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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**EVENT DATE:** June 6, 2013

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### **WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE ON ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS TO HOLD SYMPOSIUM TO DISCUSS DATA DISAGGREGATION FOR AAPI STUDENTS**

*National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education (CARE) and Educational Testing Service (ETS) to release new report*

The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI) and the National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education (CARE) will hold a symposium, “iCount: Equity Through Representation,” on June 6-7 to discuss the need for and benefits of collecting and reporting disaggregated data for AAPI students. In conjunction with the symposium, on Thursday June 6 at 11 a.m., CARE and Educational Testing Service (ETS) will release their new report *iCount A Data Quality Movement for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Higher Education* at a press conference at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. where experts will discuss the report and the importance of data disaggregation to improve educational opportunity for AAPI students.

**WHO:**

Kiran Ahuja, executive director, White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Don Yu, special advisor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.

Akil Vohra, senior advisor, White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Lenora M. Green, senior director, Center for Advocacy and Philanthropy, Educational Testing Service

Robert T. Teranishi, associate professor of higher education at the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development at New York University (NYU)

Pearl Imada Iboshi, director of the Institutional Research and Analysis Office for the University of Hawai’i system.

**WHAT:**

Press conference and symposium to discuss data disaggregation for AAPI students

**WHEN:**

Press Conference 11 a.m. ET, Thursday, June 6, 2013  
Symposium begins at 2 p.m. ET Thursday, June 6, 2013 (LBJ Bldg., Barnard Auditorium)

**WHERE:**

U.S. Department of Education  
LBJ Building  
Learning Center Room 1W105/108  
400 Maryland Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C.

***NOTE: Media representatives who wish to attend the press conference and/or symposium on June 6 must RSVP by e-mailing their name, title, organization and contact information to Elaine Quesinberry at [elaine.quesinberry@ed.gov](mailto:elaine.quesinberry@ed.gov) by Wed., June 5 at 11 a.m. ET.***

**The report, *iCount A Data Quality Movement for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Higher Education*, was prepared by CARE/ETS. The U.S. Department of Education did not participate in the preparation or completion of this report. The opinions expressed by CARE/ETS do not necessarily reflect the positions or policies of the U.S. Department of Education and should not be construed or interpreted as an endorsement by the U.S. Department of Education of any kind. Rather, the U.S. Department of Education's participation in this event is to discuss the importance of data disaggregation for AAPI students, and the responses that the Department received on this issue through its request for information.**