

## US PAN ASIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - SOUTHWEST

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The US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce – Southwest is proud to present our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian Lunar New Year Celebration and Award Gala on February 9, 2019. The Chamber celebrates the Year of The Pig – The Lunar Year 4716 which signifies Prosperity and Peace. The event will be held at The Pearl Banquet Center in Asian Time Square located in Grand Prairie, 2625 W. Pioneer Pkwy # 600, Grand Prairie, Texas 75051. This auspicious Celebration has always attracted a large audience from corporations and small businesses in this region.

**This year's Lunar New Year Celebration Corporate Sponsors** are Lockheed Martins, AT&T, Baylor Scott & White Orthopedic & Spine Hospital at Arlington, ATMOS Energy, BNSF, BB&T Bank, Dallas Baptist University, DART, DFW Airport, Frost Bank, Hunton Andrew Kurth LLC, NTTA, Tarrant County College, Texas Live!, City of Arlington and Wells Fargo. For 18 years, the USPAACC-Southwest has brought this exciting Lunar New Year Celebration to North Texas. The evening's highlights include the thrilling Opening Performance of the fierce Lion Dancers and the Award presentations honoring Outstanding Asian Business Achievements and Corporate Diversity & Inclusion Champions.

The Outstanding Asian American Award demonstrates Asian Americans hard work and their steadfast commitment through job creation and economic development and those who made an impact in the community in this region. The Corporate Diversity & Inclusion Champion Awards are presented to corporations and individuals for their advocacy effort in championing Diversity & Inclusion initiatives. Our Guests will also feast on an authentic ten-course Chinese dinner and have a chance to try their luck in winning the 50/50 raffle.

This year's speakers and award recipients include the following:

Official Welcome - **Mayor Ron Jensen** - The City of Grand Prairie, Texas  
**Mayor Jeff Williams** - The City of Arlington, Texas

Corporate Diversity & Inclusion Champions and Small Business Outstanding Achievements Awardees are:



**Dr. Allan Beck**  
CEO, Baylor Scott & White  
Orthopedic & Spine Hospital  
at Arlington



**Dr. David Lu**  
Vice President, SDN  
Platform & Systems  
AT&T Labs



**Robert Liang**  
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YJ USA Corporation



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**Kim Cummings**  
Assistant Vice President,  
BNSF



*Award Presentation MC*  
**Maisam Illewi**  
Project Manager, Office of  
Diversity and Inclusion, JPS  
Health & Network

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