



AMBASSADORS PROFILE



Ketty Chen
Plano, TX
University of
Oklahoma
Political Science
Ph.D. 2011

[Coordinator](#)

Ketty Chen was born in Taipei, Taiwan and grew up in Dallas, TX. Ketty obtained both of her Masters degrees from the University of Oklahoma in International Relations and Political Science. Ketty's PhD is in Political Science, and she specializes in the fields of comparative politics, International Relations and Political Theory. Ketty taught at Austin College in Sherman, TX in 2010 and is now an associated professor in political science at Collin College in Dallas. Ketty also rescues stray and abused animals on her spare time. She currently awaits a visiting assistant professor position in Taipei for the 2011-2012 school year.



Chris Siegel
Watsonville
UC-Santa Cruz
Political Science
B.A. 2010

[Coordinator](#)

Chris Siegel grew up in a State Department family and had the great fortune of living abroad for a large portion of his childhood. Chris pursued his interest in foreign culture with a degree in Political Science from UC-Santa Cruz and a year abroad studying Mandarin in Taipei. When not practicing Chinese characters, Chris enjoys basketball, swimming, surfing, and any other manner of outdoor activities. Although very much enjoying his life in San Francisco, Chris ultimately hopes to return to Taiwan.



Hank Lin
Pasadena, CA
UC-San Diego
Computer
Science
B.A. 2010

[Coordinator](#)

Hank Lin is a recent graduate from UC San Diego, majoring in Computer Science. Currently he is interning at NASA Jet Propulsion Lab, researching Automated Target Recognition systems. Influenced by his parents, he is passionate about the Taiwanese community, and was involved in the Intercollegiate Taiwanese American Students Association (ITASA) building websites. With the Formosa Foundation, he is looking forward to the Congressional Hearing and wants to improve the mutual understanding between Taiwan and the US.



Beryl Lin
Honolulu, HI
Hawaii Pacific
University
TESOL
M.A. 2012

[Coordinator](#)

Beryl Lin is a Master's candidate at Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, Hawaii. She is active on the executive committee of HPU Taiwanese Student Association and other community services. To help promote Taiwanese Culture in Hawaii, she organized the Club Carnival where the Taiwan Student Association booth won the first award. Beryl also volunteered for the Taiwanese grand parade and Honolulu Festival. Born and raised in Taiwan, she is passionate about advocating for US-Taiwan relationship.



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Cathleen Chang
Houston, TX
Rice University
Asian Studies and
Psychology
B.A. 2011

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Cathleen Chang will be graduating this summer with a B.A. in Asian Studies and Psychology from Rice University. Interning at Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Taiwan last year deepened her interest in Taiwanese politics and international activities. She is looking forward to using skills learned from the Ambassador Program to further Taiwan's cause in the U.S. During her gap year before law school, Cathleen is ready to become an active member in the Houston Taiwanese community while catching up on her leisure reading, finally learning how to cook, and traveling.



Carl Huang
Taipei, TW
American
University
Diplomacy
B.A. 2011

[Coordinator](#)

Carl Huang is an undergraduate at National Chengchi University (NCCU) and an exchange student at American University, Washington, DC. He interns at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation. With a strong interest in international affairs, his focus is on East Asian politics and U.S. foreign policy. Outside of the class, Carl is a Model United Nations (MUN) participant, an amateur web-designer, and an advocate of cultural exchange. He has also been a member of NCCU Student Ambassador Group for two years. Carl is an avid Seattle Mariners fan.



Demi Chang
Auckland, NZ
UCLA
Economics,
Psychology,
English
B.A./B.S. 2012

Demi Chang is a student from The University of Auckland, New Zealand. She is currently an exchange student at UCLA. Demi is interested in issues affecting our world today and wishes to further her understanding of the agendas surrounding Taiwan as well as the processes in Washington DC. She looks forward to the Ambassador Program which not only witnesses history, but participates in it.



Irene L. Chang
Walnut, CA
UCSD
Economics,
International
Relations
B.A. 2015

Irene L. Chang was born and raised in Southern California. She is a recent high school graduate who has a passion for business and politics. She enjoys travelling the world to lend her hand in community service. Though much of her work has targeted underprivileged children, she wishes to expand her influence to create a positive environment for underserved populations in the world. Irene plans to travel to foreign nations to work alongside micro-enterprises to improve local economic standards.



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Jessica Chang
Redwood, CA
UCLA
Ecology,
Behavior,
Evolution
B.A. 2011

Jessica Chang is currently an undergraduate at UCLA studying Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution with the hopes of one day going to law school. As the daughter of a Taiwanese father and Macanese mother, she has been exposed to the strong desires of Taiwan independence and experienced the repercussions of China's rule in other parts of Asia since an early age. By joining the Formosa Foundation Ambassador Program, she hopes to learn more about the issues surrounding Taiwan and gain the tools to advocate for better US-Taiwan Relations.



Michael Chen
Stanford, CA
Stanford
University
Political Sciences
B.A. 2014

Michael Chen is a freshman at Stanford University. His exposure to politically aware parents who fought for Taiwan's democracy and his experiences participating in political campaigns has led him to consider a major in political science and international relations. His greatest hopes are that Taiwan's sovereignty can be recognized and that democracy can be fully implemented in Taiwan. He is very privileged to participate in the Ambassador Program, which will be a solid introduction to the field he plans to pursue in the future.



Jason Chien
San Jose, CA
George
Washington
University
Public Policy
M.A. 2010

Jason Chien was born in San Jose, California and started going to boarding school at a young age. He is currently a Biology major at St. Bonaventure University and will be going to medical school at George Washington University. Jason is passionate about bringing healthcare to the underserved and hopes to establish membership for Taiwan in the United Nations. In his free time he enjoys playing basketball, music, and cooking.



Wei-Che Fu
Taipei, TW
National Taiwan
University
Political Science
B.A. 2007

Wei-Che Fu received his B.A. in International Relations in Political Science at National Taiwan University (NTU). He is an advocate on the global development issue, especially with the topics of neo-liberal globalization, the North-South problem and post-colonization. He actively promoted the Fair Trade issues on campus. He was also active in the student rights reform movement and was President of NTU Student Association. Outside of campus, he participates in the agrarian and environmental movement since the summer of 2011. Wei-Che believes that a vivid and grass-roots civil society is the most important foundation for Taiwan to become a mature democracy.



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Nagy Hsu
Taipei, TW
National Taiwan
University
Communication
Engineering, Law
M.S. 2010

Nagy Yu-Chung Hsu graduated from National Taiwan University in 2008 with a B.S. in electrical engineering and a B.A. in Law. Hoping to have practice experiences in both fields, Nagy subsequently earned a M.S. degree in communication engineering, and currently serves as a prosecutor investigator in Hsinchu District Prosecutors Office. Since he has experience of involving in campus affairs in NTU, he anticipates learning skills of advocacy in the Ambassador Program. Nagy's extracurricular interests include popping-dancing, swimming and playing badminton.



Michelle Kung
Arcadia, CA
Claremont
McKenna College
Undecided
B.A. 2014

Michelle Kung is currently a sophomore at Claremont McKenna College. She was the 2009 Miss Taiwanese American first Princess and actively promoted Taiwanese Americans to partake in the 2010 Census to increase the presence of Taiwanese Americans in the United States. She was a Journalism and Political Intern for the Taiwanese American Citizens League (TACL). She also interned at the District Office of State Senator Ed Hernandez. Michelle strives for the well being of Taiwanese-Americans and hopes that the Ambassador Program will help her spread information about the importance of Taiwan.



Nicole Lee
Torrance, CA
UC-San Diego
Bioengineering
Bioinformatics
B.S. 2014

Nicole Lee is a freshman at UC San Diego majoring in Bioengineering and Bioinformatics. In high school, she ran for cross country and pole vaulted for varsity track and field teams. She has also been doing martial arts for 8 years and is currently a 2nd degree Jr. Black belt. She has been involved in the Taiwanese American community through a Journalism Internship Program through the Taiwanese American Citizens League (TACL). She was also a camp counselor this past summer for the Leadership Identity Development (LID) camp also hosted by TACL. This past summer, she was also a volunteer English teacher at an elementary school in rural Kaohsiung, Taiwan through a program called AID Summer.



Ann Liu
Taipei, TW
National Taipei
University
Foreign
Languages and
Law
BA 2011

Ann Liu double-majors in Foreign Languages and Law in National Taipei University. She was the Director of Public Relations both in the Student Society of her department and the National Taipei University Model United Nations Club. Being involved in Model United Nations conferences and debate competitions around Taiwan, Ann has great interest in public affairs. Her goal is to practice law in the future.



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Pearle Lun
La Cañada, CA
Stanford University
History
B.A. 2014

Pearle Lun is a freshman at Stanford University, majoring in History, with an emphasis on modern Europe and East Asian Studies. Pearle spent six weeks in Taiwan as part of a language program for overseas high school students. The experiences and friendships she forged were unforgettable. As a native of Southern California, she appreciates the strong Taiwanese-American community, including the abundance of boba shops. Pearle worked as an intern at the Asian American Activities Center on campus, exploring issues in the community and collaborating with other student leaders. On the weekends, she rows with the Stanford Dragon Boat team, and volunteer as a member of Tzu Chi Foundation. She also enjoys longboarding, reading, and watching movies.



Jennifer Ou Yang
Taipei, TW
National Taipei University of Technology
English
B.A. 2012

Jennifer Tzu Chun Ou Yang majors in English at National Taipei University of Technology. She has participated in several volunteer works as well as an internship experience. She was elected as the President of the Student Association of English Department in her sophomore year, and is one of the members of the Student Ambassador of NTUT. Recommended by her department, she interned at British Chamber of Commerce in Taipei. Jennifer enjoys playing the flute, and learning cultures as well as their languages, especially Japanese. She is determined to make a difference in enhancing human rights and democratic policies for her country, Taiwan.



Caroline Shih
Taipei, TW
National Taiwan University
Political Science
B.A. 2011

Caroline Chia-Chen Shih recently graduated from National Taiwan University with bachelor's degrees in Political Science. She is interested in human rights and international development engaging migrant workers rights and environmental campaigns. She coordinates campus newspaper, and has done a fieldwork in Swaziland. Hoping to gain hands on experience in the human rights field, she plans an internship at ECPAT International, as a way to explore the future role of Taiwan in the international community. Caroline enjoys traveling, watching documentaries, and free hand drawing.



Vicky Sun
Greenfield, MA
Wagner College
International Politics, French
B.A. 2012

Vicky Sun is an undergraduate at Wagner College where she double majors in International Politics and French. Born and raised in Taiwan, she grew up speaking only Taiwanese and English with her family. She continued to study various languages such as French, German, and Russian in private school in the US and in her free time. She is currently finishing up a year abroad in Lyon, France at the Institute of Political Studies and is very much looking forward to participating in the Formosa Foundation Ambassador Program.



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Claire Tsao
Taipei, TW
National Taiwan
University
Agricultural
Chemistry
B.S. 2012

Claire Man-Tzu Tsao is a junior at National Taiwan University. As a member of the NTU Student Association for many years, Claire participated in several activities related to student right on campus. Claire also has written some articles for magazines to discuss various issues and to raise awareness of the problems in Taiwan.



Chiayi Tsui
Crawfordsville, IN
Indiana University
Library and
Information
Science
M.L.S. 2010

Chiayi Tsui graduated from the University of Chicago with a degree in visual art and art history, and is a recent graduate of the School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University—Bloomington. Prior to enrolling in graduate school, she was a language assistant employed by the French Ministry of Education. She is interested in the construction and interpretation of historical narratives, and how her own history can be placed within a collective memory. Her application to the Ambassador Program represents an attempt to learn more about a place she had called “home” for many years. It also serves as a means through which to develop her growing interest in cross-strait relations and to seek, ultimately, more meaningful understanding of Taiwan-related issues.



Ginny Wu
Norco, CA
UCLA
Business
Economics
B.A. 2014

Ginny Wu is an undergraduate student at the University of California, Los Angeles pursuing a degree in Business Economics. She is an active member in the Taiwanese-American Union on campus and will serve as Treasurer for the 2011-2012 academic year. Her passion for the advancement of Taiwanese identity and solidarity have largely been fueled by the general lack of awareness and by misconceptions of these issues she has seen and experienced growing up in America. With the Formosa Foundation, she hopes to learn how to effectively advocate for Taiwan and bring greater recognition to this movement.