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### **SCCMA to Host AA/PI Civic Engagement Youth Conference**

In observance of Asian American and Pacific Islander Month, the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs will host its inaugural Civic Engagement Conference for Asian American and Pacific Islander youth on Friday, May 21 at 9 a.m.

The virtual, free conference will feature sessions on civic engagement, networking and AA/PI culture and identity. Jimmy Chao, President and Chief Engineer with Chao and Associates, Inc., will deliver the keynote address.

The conference is open to Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander youth between the ages of 16 and 20. Students who are looking for opportunities to build their skills in leadership and become civically engaged on the local, state or national level are encouraged to attend.

To register, visit [cma.sc.gov](http://cma.sc.gov).

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### **ABOUT THE S.C. COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS**

The South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs is the official South Carolina state agency bridging the gap between ethnic minority communities. The Commission's mission is to be a catalyst that identifies and examines emerging issues and trends by providing constructive solutions and approaches to support the policy and socio-economic development of ethnic minority communities. For more information, visit our website at [www.cma.sc.gov](http://www.cma.sc.gov).