

**Theme**

“Action in Unity” – we are here to work as one.

**Description of Event**

Vietnamese Students Interacting as one (VIA-1) conference over the past two year has been a tremendous success in bringing Vietnamese students together in a joyous event and to continue this tradition and to bring this conference to its intended meaning. The Illinois Vietnamese Students Union would like to bring this spirit to the students in the Metropolitan area. At this conference, it will consist of different workshops that involve many perspective of Vietnamese experience throughout the United States. Also please look at he rough outlines of this conference (page 3).

**Possible Date**

Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 – Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Or Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 – Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

**Estimated Funding**

\$20,000.00

**Source of Funding**

- 1) Registration fees: \$5000.00
- 2) Fundraising events by IVSU & VSAs : \$10000.00
- 3) Sponsorship/Donation: \$5000.00
- 4) Contributions from participating VSAs: Unknown
- 5) Grants: Unknown
- 6) Sale of concert tickets: Unknown

**Human Resources**

Illinois Vietnamese Student Union (IVSU) has 20 members in the Board of Executives/Representatives/& Advisors. In addition, IVSU has roughly 40 staff members who will assist in preparing logistics for the 3<sup>rd</sup> VIA-1 Conference in 2005.

**Number of Attendees**

We anticipate 250-300 attendees.

**Conference Planning Committee**

-Illinois Vietnamese Student Union (IVSU)

-Participating VSAs

**Strength of IVSU**

Active member and staff, Strong work ethic in IVSU

## **Weakness of IVSU**

Never hosts a conference this big before. But we will do the best one ever

## **Possible Sponsors**

- a. Vietnamese Association of Illinois (VAI)
- b. Vietnamese American Community of Illinois
- c. Vietnamese Professionals Society (VPS)-Chicago Chapter
- d. Vietnamese American Public Affairs Committee (VPAC) – Chicago Chapter
- e. Asian American and Pacific Islander Health Forum
- f. Vietnamese Buddhist Community of Illinois
- g. Vietnamese Catholic Community of Illinois

## **Selective Events organized by IVSU in the past 4 years**

Nu Sinh Duyen Dang 2004

This is a Vietnamese New year event that shows Vietnamese girl age from 16-24 in Vietnamese tradition dress (A'o da`i) answer question in Vietnamese about themselves, and Vietnamese culture. It took us two months to prepare for this event. The budget was \$2000 and about 600 people attend the shows.

Viet hope 2004

We have raised \$800 for this organization that built classroom and school in Vietnam. It was a one day event of fundraising by asking private Vietnamese business to donate money for this organization. It took us two week to plan this fundraising. 25 IVSU members show up in the cold weather to do this fundraising

Autumn Festival 2003

2002

Vietnamese Student Night

2001

Vietnamese Student Conference

## **Other group that will help out**

United Vietnamese Student Association of Northern and Southern California

University of Wisconsin VSA

Marquette University VSA

Michigan State VSA

## **A rough outline of the 3<sup>rd</sup> VIA-1 Conference in 2005**

### **Friday**

6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.: Registration & Hotel check-in

8:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m.: Opening ceremony & concert

-This concert should be open to the public to rally support from the community

Singers:

- a) Trish Thuy Trang
- b) Lam Nhat Tien
- c) Heart2Exist
- d) Name your favorite singer.

### **Saturday**

8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. Conference opening remarks

9:30 a.m. -12:30 a.m. Workshops

- a) Leadership workshop
- b) Vietnamese Culture/Literature workshop
- c) Vietnamese American film & art workshop
- d) Vietnamese/Vietnamese American history workshop

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Workshops

- a) Mainstream politics involvement workshop
- b) Public health/mental health workshop
- c) Community mobilization workshop
- d) Charity projects workshop
- e) Fundraising workshop

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Review

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Break

8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Banquet/ Entertainment/Dance (This event is for conference attendee only.)

- a) Performance from various VSAs

- b) Performance by spoken word artist Bao Phi
- c) Dance

## **Sunday**

11:00 a.m. – 12: 30 p.m. Collective projects planning & thoughts sharing

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch

2: 00 p.m. – 3: 00 p.m. Nomination/election for VIA-1 Executive Committee

3:00 p.m. – 4: 00 p.m. Closing Ceremony

Sunday/Monday/Tuesday: Optional tours of Chicago for attendee who wish to prolong their stay to explore the city

Possible invited guest speakers:

- 1) Dat Nguyen (Linebacker/Dallas Cowboy/NFL)
- 2) Dat Phan (Stand-up Comedian)
- 3) Dinh Viet (Former Assistant Attorney General/Public Policy)
- 4) John Quoc Duong (Former Executive Officer of White House Initiatives on AAPI)
- 5) Le Ngoan (Founder of VAI, current Director of HHS of Chicago)
- 6) Nguyen Duc Tam (CEO of VAI)
- 7) Mina Nguyen ( PR Chair, Department of Labor)
- 8) Tony Bui (Filmmaker)
- 9) Victor Vu (Filmmaker)
- 10) Dr. Ho Tran (CEO & Founder, AAPI Health Forum)
- 11) Bao-Ky Vu (Commissioner, President's Commission on AAPI)
- 12) Tuyet Le (CEO of Asian American Institute in Chicago)
- 13) Truc Ho (Composer/Owner of Asia Entertainment, Inc.)
- 14) Tran Thai Van (Vice Major of Westminster City, Candidate for State of California Assemblyman)
- 15) Name your favorite guest speaker.