



## **Academy Securities Celebrates Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month**

Academy Securities celebrates May 2022 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. This month and throughout the year, we recognize our valued Asian and Pacific Islander team members.

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month is an annual celebration that recognizes the historical and cultural contributions to the United States of individuals and groups of Asian and Pacific Islander descent. This includes cultures from the entire Asian continent—including East, Southeast, and South Asia—and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia. Asian/Pacific American Heritage recognition originated with Congress in 1977. Presidents passed annual proclamations for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week until 1992, when Congress passed a law which annually designated May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. The theme for May 2022: "Advancing Leaders Through Collaboration".

Academy is proud to highlight the story of John Chang, an enlisted veteran of the United States Marine Corps from New York City who joined the firm as part of our social mission to mentor, hire, and train veterans. During his service, Mr. Chang participated in combat operations in Nasiriyah during the Iraq war. Upon joining Academy Securities, Mr. Chang became part of the firm's Fixed Income Trading team and is currently VP, Rates Liquidity.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants. We celebrate the contributions of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans throughout the history of this nation.