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## Celebrating CASL's new CEO, Paul Luu, at the 2017 Winter Social

CHICAGO (November 30, 2017) — On **Friday, December 8, 2017, 7:00–10:00 PM**, the **Bridgeport Art Center's Skyline Loft** will be ablaze with excitement as corporate leaders, renowned philanthropists, major media entities, and local politicians partake in a warm welcome toast to CASL's new CEO **Paul Luu**.

Join us for a night of sultry live jazz by the *Gatsby Gang*, savory comfort food experiences by CASL's Culinary Training Program, and classic cocktails at an open bar—featuring Paul's Manhattan signature drink. About 400 guests are expected to attend the 2017 Winter Social.

**Emcees:** Judy Hsu (ABC-7), Nancy Loo (WGN-TV)

**Celebrity Host Committee:** Ravi Baichwal (ABC-7), Billy Dec (Rokit Ranch Productions), Eric Horng (ABC-7), Judy Hsu (ABC-7), Candace Jordan (Candid Candace), Katie Kim (NBC-5), Nancy Loo (WGN-TV), Joanie Lum (FOX-32), Susanna Song (CBS-2), Judy Wang (WGN-TV), Ji Suk Yi (Windy City LIVE)

**Date and Time:** Friday, December 8, 2017 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM

**Location:** Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W 35<sup>th</sup>, Chicago

**Tickets, Sponsorships and Information:** CASLservice.org/Events

*Sponsors as of 11/30/17*

**CHAIRS:** Chaoran Jin and Steve Prokup - Keystone Capital, The Chicago Community Trust, Wendy and Brian Lee

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### IN-KIND FOOD AND BEVERAGES

Blue Plate Catering, MillerCoors

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### Chinese American Service League

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## Chinese American Service League Hires New Western-Style Culinary Instructors for the Chef Training Program

CHICAGO (January 3, 2017) — After decades of dedicated service instructing chef trainees in the art of Western-style cuisine, the Chinese American Service League's (CASL) two chef instructors have retired from their positions. Taking their place, **Anastasia Barantchouk** and **Raymond Lau** arrived in the CASL kitchen the first week of January to begin prepping for the 89<sup>th</sup> Chef Training Class to run January 17<sup>th</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>. Head Start English instruction will run January 3<sup>rd</sup> through January 13<sup>th</sup> for those in need of English vocabulary lessons prior to the culinary class.

Anastasia Barantchouk is the new Head Instructor. Her prior positions include Catering Chef & Instructor for Heartland Human Care Services, Tutor for Wicker Park Learning Center, English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher in Korea, and a Teacher for AmeriCorps Project YES. Her education includes Associates of Applied Sciences in the Culinary Arts Accelerated Program at Kendall Collage (Chicago, IL), and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Painting at Kendal Collage (Grand Rapids, MI). Her combined culinary, education, and ESL skills will prove to be a tremendous asset to the Chef Training Program.

Raymond Lau will be the new Vocational English as a Second Language instructor for the Chef Training Program. He has been a Citizenship Instructor at CASL since 2012. His past positions include Director of Elderly Services at the South East Asia Center and Adjunct Faculty in the Graduate School of Education at National-Louis University. His education includes the Golden Apple Teacher Education Program at Northwestern University, Ph.D Candidacy in Sociology at Southern Illinois University, Masters degree in Sociology at Southern Illinois University, and a Bachelors degree in English and Philosophy and Southern Illinois University. His teaching experience combined with his command of Chinese and English language and familiarity with CASL will greatly enhance the Chef Training Program experience for those in need of extra language instruction.

For more than 30 years, the Chinese American Service League's Chef Training Program has successfully trained and placed over 1,500 students in full time culinary positions, most of which offer benefits. Graduates are placed in one of the over 100 culinary industry employers who partner with us, such as Peninsula Chicago, Hyatt Group, Hilton Group, Four Seasons, and Langham Chicago.

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## J.B. Pritzker Chairing the Chinese American Service League's Spring Gala

CHICAGO (April 12, 2017) — Join J.B. Pritzker and the Chinese American Service League (CASL) in celebration of our ongoing positive impact in Chicago. On **Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 6:00–10:00 PM**, The Field Museum will be ablaze with excitement as corporate leaders, renowned philanthropists, major media entities, and local politicians get to know the extraordinary CASL board members and staff leadership piloting CASL into an exciting and innovative future. 500-600 guests are expected to attend.

The Golden Lion Award to be presented to NORTHERN TRUST. The award will be accepted by Connie L. Lindsey, Executive Vice President and Head of Corporate Social Responsibility and Global Diversity & Inclusion.

### CHAIR: J.B. Pritzker

**Emcees:** Judy Hsu (ABC-7), Nancy Loo (WGN-TV)

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM

**Location:** The Field Museum, 1400 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago

**Tickets, Sponsorships and Information:** [CASLservice.org/Events](http://CASLservice.org/Events)

### Schedule

6:00 PM Cocktail Reception with a private viewing of the *Cyrus Tang Hall of China* and *Specimens: Unlocking the Secrets of Life*

7:00 PM Dinner and Program

9:00 PM After-Dinner Cocktail Party with networking and re-opening of the *Cyrus Tang Hall of China* and *Specimens: Unlocking the Secrets of Life*

### Awards

The Golden Lion Award will be presented to Northern Trust and received by Connie Lindsey, Executive Vice President and Head of Corporate Social Responsibility and Global Diversity & Inclusion

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## Celebrating the Retirement and Legacy of President Bernie Wong and Executive Director Esther Wong at CASL's 2016 Winter Social

CHICAGO (November 30, 2016) — Join the Chinese American Service League (CASL) in celebration of Bernie Wong and Esther Wong's retirement at the end of 2016, and get to know the extraordinary board members and staff leadership piloting CASL into an exciting and innovative future.

On **Friday, December 2, 2016, 6:30–10:00 PM**, the **Bridgeport Art Center's Skyline Loft** will be ablaze with excitement as corporate leaders, renowned philanthropists, major media entities, and local politicians congratulate Bernie and Esther on co-founding the Chinese American Service League, and on their many decades of service to Chinese immigrants and the Chicago community at large.

A full open bar, several hors d'oeuvres and dessert experiences, screens full of guests' tweeted photos, and music by internationally-acclaimed DJ Orion Roswell will set the tone for a chic, club-like experience. Over 600 guests are expected to attend the 2016 Winter Social.

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### IN-KIND RESTAURANTS AND BEVERAGES

Anna's Asian Sushi Bar & Grill, Blue Plate Catering, CASL Chef Training Program, MillerCoors, New Furama Seafood Restaurant, RYUU Asian BBQ, Spin-Spun, Black Dog Gelato

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