

## ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN (APA) HERITAGE BASH

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Verizon Wireless hosted its third annual Asian Pacific American (APA) Heritage Bash, the grand finale to APA Heritage Month, on May 20 at the Hard Rock Cafe Seattle in honor of Asian American leaders in the Puget Sound area.

### VIP Roast

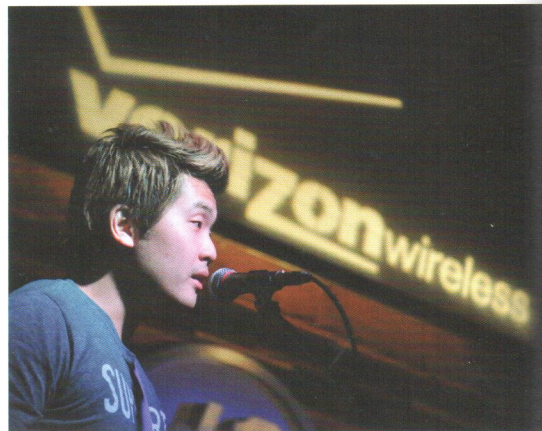
This year Verizon Wireless and TD Wang Advertising partnered with Kollaboration Seattle, a non-profit organization founded in Los Angeles in 2000 committed to promoting APA presence in mainstream entertainment and media. Over 300 guests and APA leaders throughout the Northwest gathered and celebrated their accomplishments with Kollaboration Seattle Entertainment showcasing their top music artists: Kings, New Heights, and Sam Shin. Tina Kim from the Last Comic Standing emceed the night introducing a VIP Community Roast where industry leaders were honored in the following award categories: The Advocate (Christine Chen), The Innovator (Julie Pham), and The Motivator (Hoan Do) of the year. Other activities throughout the evening included a musical concert put on by Kollaboration Seattle, a free raffle giveaway of a Verizon Wireless Thunderbolt HTC phone and free handouts of glasses, lip balm, and playing cards courtesy of Yelp Seattle.

### Honorees

Honorees included: Advocate - Diem Ly; International Examiner Editor in Chief, Christine Chen; President of the Board of Directors for ACRS; James Riley, Sounders FC player; Innovator - Maureen Francisco; reality TV personality and journalist, Julie Pham; Người Việt Tây Bắc Managing Editor; Mariam Liu, Seattle Times Arts and Entertainment Reporter; Liana Woo, Board Member of the Interim CDA; Motivator - Christine Umayay; Founder and Executive Director of Child United, Andy Yip; President of the Hong Kong Association of WA; Hoan Do, Motivational Speaker and Founder of Succeeding in the Real World.



Hoan Do being roasted by brother, Hoc Do



Local Seattle artist Sam Shin



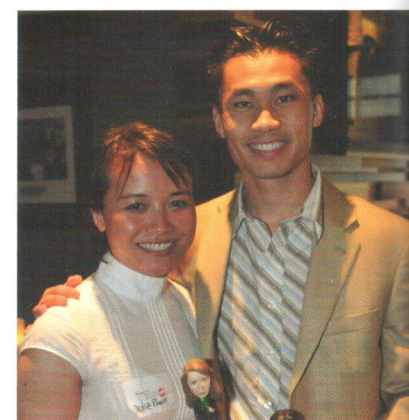
Richard Martin, Richard Valazquez, Christine Chen, James Riley, Ryan Catabay, and Diem Ly



Albert Shen and Christine Chen



Crowd



Julie Pham and Huan Do



Tim Wang and Amir Sadeahi



Local band Kings perform on stage



David Kim, Kevin Park, and Samuel Hona