Texas.

The purpose of the meeting is for Ambassador Michalak to share his points of view about US policy in Vietnam and to receive inputs and concerns from the Vietnamese American communities in Houston on the current issues in Vietnam. The event was packed with 200 guests attending and a very informative dialogues between the Ambassadors and the community activists.



Exxon Mobil Volunteers

VCSA has the honor and privilege to work with several ExxonMobil employees and every year, VCSA members and volunteers who are ExxonMobil employees did not only volunteer their valuable time but also were able to bring in matching volunteer grant under the Volunteer Involvement Program from ExxonMobil to contribute to VCSA financially. One of our members, Ms. Xuan Mai Nguyen was selected as an Outstanding ExxonMobil Volunteer of the Year for her tireless dedication to serve the community in Houston and vicinity. Xuan Mai served as volunteer for our After School Tutorial Program, Youth Tobacco Prevention Summit and as counselor for VCSA camp Len Duong 2008. Congratulations to Xuan Mai Nguyen and our appreciations to all ExxonMobil volunteer teams who have been with us for a long time.



The ExxonMobil team at the Youth Excellence Recognition Luncheon



Albert Fong representing the ExxonMobil Team to receive the recognition

Youth Tobacco Prevention Summit 2008 - Houston, TX



The annual Vietnamese Youth Tobacco Prevention Summit was held on Sunday, July 13, 2008 at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. This year's event continues the strong belief of the Vietnamese community to keep harmful tobacco products out of the hands of youth. There was a strong showing at the event where hundreds of children, their parents, and volunteers learned, relaxed and had fun. Among the various activities at the event, every had a chance to listen to VCSA's own Vanessa Bui speak about the harmful effects of tobacco products, second-hand smoke, and various other drugs. The presentation promoted an anti-tobacco life-style that was embraced by all the audience! The children were treated to lunch, a poster contest, and team building games. As with all previous Tobacco Prevention Summits, the participants were given a tour of the exhibits in the Houston Museum of Natural Science. They were able to see exhibits like Geopalooza, Energy, Chemistry, Shells and Gems exhibits. The kids had a blast learning from each of the exhibits. Volunteers also served the general public who visited the Houston Museum of Natural Science with food tasting, cultural dances and traditional music.

The Vietnamese Culture and Science Association want to thank all the sponsors that made the meaningful event possible. Sponsors include but not limited to: Trull Foundation, El Paso Energy, Bank of America, Washington Mutual Bank, Kim Son Restaurant, Greatland Investments, My Hoa Supermarket, ExxonMobil, Dr. Mai Tram Nguyen, and Dr. Ho Ngoc Tram and Dr. Ho Phan Nam of Bellaire Medical Center. We thank the parents of the children who participated, and more than 100 volunteers who made the event possible and co-coordinators Monica Nguyen and Tri-Dung Le.



Houston's 12th Annual Youth Excellence Recognition Luncheon

Houstonians can learn a lesson from the Vietnamese Community in the way they approach education. (Mayor Bill White).

Houston Mayor Bill White attended, for the 5th time, the Vietnamese Annual Youth Excellence Recognition Luncheon on August 3rd, 2008 at Kim Son restaurant, Bellaire, Houston, Texas, an The event was organized by the Vietnamese Culture and Science Association in Houston. More than 600 distinguished guests including the Harris county judge Ed Emmett, Houston city council member Peter Brown, State representative Hubert Vo, and many school principals, city officials and corporate representatives came to show support for the top high school graduates from Houston and surrounding areas.



Mayor Bill White



For the class of 2008, we honored 10 Valedictorians:

Hong Ho, Hastings HS, Alief ISD; **Ngan Huynh**, Klein Collins HS, Klein ISD; **Minh-Da Le**, Westfield HS, Spring ISD; **Phillip Victor Le**, Chinquapin College Preparatory School; **Michelle Nguyen**, Memorial HS, Spring Branch ISD, **Minh-Ngoc Nguyen** and **Anh-Thu Tran**, Cy-Ridge HS, Cypress Fairbanks ISD; **Thanh Vu**, Chavez HS, Houston ISD; **Thuan Vu**, Northbrook HS, Spring Branch ISD; **Thi Vo**, Memorial HS, Spring Branch ISD. Additionally, **Christy Nguyen** graduated summa cum laude at the age of 16 from Cy Falls HS, Cy-Fair ISD.

and 5 Salutatorians: **William Giang**, Channelview HS, Channelview ISD; **Alexander Nguyen**, Memorial HS, Spring Branch ISD; **Mai Nguyen**, Debakey HS, Houston ISD; **Hien Phan**, Chavez HS, Houston ISD; **Hong Thai**, Dobie HS, Pasadena ISD.

A great round of applause for project leads Amy Dinh & Dieu Huong Ho who both were honorees in previous years.



VCSA's Afterschool Tutorial Program

This was the 8th year that VCSA delivered this much needed program to provide after school tutorial program for students of grade 6 - 12 at the two locations: Southwest area (Alief Neighborhood) at our Center and Southeast area (Park Place neighborhood) at the two local libraries (Williams Branch Library and Park Place Library). The program served approximately 80 students on both sides for each semester and 20 students during the summer sessions. Great thanks to Su Le, the Southeast Coordinator and David Cong Nguyen, the Southwest Coordinator.

We also would like to acknowledge the continual support of the St. Luke Episcopal Health Charities Grant and Bank of America operating grant to help VCSA to sustain and develop this program in this past year.



Educational Workshop & SAT class



Educational Workshop - July 26, 2008



SAT class

Vietnamese Literature & Poetry Class and Vietnamese Language Class (Summer 2008)

Vietnamese Language Class is held every summer at VCSA center to train Vietnamese American youth for basic reading, writing and speaking Vietnamese. This year, we had around 12 students and a native American joined on this class. After graduating from this class, students learned a great deal about Vietnamese speaking and reading.

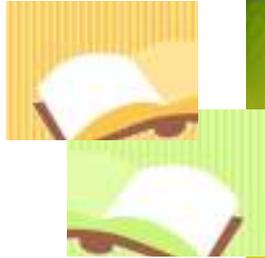
The Vietnamese Literature and Poetry Class was also taught this summer by Mr. Nong, Duy Truong and Mr. Nguyen, Ngoc Bao. This class introduced short stories and poems in the Vietnamese Literature between 1954-1975. Students learned the various styles of each region in Vietnam (North, Middle and South) through these stories and poems. Over 15 students unanimously agreed that they learned so much more about Vietnamese's traditions, culture and specially Vietnamese history from this class.



Book Presentation - Houston, TX



Rev. Tran, Van Kiem



Only two weeks after the 12th Annual Youth Excellence Recognition Luncheon, VCSA Houston organized another successful event to introduce the 3 volumes of Vietnamese Literature written by Rev. Tran, Van Kiem from Atlanta, Georgia. The book presentation event attracted a packed audience of 150 guests and Rev. Tran sold all 90 sets of books that he brought with him on this trip. His speech was very insightful and there was a very lively discussion on Vietnamese language, Vietnamese "Nom" language and Vietnamese cultural related issues in our community.

Hurricane Ike's Relief Effort 2008 - Houston, TX



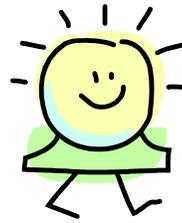
Hurricane Ike arrived on September 13, 2008 and caused tremendous damages to the greater Houston area and the Galveston and vicinity area. In an effort to assist our Vietnamese Community for those who were affected by this hurricane and tried to recover, both our staff and volunteers at VCSA proudly teamed up with the FEMA to assist more than 350 Ike victims to apply for FEMA assistance, disaster food stamp as well as unemployment benefit.

In addition, VCSA also partnered with FEMA, SBA, Department of Labor, and Insurance Agency to organize a workshop on October 4 to provide the information on how to apply for assistance.

In recognition of all hard working, we would like to thank you to all our staff and volunteers for lending a hand in this difficult time. VCSA also would like to thank Ms. Olivia G. Humilde (SBA), Mr. Nick Nguyen (FEMA) and all FEMA's staff for coming and distributing very useful information to the Vietnamese community for Ike relief purposes.



Houston Community College System Annexation of Alief, TX



On Tuesday, October 21st, 2008, The Vietnamese Culture and Science Association, in collaboration with Houston Community College, organized a Town Hall meeting for HCC proposed annexation plan of Alief area at KimSon Bellaire Restaurant.

In the month of October, VCSA has worked with the local communities tirelessly to help supporting this plan and the election result does reflect the effort.

The result was an overwhelming 81.76% of eligible voters support for the annexation on November 4, 2008. This is a good new for Alief's residents, starting January 2009, Alief's students pay only \$57/credit hour instead of \$104/credit hour. The HCC annexation of Alief area does not only decrease the tuition fee but also improves the quality of life of the Alief neighborhood in the future as well as helping to equip young people in this neighborhood with more knowledge and experience to compete and integrate in today's global economy.



International Festival at Fort Bend, TX

The Mid-Autumn Festival was planned on September 13, 2008 when hurricane Ike came ashore over Galveston and Houston. VCSA planned to reschedule the event to September 27th. Unfortunately, two weeks after hurricane Ike, our volunteers and communities still did not get back to normal yet.

However, VCSA still had a chance to organize a cultural booth at the Fort Bend International Festival on October 4th, 2008. Thousands of visitors enjoyed our cultural programs such as lantern making, face painting and hearing the story of the Vietnamese Children Mid-Autumn Festival traditions.



Houston and Austin Collaboration - VAFH and VCSA

VCSA has participated in a partnership with the Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation organization based in Austin Texas to deliver an Exhibit of Vietnamese American refugee stories in the state of Texas, The Exhibit was held at the Texas State Museum for the weekend of April 26-27, 2008. A team from Houston came and join the grand opening of the exhibit and also supported the 5th Anniversary celebration of the VAHF.



CONGRATS!

In 2008 there are many exciting news of our members who got married, please join us to congratulate the following couples who tied the knot in 2008:

Lynda Hong Loan Nguyen and Do Trong Hieu - Jan 5, 2008 (Houston, Texas)

Tuong Vu Nguyen and Ngoc Dieu Nguyen - March 1, 2008 (Houston, Texas)

Thuy Khanh Nguyen and Ted Wotczak - March 29, 2008 (Mobil, Alabama)

Christine Yen Xuan Nguyen and Minh Le - August 30, 2008 (Toronto, Canada)

Samantha Nguyen and Josh - August 30, 2008 (Toronto, Canada)

Duc Tran and Vivian Ly - November 22, 2008 (Houston, Texas)

Cam Tu Pham and Hien Le - December 6, 2008 (Houston, Texas)

Congratulations on all of these newly-wed - VCSA family is also blessed with so many new babies in 2008.

Congrats to all new and young parents from across five chapters.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Houston Team

There is a team led by Jack Tran which has been instrumental in the project to renovate the VCSCA Center in Houston, Texas. If you visit our center today, you will be amazed with all the changes in decoration and the ambience that this team helped to create and maintain in the past year. Our center is located at 4615 Belle Park Dr. - Houston, Texas 77072 and if you call our center at 281-933-8118 you will hear friendly voices of our staff: Mai Ta and Bao Tran Huynh who currently work at VCSCA Center. A big round of applause to Jack Tran and the Center Administration Team.

Austin Chapter Highlights

On October 26, 2008, VCSA Austin chapter delivered a very successful concert featuring Nguyen Dat and Khanh Ly with the theme "Thu Quyen Ru" from 7:00pm - 10:00pm at Jones Auditorium . The event also featured musician Nghiem, Phu Phuc, a great pianist from Toronto, Canada. The event also had guest performers from Houston, Texas: Ms. Sophia Huynh and Mr. Truong Nong. Mr. Bao N. Nguyen and Ms. Mai Huong were the MCs for the program.

Thu Quyên Rũ Concert

The event attracted more than 200 guests and the program was very well received by the audience. Congratulations to the project lead: Cam Van Nguyen and the Austin team for a job well done.



Mây vô Xứ

To kick of the new year of 2008, the VCSA Austin chapter delivered a great concert titled "May Vo Xu" on Jan 20th, 2008 at Jones Auditorium in Austin, Texas. The event featured the famous



visually impaired artist: Nguyen, Duc Dat. The event attracted 200 guests and was a big success. Congratulations to the Austin team led by Mr. Mieu Vu for a job very well done.



Dallas - Ft. Worth Chapter Activities

In an effort to promote Vietnamese culture awareness, VCSA in DFW has organized and participated in several major cultural events of the DFW area. These events include the Tet festival at DFW, the Mid-Autumn festival, and the WorldFest at Addison.

In the **Tet festival**, members of the VCSA-DFW have create a cultural display area introducing Vietnamese arts which include Dong Ho wood-block imprints, oil paintings, Vietnamse culture artifacts, ceramic arts, Henri Oger's estampes,...

The **Mid-Autumn festival** which was a whole day event also attracted thousands of children and adults. With many activities

geared up to entertain children (traditional costume competition, cultural talent shows, lantern contest, bounce houses, art crafts,...) this festival has proved to be a very effective way to introduce Vietnamese culture to the growing population of Vietnamese Americans in DFW. The year 2008 is also a special year where VCSA has actively seeking ways to introduce Vietnamese culture to the mainstream by participating the the WorldFest at Addison. Dai Thi, one of our member, has become a member of board of directors of this organization and we expect to become one of the key organizers and contributors of the event in future years.



Toronto Chapter Activities

2nd Annual Classical Concert



The event on September 7th, 2008 attracted 200 guests and was very well received by the community. This was the second year VCSA -Toronto chapter organized this free classical music concert to promote art appreciation for western music in the Vietnamese community in Greater Toronto Area.

Please give a round of applause for Hong Diem, the project coordinator of this meaningful project!



Toronto Team

Poetry Game

Three members from VCSA Houston: Mr. Bao Nguyen, Mr. Truong Nong and Ms. Anhlan Nguyen came to Toronto, Canada to run the Poetry Game of Fortune at TET Festival 2008 organized by the Vietnamese Association of Toronto on February 2nd, 2008 at CNE (Canada National Exhibit), Toronto, Canada. There were approximately 6000 visitors and the "Tha Tho" game was packed of people from noon till dawn. Despite the snowy weather, the game was very successful and everyone had a great time. There was one more out-of-town member from Dallas Chapter: Ms. Thuy An Nguyen also joined the Team to help out with the game. The VCSA-Toronto chapter team led by Samantha Nguyen built a very beautiful stage and setup for the game.



Senses of Autumn Concert in Toronto

Thu Âm Hương Đời



VCSA-Toronto chapter delivered a great concert featuring the guitarist and composer, singer Dat Nguyen to the Toronto community. The event was a sold out concert at Living Arts Centre, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada with 330 guests. The program featured Dat Nguyen from California and local guest performers The An, The Khai, Hong Diem and Nghiem Phu Phuc. The event helped to raise more than \$8,000 for the camp Len Duong 2009 project. A big congratulations to Quynh Huynh, the project coordinator and the whole Toronto team for such a job well done.



San Diego Chapter - Vietnam Humanitarian Projects



During the year of 2008, the San Diego chapter has delivered numerous humanitarian projects in Vietnam from north to south area including: building 4 classrooms in Lao Cai, Hoa Binh (northern Vietnam), building one bridge in Kien Giang (south Vietnam), building 60 wells in Kien Giang and Binh Dinh, and numerous Flood relief efforts in Hue and the central region of Vietnam and about 24 other relief programs for orphanages across the central region (Hue, Binh Dinh, Quang Ngai, Quang Tri, Bao Loc, Lam Dong, Phu Yen) and the southern region (Saigon, Kien Giang). The total amount of donation collected and distributed among these humanitarian projects is approximately \$40,000 thanks to all membership and friends donation from the San Diego Chapter. Our hat off to the tireless dedication of the Leaders of the Vietnam Charitable team: Ms. Bui, Viet Ly and Ms. Ngoc Anh Nguyen. For more information about Vietnam humanitarian projects please contact Ms. Bui, Viet Ly at vietylyn@yahoo.com



San Diego Chapter - Poetry Game at Tet Festival



The San Diego Chapter has been growing in the past year and they just elected the new co-Presidents for the Chapter: Ms. Tran, Binh Nhung and Mr. Nguyen, Viet. Congratulations to the new leadership team of the VCSA-San Diego chapter.

The chapter has organized very successfully the Poetry Game of Fortunate (Tha Tho game) at the Tet Festival in 2008 and they are ready to prepare for the Tha Tho game for Tet Festival in 2009 organized at the same location as in 2008: Balboa Park, San Diego, California.

Tet Party - Houston, TX



VCSA Houston has a tradition to celebrate Lunar New Year together at our center. In 2008, the Tet party was held at our Center on February 9 which was the third day of the Vietnamese New Year. Approximately 60 members and family gathered to celebrate all the Tet Traditions such as Lion dances, Poetry Game of fortune, Lotto game, fortune teller and lots of Tet special food. Vu Linh and Dieu Huong served as our charming MCs for the event.



Upcoming Events

Spring Concert 2009 - Xuân Bốn Mùa



Spring Concert 2009 - Xuân Bốn Mùa featuring artist **Nguyen, Duc Dat**

Please SAVE-THE-DATE to join VCSA in a spectacular evening with the famous and talented visually impaired **Nguyen, Duc Dat** featuring his newest songs and composition. The purpose of the event is to release his second CD "Gã Điên Trên Đồi Hoang" (Old vagabond on the deserted hill) and introduce **Dat Nguyen** again to the Houston community. All the proceed of the event will be designated to the **Camp Len Duong 2009** project for next year. The concert will be held at **8:00pm on Friday January 30, 2009** at **Heinnen Theater - Houston Community College Main Campus - 3517 Austin St. - Houston, Texas.**

Ticket price is \$50 for VIP and \$30 regular. The event is sponsored in part by **Houston Community College System - Main Campus.**

Len Duong Camp 2009



VCSA Toronto chapter will host the 12th Annual Youth Leadership Development Camp **Len Duong 2009** in Toronto, Canada.

- **Date: 6:00pm Friday July 3 to 2:00pm Monday July 6, 2009**

- **Location: Crieff Hills Community - Puslinch, Ontario - Canada (30minutes from Toronto).**

More information will be available on VCSA web site in January 2009. Please SAVE-THE-DATE and get ready for **Len Duong camp** in Ontario, Canada.

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DC Team

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This year VCSA established some new relationship and also continued to maintain our relationship including the following corporations:

Bank of America provided an operational supporting grant of \$20,00 for the year of 2007-2008 and they continued to support another operational supporting grant of \$25,000 for the year of 2008 – 2009. Bank of America has been the Underwriter of all of our major events of 2008.

NATCO corporation was the new Underwriter for our 12th Annual Youth Excellence Recognition Luncheon

Shell Oil Corporation continues to be the Underwriter for our camp Len Duong 2008 and we are very honored to have Shell representation to speak at our camp in the past two years (Mr. Thai Le, and Mr. Cecil Fong).

El Paso Corporation continues to sponsor Camp Len Duong 2008 and this year we also have the honor to have Mr. Robert Ferguson, Senior Recruiter, participated in the Panel Discussion workshop on Careers Aspiration.

Willows Foundation recognized Ms. Anhlan Nguyen with an Outstanding Leadership Award with \$5,000 to be donated to camp Len Duong 2008 on her behalf. Congratulations to Ms. Anhlan Nguyen, VCSA Board Chair and our sincere appreciation to Willows Foundation.

Reliant Energy was the new Benefactor for our 12th Annual Youth Excellence Recognition Luncheon.

Mr. Stephen Le, CEO of Great Land Investment, Entrepreneur of the Year by Houston Asian Chamber of Commerce, has also been a continued sponsors for our Len Duong camp project and the Youth Excellence Recognition Luncheon.

CenterPoint Energy also has continued to be sponsor for our two major programs: the Len Duong camp and the Youth Excellence Recognition Luncheon

Texas Instruments and **Ms. Duy-Loan Le** also has been a continual supporter and sponsor for VCSA programs in the past several years.

Our sincere thanks and we hope to continue our relationship in many years to come.



Mr. Stephen Le with Great-Land Investment Scholarship



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The Vietnamese Culture and Science Association is a non-profit organization founded in 1990. It has over 550 members; a majority of which is young Vietnamese American/Canadian professionals.

Mission Statement

The Vietnamese Culture & Science Association's (VCSA) promotes excellence in education, leadership and skills development through culture and science. Our organization encourages multigenerational and cross-cultural collaborations. We foster civic participation in the mainstream and Vietnamese America.

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