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Chinese American Citizens Alliance Congratulates Karen Yang—2017 Miss Chinatown USA

SAN FRANCISCO, CA–The Chinese American Citizens Alliance congratulates Houston’s Karen Yang on being crowned the 2017 Miss Chinatown USA at the Palace of Fine Arts on Saturday, February 4th. An 18 year old freshman majoring in applied mathematics and economics at Harvard University, Karen follows a distinguished group of Miss Chinatown Houston’s to be crowned as the coveted Miss Chinatown USA, most recently following the footsteps of 2015’s Rose Li, now attending NYU and 2014’s Karen Li, also attending Harvard University.
While growing up in Sugar Land (just outside Houston), Karen looked up to the previous winners of the Miss Chinatown Houston Pageant as examples of inspiration and confidence building and hopes to provide that same example to other young girls to make their childhood dreams a reality while embracing their own identity and being proud of their heritage. Proud parents are Jun Yang and Julie Hu of Sugar Land, Texas.

Karen’s many personal and academic achievements are numerous and diverse. Using her musical talents, she’s touched the lives of over 100 individuals by organizing concerts at Alzheimer’s centers. She enjoys drawing, dancing, playing piano, taking pictures, and trying new foods, while giving back to the community through writing Pen Pal letters to immigrant children. Currently studying at Harvard, she not only has an interest in entrepreneurship as a freshman representative of Harvard’s Women in Business, she’s also a dancer in Expressions, Harvard’s hip-hop dance group. With a desire to help others succeed and a love for mathematics, Karen envisions a possible career in financial planning.

On behalf of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance National Lodge and San Francisco Lodge, National President Ed Gor, Executive Vice-President Davace Chin and San Francisco Lodge President Cathy Cheung congratulate Karen Yang for her dedication to excellence and extend our sincerest best wishes for continued success as the 2017 Miss Chinatown USA. Congratulations, Karen, and to C.A.C.A. Houston Lodge for sponsoring Karen in this year’s Pageant!

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Chinese American Citizens Alliance

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