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**OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL STUDENT LIFE REVIVES THE
ASIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE,
KNOXVILLE**

KNOXVILLE, TN (February 10, 2016) - The Office of Multicultural Student Life (MSL) at the University of Tennessee oversees several student-run cultural organizations. Over 30 student organizations and seven fraternities and sororities are managed under the Office of Multicultural Student Life. The student-run organizations can become inactive if students cannot keep their members involved. This happened with a few of the organizations including the Latin-American Student Organization which was inactive until it was revived during Fall 2015. The Office of Multicultural Student Life is working on reviving the Asian-American Association (Triple A) as their Spring 2016 project.

The Asian-American Association was last active in 2011. Lucy Boateng, a graduate research assistant for diversity and multicultural education, is in charge of this project. Lucy has held three Asian-American Association meetings this semester to discuss the foundation of what students want their organization to be about. A round table discussion with leaders of other student-run organizations revolving around Asian cultures, including but not limited to the Korean Student Association and Filipino-American Association, will be held March 1, 2016 as their first public event.

“We must get other leaders involved in spreading Triple A’s awareness and see how we want our organization to compare and stand out next to theirs,” is the goal of this event as stated by Lucy. “We want to give students a reason to join and stay to continue the program that other organizations can not give them. This is the first step to creating the foundation for Triple A so that in the Fall we can be established and begin programming.”

The Office of Multicultural Student Life was established at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville over 25 years ago and operates under the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. They create a community that spreads awareness about culture, diversity, and inclusion. The Office of Multicultural Student Life does this by supervising over 30 organizations that students with diverse backgrounds feel comfortable in and by hosting diversity and cultural programs throughout the school year. More information about their organizations and programs can be found by visiting the Frieson Black Cultural Center or their website at multicultural.utk.edu.

For additional information on the Asian-American Association revival at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville contact graduate research assistant Lucy Boateng at lboateng@vols.utk.edu. The Asian-American Association meets every Tuesday at 6pm in the Frieson Black Cultural Center.

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