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**OASES and Project by Project**  
**Partners for Education**

**March 19th, 2011, OAKLAND, CA** - Oakland Asian Students Education Services (OASES) is excited to announce our partnership with the San Francisco chapter of **Project by Project (PbP)** for PbP's 2011 national campaign theme of ***Asian Americans and Education***. PbP is a 501(c)3 non profit organization founded in 1998 in New York City by young Asian American professionals to focus on issues that Asian Americans in the United States face. PbP has since expanded to the SF Bay Area, with more than 1,500 volunteers nationwide.

OASES empowers ethnically diverse K-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth with limited resources through providing services and programs ranging from homework tutorial, English language support, workshops in the arts, social justice leadership, technology, financial literacy, diversity education and more. Since 1983, OASES has expanded to serve a diverse ethnicity of students, with Asian Americans being the predominant group served in the Chinatown and San Antonio neighborhoods of Oakland.

Each year, OASES programs are supported by more than 400 volunteers from Laney Community college and the University of California, Berkeley – the birthplace of OASES as a campus service club. OASES is excited to expand the volunteer force to include young professionals from PbP. Through the partnership with PbP, OASES hopes to gain support in increasing public awareness about our organization, expanding our volunteer base, and raising funds for our vital programs to maximize our impact in the community.

“We are excited to mobilize our group of Asian American professionals to utilize their skills and resources to support OASES” said Beverly Nevalga, PbP chapter president. “The key is collaboration across a community to help students develop social and life skills through mentorship programs and enrichment activities.”

OASES Executive Director, Nhi Chau stated that the partnership between OASES and PbP could not have come at a time of more need and importance. “The recent recession has presented unprecedented challenges which have caused OASES to make the difficult decision to put our RISE middle school and SOAR High school programs on hiatus out of necessity,” said Chau.

OASES and PbP hopes that the partnership will help sustain and maximize our positive impact on the youth of Oakland. For more information about volunteer opportunities and upcoming events with Oakland Asian Students Education Services, please visit [www.OASES.org](http://www.OASES.org) and [www.projectbyproject.org](http://www.projectbyproject.org).