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Chinese Association of Iowa



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About The Chinese Association of Iowa

The Chinese Association of Iowa (CAI) is a community-based, non-profit organization. CAI represents the business, economic, and social interests of Iowa's Chinese American population. The mission of the Chinese Association of Iowa is to promote friendship among Chinese and other ethnic groups; to provide assistance to Chinese Iowans; and to promote the civic, cultural, and educational development of the Chinese-American community in Iowa.

Since 1987, the Chinese Association of Iowa has provided the following cultural programs and community resources:

- Chinese Movie Nights
- Chinese Passport, Visa and Travel Services
- Fundraisers for Community Members in Need
- Iowa Chinese Language & Culture Academy
- Iowa Youth Leadership International (IYLI)
- Legal Seminars
- Seminars on Parenting, College Planning, and Tax Preparation
- The Annual Iowa Chinese Achievement Award
- The Annual Iowa Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival
- The Annual Iowa Chinese New Year Celebration
- The Annual Iowa Chinese New Year Poster Contest
- The Chinese Village at the Annual Asian Heritage Festival
- The Iowa-China Business Forum and China Business Assistance Program
- The Iowa Chinese Community Photography Contest
- The Iowa Chinese Job/Career Forum
- The Iowa Chinese Library at the Urbandale Public Library

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- Bill and May-May Ng
- Billy and Lillian Chen
- Brayton Li
- Cyndi Chen and Frank Affannato
- Daniel Miller, Diane Graham, and Maya Miller
- Darren, Sue, and Shuda Jarboe
- David and Helen Lee
- Jianlin Zhai and Xiaoyan Shen
- Jinyan He and Xiaohong Yuan
- John Xu and Hong Pang
- Ningyu Guan and Yingju Zhang
- Suning Cao and Neal Spencer
- Wei Du and Jingfei Wang
- Will Zhang and Yan Wang
- Xia Chen and Linxiang Zhou
- Xudong Bi and Ping Feng
- Ying Sa and Steve Hou
- Yong Cai and Yimin Xu
- Yongmei Zhou and Zehui Han

Founder

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Membership Fees

Individual:	\$10/Annual	\$200/Lifetime
Family:	\$25/Annual	\$500/Lifetime
Non-profits:	\$50/Annual	\$1,000/Lifetime
Business:	\$100/Annual	\$2,000/Lifetime

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The 2010 Iowa Chinese Achievement Awards Honorees

Dr. David Jiajian Wang Award for Humanity - Red Cross Central Iowa Chapter

The Dr. David Jiajian Wang Award for Humanity is the Chinese Association of Iowa's most prestigious honor. In the past, the association has selected individuals or a group among the top echelon of extraordinary contributors to society to recognize their distinguished humanitarian impact to the state of Iowa. Governor Robert Ray, Kemin Industries, and Eric Idehen are the honorees who have received this award since it was established in 2007.

On August 17, 2002, Dr. David Jiajian Wang, a native of China's Hainan Island and a dentist graduate from the University of Iowa's College of Dentistry, lost his life when he tried to save a boy at Lake Panorama, Iowa.

In October 2002 Dr. David Wang received the *Person of the Year* award posthumously from the Iowa Asian Alliance for his professional achievement, business development, his service to under-privileged people, and his sacrifice for others. On August 17, 2003, a year after Dr. David Wang's sacrifice, the Chinese Association of Iowa presented the *Iowa Hero Award* to Dr. David Wang's mother and sister in recognition of their proud son and brother's heroic actions for saving another's life.

Five years after David Wang passed away, the Chinese Association of Iowa established the *David Jiajian Wang Award for Humanity* to honor his great achievements and sacrifice for State of Iowa communities. At the Chinese Association of Iowa's 20th Anniversary celebration in 2007, this award was presented to Governor Robert D. Ray for his great contribution as the first governor who reached out and helped the humanitarian resettlement of the Southeast Asian people to Iowa after the Vietnam War in the mid-1970s.

Grace Wang, Dr. Jiajian Wang's former wife, his daughter, Cassie Wang, and the Iowa Secretary of State, Michael Mauro, co-presented this award to Governor Ray. Governor Ray's visionary act of compassion established Iowa as a welcoming place for refugees and immigrants of Asian decent. Governor Ray also played a leading role in opening U.S. relations with China. In addition, he initiated Iowa's Sister States relationships with China's Hebei Province in the early 1980s.

Kemin Industries is the second honoree receiving the David Jiajian Wang Award for Humanity. Dr. Norman Borlaug's ethical kindness has greatly impacted Kemin Industries. Dr. Borlaug has roots very similar to those of RW Nelson, Founder and CEO of Kemin Industries.

The knowledge that Dr Borlaug imparted, along with the business practices of Kemin Industries, form the basis of good agricultural policies allowing family farmers in China, India, Mexico, and Thailand to grow marigolds under contract as the key ingredient of Kemin Industries FloraGLO Lutein business. These family farmers cultivate and grow their crops without the use of pesticides and other chemicals that poison the environment and rob the ground of their nutrients. This enables them to grow flowers successfully year after year. Kemin Industries understands the importance of being an active member of the community in which they do business. They now operate in over 60 countries, with manufacturing facilities in China, Singapore, Thailand, India, South Africa, Belgium, Brazil and the United States. Kemin Industries makes a commitment to hire staff at all levels from the president to the plant operators from local universities and communities.

In September 2009 RW and Mary Nelson traveled to Qin (chin) Chang Village of Ming Shan County in Sichuan Province, to dedicate the Kemin Hope School. After the 2008 earthquake, Kemin challenged their employees worldwide to donate money to rebuild the school. Kemin Industries then matched those donations and as a result a new two-story school building was built with six classrooms, one multifunctional room, and one office. Kemin Hope School reopened its doors to students and teachers in May 2009.

The school now accommodates more than 300 students and 10 teachers and was officially dedicated on September 2, 2009. Mr. Nelson also presented six computers to the school which will be utilized for a computer literacy program.

Locally, the Kemin staff has been active in Habitat for Humanity contributing to the building of several homes in the Des Moines area.

On Sept. 20, 2009 at Lake Panorama, Iowa, where Dr. Wang risked his life for others, Janet Nelson, the daughter of RW and Mary Nelson, received the Dr. David Jiajian Wang Award for Humanity. The award was presented by Grace Wang, Dr. Wang's former wife, and Roger Hansen, the Committee Chair of the first annual David Wang Memorial Marathon.

8 On Feb. 13, 2010, Eric Idehen, Founder and President of the Board, received the Dr. David Jiajian Wang Award for Humanity.

Eric's personal and professional travels took him from his home country of Nigeria to Ukraine, Spain, and finally the United States of America. During his long odyssey from Nigeria, he nursed the dream of opening an orphanage in Nigeria.

The Cornerstone of Hope Orphanage is the realization of that dream that began many years ago. Today the orphanage in Benin City is expanding and can provide a safe and loving shelter for 50 children. Both at home and abroad volunteers, families, and community leaders are working tirelessly towards maintaining and growing the organization. The mission to provide a high quality of life and promising future to each child in the Cornerstone of Hope orphanage continues to be the number one priority. Eric serves as Vice President Diversity Consultant for Wells Fargo Financial Bank. He is also on the board of the Iowa Council for International Understanding, Central Iowa Chapter of the American Red Cross, Lutheran Church of Hope and several Diversity Councils, where he continues his service to his community and shares his experience with others. He is a member of the Des Moines Rotary Club.

The Outstanding Contributor Award - John Swanson

The Outstanding Contributor Award is dedicated to individuals and organizations that have made an extraordinary contribution to the State of Iowa and beyond.

Persons of the Year - Ed and Margreet Van Ouwerkerk, Ames

The Persons of the Year Award is dedicated to celebrating individuals for their distinguished involvement and contribution to the Iowa Chinese community.

Leadership in Diversity Award

- **Daryl Beall, State of Iowa Senator**
- **Vicky Poole, Valley High School Principal**

The Leadership in Diversity Award recognizes individuals and organizations that demonstrate outstanding creativity, commitment and effectiveness in promoting diversity in the State of Iowa.

The Corporate Leadership Award

- **Iowa Realty**

The Corporate Leadership Award is dedicated to celebrating and recognizing corporations or individuals in the corporate sector who exemplify not only excellence in their profession, but also leadership and commitment in their respective communities, and to the existing corporate culture of diversity initiatives.

The Community Leadership Award

- **Kevin Koester, Community Education Director
Ankeny School Administration**
- **Ko-Hsing Huang, International Student Coordinator
DMACC**

The Community Leadership Award recognizes individuals and organizations whose leadership has made a significant impact in Iowa communities. The Community Leadership Award showcases individual or organizational excellence in leadership as demonstrated by outstanding initiative, impact of work, and inspiration of others.

The Media Leadership Award

- **David Ruzhao Cheng, China Tribune, Minnesota**

The Media Leadership Award is designed for excellence in culture, lifestyle, arts, and in recognition of coverage that most accurately depicts immigration, immigrants, diversity, and international issues. This award is

dedicated to those who most effectively captured the essence of a major issue in global and local community diversity and conveyed it to a broad audience. This award recognizes the vital role played by the media in informing the public, as well as decision-makers, and seeks through this award to highlight the important contributions to understanding and action made by the winner of the award. Selection of the award recipient is based on the quality of the reporting as well as its wide reach among readers and viewers.

The Community Business of the Year

- **Comfort Suites at Living History Farms, Urbandale**

Community Business of the Year award is dedicated to companies that are helping to tackle deprivation and create sustainable, dynamic and inclusive communities. It can also be for individuals whose leadership and commitment to responsible businesses have resulted in changes and improvements inside their own company inspiring other organizations to take action.

Education Agency of the Year

- **Iowa State University
International Students and Scholars Office**

The Education Agency of the Year Award is dedicated to the schools or school programs that have demonstrated exemplary practices or programs in one or more of the following areas:

- Curriculum development, staff development, administrative practices to improve or provide more equitable educational opportunities for children and youth;
- Enhancement of communications within and among local school districts for ethnic groups;
- Promotion and development of state and regional delivery systems which bring about creative, efficient and effective education for diversity and international understanding.

Government Agency of the Year

- City of Ankeny

The Government Agency of the Year Award is to recognize the extraordinary work of municipal, county, and state agencies in the State of Iowa that have provided the highest level of leadership for projects and partnerships that raise the bar as to what is possible; for jurisdictions that provide a level of excellence, expertise and service in local government for all to emulate. They have demonstrated exemplary practices or programs in one or more of the following areas:

- Unique achievements in the creation and implementation of exemplary government programs or projects and exceptional public sector contributions for diversity and international exchanges.
- Cooperative efforts between local government jurisdictions or agencies and private or non-profit organizations resulting in positive changes in the community.

Non-profit Organization of the Year

- Dr. David Wang Memorial One Half Marathon Foundation

The Non-profit Organization of the Year Award recognizes nonprofit organizations committed to strategic planning and cultivating local cultural, education, business, and community development.

Family of the Year

- The Grant Family

**(Jim, Christin, Andrew, Chas, Peiton, and Meilin)
Norwalk**

The Family of the Year Award recognizes an exceptional family whose dedicated volunteer service significantly contributes to improving the well-being of the community. The Family of the Year believes that the entire family supports the efforts of dedicated volunteer members – it is not necessary that each individual of the family demonstrate volunteer service.

Volunteers of the Year

- Suresh Kumar

- Lucy Li

- David Chong Xu

The Volunteers of the Year Award is dedicated to those who lead a life of volunteerism and make a difference in the communities in which they live and work. The nominations will be judged based on their involvement, impact to the organization and the value of their work to the community.

Artists of the Year

- Penny Furgerson, Des Moines

- Qian Xu, Twin Cities, MN

- Jinqian Yu, Ames

The Artists of the Year Award is dedicated to the volunteer professional artists who work with the Chinese Association of Iowa to creatively communicate their social messages through art.

Goodwill Ambassadors of the Year

- Urbandale Public Library

- Cindy J. Jones, Former Constituent Services Coordinator, Office of Governor Chet Culver and Lt. Governor Patty Judge

- Frank Affannato, Des Moines

The Goodwill Ambassadors of the Year Award is dedicated to an individual who with countless volunteer hours and commitment has made a positive impact on the Iowa Chinese community cultural programs. Through their actions and goodwill, this person truly embodies the ambassador spirit.

The Asian American Women's Leadership Award

- Mary Xu, Chicago, Illinois

The Asian American Women's Leadership Award is designed to recognize outstanding Asian American women who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in politics/government, business, education, arts, sports, nonprofit organizations, community, etc., by serving in one or more leadership roles locally, regionally and/or nationally while also advancing women's issues through their writing/publications, research, advocacy or other activities.

Youth Leadership Award

- Kevin Han, Johnston High School

Youth Leadership Award is to honor extraordinary young people for their character and leadership. The award recognizes youth under 22 years of age on Jan. 1st, 2011 who strive to be their personal best, make a positive difference in their schools, youth groups, and communities, and show outstanding qualities in servant leadership.

Youth of the Year

- Eric Chen, Urbandale
- Keedy Cheung, West Des Moines
- Sarah Liu, Urbandale
- Ashton Mellinger, West Des Moines
- Eric Nie, Urbandale
- Lydia Tsui, West Des Moines
- Chelsea Wang, West Des Moines
- Jenny Wang, Clive
- Debra Yu, West Des Moines
- Yale Zhu, West Des Moines

Youth of the Year recognizes the young people who serve and make a difference in our community. They will be honored for their selfless acts and character development. Youths who are attending or have attended a high school or secondary school or equivalent standard of school in any other educational establishment, must be less than 19 years of age on Jan. 1st, 2011.

The 2009 Annual Iowa Chinese Award Honorees

Dr. David Jiajian Wang Award for Humanity

- Eric Idehen, Wells Fargo

The Outstanding Contributor Award

- Flying Tigers -
The American Volunteer Group (AVG)

Person of the Year

- Cyndi Chen, Des Moines

The Corporate Leadership Award

- Faegre & Benson LLP

The Media Leadership Award

- Erin Kiernan, WHOTV

The Community Leadership Award

- Will Zhang, Ankeny

The Community Business of the Year

- C & L Company

Education Agency of the Year

- Drake University
Chinese Cultural Exchange Program

Government Agency of the Year

- Des Moines Police Department

Non-profit Organization of the Year

- Iowa Council for International
Understanding

Volunteers of the Year

- Bob Petersen, Des Moines
- Jian Jin, Ames
- Joy Tan, Johnston

Artist of the Year

- Grace Yang, West Des Moines

Cultural Ambassador of the Year

- Bethany Allison, Urbandale

Youth Leadership Award

- Mary Feng, Johnston

Youth of the Year

- Lisa Thai, Windsor Heights
- Vanessa Au, West Des Moines
- Jasmine Au, West Des Moines
- Jessica Au, West Des Moines

The 2008 Annual Iowa Chinese Award Honorees

Dr. David Jiajian Wang Award for Humanity

- Kemin Industries

Lifetime Achievement Award

- J. Michael Earley,
Former President & CEO, Bankers Trust

Person of the Year

- Ashley Xing Lan, West Des Moines

The Outstanding Contributor Award

- Shawn Johnson, West Des Moines

The Corporate Leadership

- RDG Planning & Design

The Media Leadership Award

- China Tribune

The Community Leadership Award

- Tim Meline, Iowa Realty

Community Business of the Year

- Panda Garden, Ankeny

Education Agency of the Year

- Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC)

Government Agency of the Year

- City of Des Moines

Non-profit Organization of the Year

- Iowa Chinese Language School

Volunteers of the Year

- Wai Cheng, West Des Moines
- Tu Thai, Windsor Heights

Artist of the Year

- Guolin Zhao, Rock Rapids

Cultural Ambassador of the Year

- Don Walth, Eagle Claw Kung Fu
- West Des Moines Community School District

Youth Leadership Award

- Alice Yang, Valley High School

Youth of the Year

- Alick Feng, Valley High School
- Mary Feng, Johnston High School
- Ty Hennings, Roosevelt High School
- Kevin Hu, Johnston High School
- Stenstone Huang, Pella High School
- Steven Huang, Walter Payton College, Pre-High School, Chicago
- Allison Pestotnik, Valley High School
- Yiming Qin, Johnston High School
- David Xu, Roosevelt High School

Artist of the Year

- Joesten Zhou, Johnston

Senior Citizen of the Year

- Wayne Ellis Abuhl, Ankeny
- Lianfang Xu, Johnston

Goodwill Ambassador of the Year

- Lorna L. Davros
Executive Administrative Assistant
to the Mayor & Council

Youth of the Year

- Jingjing Han, Valley High School
- Katie Hennings, Johnston High School
- Wan Wang, Des Moines Christian School
- Kevin Shi, Johnston High School
- Alice Xu, Valley High School

The Chinese Association of Iowa 20th Anniversary (1987-2007) Award Honorees

The Dr. David Jiajian Wang Award for Humanity

- Gov. Robert D. Ray
the former Governor of Iowa

David Lee Founder's Award

- G. David Hurd, Emeritus Chairman,
Principal Financial Group

International Business Leadership Award

- Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Leadership in Diversity Award

- Bankers Trust

Outstanding Media Award

- The Des Moines Register

Chinese Community Contributor Award

- Wei Du, West Des Moines
- Grace Wang, Urbandale
- Grace Yang, Des Moines

The 2007 Annual Iowa Chinese Award Honorees

Lifetime Achievement Award

- R.W. Nelson, Chairman of
the Board, Kemin Industries, Inc.

Person of the Year

- Yongmei Zhou, West Des Moines

The Outstanding Contributor Award

- Gov. Gary Yafe Locke
the former Governor of Washington
- Chow's Gymnastics & Dance Institute

The Corporate Leadership

- Nationwide

The Media Leadership Award

- Iowa Public Television (IPTV)

The Community Leadership Award

- See Rodari, Vice President
Bankers Trust
- Iowa State University Chinese
Students/Scholars Friendship
Association

Community Business of the Year

- Green Yoga House

Education Agency of the Year

- Waukee Community School District

Government Agency of the Year

- Iowa Department of Economic
Development

Non-profit Organization of the Year

- NAACP (National Association for
the Advancement of Colored People)
Des Moines branch

Family of the Year

- The Wang Family
(Ke Wang, Yingli Xu and Dihao
Wang)
Urbandale

Volunteers of the Year

- Feng Li, Urbandale
- Lance Mascaro, Des Moines
- Xiaomin Qian, Ames
- Yang Xiang, Des Moines

The 2006 Annual Iowa Chinese Award Honorees

Person of the Year

- Helen Lee, West Des Moines

Outstanding Contributor Award

- Gov. Thomas Vilsack
the former Governor of Iowa

The Corporate Leadership Award

- Wells Fargo

Community Leadership Award

- Hilda Wolle, West Des Moines

Educational Agency of the Year

- Ankeny Community School District

Government Agency of the Year

- Iowa Finance Authority

Non-profit Organization of the Year

- Gift of Love International
Adoptions, Inc.

Community Business of the Year

- Community CPA and Associates, Inc

Volunteers of the Year

- Jian Gong, Ames
- Shannon Haus, Ankeny
- Yong Huang, Des Moines
- Binfang Li, Des Moines
- Na Li, Ames

Goodwill Ambassador of the Year

- Gil Caldwell III, Monroe

Family of the Year

- The Ye Family
(Tianxiang Ye, Jingwen Ming and Annie Ye), West Des Moines

Senior Citizens of the Year

- Frank Affannato, Des Moines
- Fuyi Qiao, West Des Moines
- William Wei, Urbandale

Youth of the Year

- Kimi Nelson, Dowling High School
- Jean Xie, Ankeny High School
- Kevin Zhou, Valley High School
- Peige Zhou, Valley High School

The 2005 Annual Iowa Chinese Award Honorees

Lifetime Achievement Award

- David Lee, Founder
Chinese Association of Iowa

Person of the Year

- Hugh Lu, Johnston

The Corporate Leadership Award

- Dean Oestreich, President
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Family of the Year

- The Hofferber Family
(Fred, Barb, Leeann, Kerry, and Colin)
Des Moines

Volunteers of the Year

- Lei Dong, Ames
- Scott Yinzhi Zhao, Johnston

Youth of the Year

- Justin Guan, Valley High School
- Hanna Wolle, Valley High School

The 2004 Annual Iowa Chinese Award Honorees

Person of the Year

- Frank Zhang, West Des Moines

The Corporate Leadership Award

- Bankers Trust

Volunteers of the Year

- Yulan Shen, Ames
- Grace Yang, Des Moines

Youth of the Year

- Annie Ye, Valley High School

The 2003 Annual Iowa Chinese Award Honorees

Persons of the Year

- Jianlin Zhai and Xiaoyan Shen
West Des Moines

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