

API LGBT Group Honors Families

AsianWeek Staff Report

About 130 people attended the Asian and Pacific Islander Family Pride banquet on Aug. 26 in Oakland. The banquet showcased API families who embraced their LGBT children as positive examples of how to accept LGBTs into API families. LGBT APIs gave testimonies that illustrated the difficulties APIs face when telling their families that they are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

The volunteer organization offers support and information to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered APIs and their families. Volunteers provide a safe space to talk and offer their own stories to help promote understanding and acceptance within families and communities.



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Left to right: John Dronkers-Laureta, Belinda Dronkers-Laureta, Bahar Kumar, Mark Molina, Daniel Bao, Amy Sueyoshi, Lily Wong and Tita Aida. Not shown: Marion Abdullah and Andy Wong.