

Aloha. As part of our ongoing outreach to those involved with disability issues, the National Technical Assistance Center for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders with disabilities (NTAC-AAPI) likes to publish the stories of successful AAPI with disabilities. These “Success Stories” are accounts by inspirational AAPI with disabilities, who have overcome obstacles and achieved their career goals despite incredibly challenging circumstances. In publishing their stories, NTAC-AAPI seeks to motivate others in similar situations. For examples of Success Stories previously published, please go to <http://www.ntac.hawaii.edu/products/products.htm> and view all editions of Volume 5.

We would like to invite you to share your story for possible publication. We believe you are successful and want others to be aware of your accomplishments. Please tell us your story, including all relevant obstacles and successes/achievements – in approximately 1500 words – and send it to James.Brightman@cds.hawaii.edu ; phone number: (808) 956-4585. If we publish your account, we can offer you a \$400 honorarium.

Please use the following outline as a guide for your writing, but feel free to modify the format as necessary to tell your unique story:

I. History

- A. Childhood (describe your life growing up)
- B. Adolescence (describe your goals and aspirations)

II. Disability

- A. Specific Disability (the type of disability you have and how acquired)
- B. Unique Obstacles (unique to you personally, and/or as an Asian American or Pacific Islander with a disability)

III. Accomplishments

- A. Past (what have you done; career goal focus)
- B. Present (what are you doing; current employment or focus)
- C. Future Plans (what are your plans; in what direction is your life moving?)

IV. Summary/Conclusion/Motivation for others facing similar obstacles

Thank you for your contribution to our Success Story briefs. Your participation reflects your commitment to empowering those who may find

your story compelling and become inspired to make changes in their own lives.