

# LOOKING BACK

AA Success's accomplishments  
throughout the years

2007-2022





# 2007 The Beginning of AASuccess

**15 years ago**, the first members of AASuccess joined to start something new.

Though they faced trials and tribulations, their difference remained steadfast as they **laid the foundation** for the ever-increasing family of AASuccess members, supporters, and volunteers.

Since its beginnings, AASuccess has not only been a place for **community projects and events** but a place where students can **advocate for education** beyond what is taught traditionally in schools.



*An early meeting with the founding members*

# 2008



## Student Bao Nguyen joined the VNMAP Medical Mission Team in Khanh Hoa, Vietnam



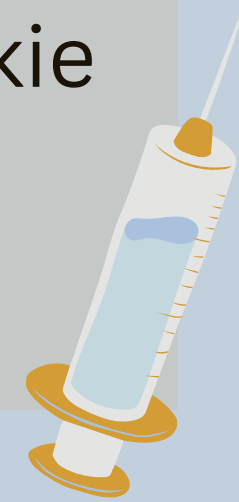
Through an AASuccess Internship, Bao Nguyen was able to provide patient care to Vietnamese kids and develop his medical experience.

“ We all shared the same goal and were spiritually moved when we saw how happy the patients were to finally receive the **proper care and medicine they desire for**... Though the transition from one clinic to the next made it hard to adjust to the environmental conditions, treating the patients was our **top priority**...”

– Bao Nguyen, former student

# 2009 AASuccess' First Community Wellness Event

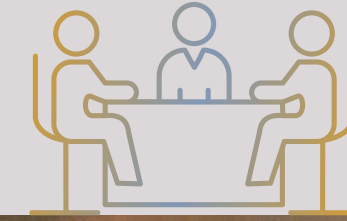
This student-led event was organized by Jackie Ta to support underserved Asian-American families in the NOVA community.



“The purpose of this event was to give back to the community by providing H1N1 flu shots and educating attendees about the flu and the importance of living a healthy lifestyle”

– Jackie Ta, former student

# 2010 Our First Sustaining Member Program Event



AASuccess had been around for 4 years and the organization looked to sustain for many years into the future. With this, we hosted an event to **thank long-lasting friends**, and **welcome new members**.



We hold great value to our **supporters and sponsors** as they help us continue to spread our mission of **community involvement** and guiding the **young generation**.

# 2011 YouthCon Scholarship Promotional Event

On January 29th, 2011, AASuccess students organized a promotional event for an upcoming YouthCon Scholarship Program at a Tết Festival. It was the first time YouthCon engaged with the greater community by welcoming applicants from outside of AASuccess.



The organization wanted to empower more students outside of AASuccess and for our own students to help support community youth by leading this event.

# 2012 Student-led Public Health Fair



A team of **AASuccess students** coordinated a Public Health Fair with support from the Vietnamese Medical Society of North East America (VMSNA) and the Fairfax County Health Department.



During the event, **free medical assistance** and **health education** were provided to more than **400 Asian American families** in NOVA.





# 2013



## Student Elizabeth Do conducted a research project under an AASuccess Sponsorship.

Elizabeth Do, a founding student of AASuccess, embarked on a research project about **urban poverty in the Philippines** for 6 weeks. During her time there, she worked to study more about **modern-day social issues** in developing countries.



This AASuccess alumni set an example for following students who wish to **pursue their education** and widen their horizons. Our **mentorship program** and **internships** give students opportunities to train and gain experience to become **strong leaders!**

# 2014 The first Student-led YouthCon Scholarship Program



1st Place winner:  
Tristan Tran



This shift to *student-led* YC events was made to expose students to a greater amount of responsibility. After much hard work and preparation, the AASuccess students were successful in hosting the **2014 YouthCon Scholarship Program**. They were able to further develop the skills needed to handle larger tasks and positions in a **team-based environment**.

# 2015 "Backpacks to Belize"

**AASuccess** members led by **Nick Tran** collaborated with the non-profit Project Water Buffalo to initiate the "Backpacks to Belize" project. They worked to collect and distribute **backpacks and school supplies** to support **impoverished children** in **Toledo, Belize**.



# 2016 Build a School – Leave A Legacy



AASuccess partnered with Jimmy Thai in his “Build A School – Leave A Legacy” program. It was a **5k run fundraiser** in D.C. organized to raise money for the construction of **schools and bridges in Vietnam.**

# 2017 The First Delta Success Community Project



**Nguyen Ngu Thuong**, a DELTA Success student, had the opportunity to **teach English** to and work on **projects** with younger students in the **rural areas of Vietnam**. This was the first of many giving-back projects in Vietnam through the **DELTA program**.

# 2018 Project Butterfly: 1st U.S. and Vietnamese Student Collaboration

Project Butterfly was a **giving-back fundraiser** aimed to raise money for **temples and orphanages** in Vietnam. The US students fundraised through **car washes and a bake sale**. The students in Vietnam organized **charity trips**, spending time with children at temples and orphanages.



# 2019 Warm Hearts Winter Drive



Students and mentors teamed together to help spread some cheer around the community. They organized **over 25 gifts** for children at **Patrick Henry's Homeless Shelter** in Falls Church and **five new immigrant families** in Takoma, Maryland. Furthermore, the members assembled 7 baskets of goodies for **local mail carriers**.



# 2020 The Period Project: Advocation for Menstrual Poverty

Menstrual poverty is a stigmatized issue in society. In response to this, student **Ashley Rodriguez** began the **Period Project**. She was successful in help raising awareness and **\$1,300** worth of feminine hygiene products for **12 local women's shelters**.





# 2021 Typhoon Molave Relief Fundraiser

After **Typhoon Molave** left destruction in Vietnam, student **Colby Pham** took the initiative to partner with the LaSan Vietnam Organization to lead a fundraiser to support the **victims' recovery** and the **rebuilding process**.



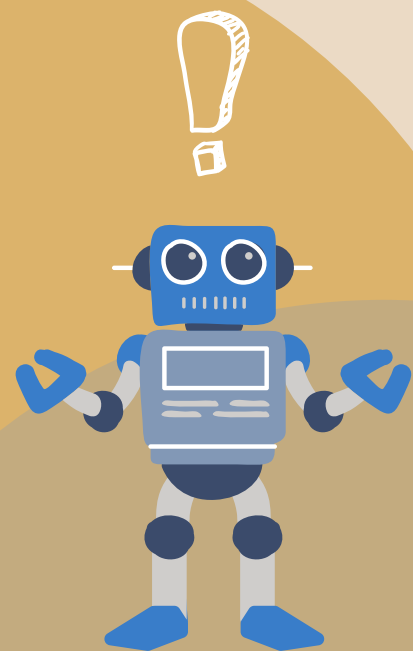
His effort resulted in a total of **\$2080** raised and **gift packages** sent to **90 Vietnamese students** which included textbooks, supplies, and uniforms.

# 2022 Roversity Project

**Nicole Ortuno** started this project to introduce **underserved students** at the Second Story Homeless Shelter to the world of **STEM**. She along with **Nico Cardenas** facilitated bi-weekly **robotics introduction lessons**.



The program concluded with the "**Roversity Roboball**" event, a World-cup inspired competition where the students **showcase their creations**.



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