Norcross, GA, September 26, 2019 — On Saturday, September 28th, 2019 at 6:00 PM, Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Atlanta will host its ninth Annual Community Champions Gala, the organization’s annual fall fundraiser. All proceeds of the event will support Advancing Justice – Atlanta’s mission to protect and promote the civil and human rights of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) in Georgia and the Southeast through policy advocacy, legal services, organizing & civic engagement, and impact litigation.

Each year, Advancing Justice – Atlanta recognizes its local superheroes and thank them for their hard work and dedication to furthering the civil, social, and economic rights of AANHPIs in Georgia. The gala is the organization’s largest event of the year, typically attracting over 300 guests, including many elected officials, dignitaries, business leaders, and stakeholders of several diverse local Asian American community groups.

We are proud to present the 2019 Freedom Fighter award to Dr. Carol Anderson, 2019 Community Champion to Christopher Chan, and the Rising Star Award to Kavi Vu.

This year’s Freedom Fighter awardee and Keynote Speaker is Dr. Carol Anderson. Dr. Anderson is a professor of African American Studies at Emory University. Her research focuses on public policy with regard to race, justice, and equality. She is also an author of White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide, a New York Times Bestseller and National Book Critics Circle Award Winner, One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy & more!

Christopher Chan is a Partner at the global law practice of Eversheds Sutherland with over 3,000 attorneys worldwide. He is Leadership Atlanta Class of 2019 graduate, Chris helped lead GAPABA to be a leading bar organization in the State of Georgia. Chris is a past President and has continuously served on the Board of Directors for GAPABA since 2009. Chris currently serves as the Southeast Region Governor for NAPABA, a leading voice on civic advocacy issues for over 50,000 Asian American attorneys. Chris mentors many younger attorneys, law school students, and future law students. Chris is also passionate about raising local Asian American community awareness on the importance of voting and election rights, being counted in the upcoming United States Census, and being an advocate for Asian Americans in both local and national issues.

Kavi Vu is a Vietnamese American storyteller who uses videography, photography, and poetry to preserve history. She is the co-founder of Wake Up, Atlanta, a web-series that uses videos and graphics to civically engaged Asian American millennials in Georgia. She became a Center for Civic Innovation Fellow in 2018, and continues to work towards ensuring that the Asian American voice is present: in our screens, on the stage, and at the polls.

This year’s gala is supported by the following:

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Members of the media are welcome to attend.

For more information about the event, call 404-585-8446 or email jwoo@advancingjustice-atlanta.org.

WHAT: 2019 Community Champions Gala

WHERE: The Westin Atlanta Perimeter North (7 Concourse Parkway NE, Atlanta, GA 30328)

WHEN: Saturday, September 28th, 6 PM

About Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta (formerly Asian American Legal Advocacy Center or AALAC) is the first non-profit law center dedicated to Asian immigrants and refugees (“Asian Americans”) in the Southeast.

Our goal is to engage, educate and empower under-represented Asian Americans to greater civic participation.

We are one of five independent organizations that make up the national Asian Americans Advancing Justice. Together with our affiliates in Chicago, DC, Los Angeles and San Francisco, we bring more than 100 years of collective experience in addressing the civil rights issues faced by Asian Americans and other vulnerable and underserved communities. Visit www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org.