



Ashley Tsuruda
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Ashley Tsuruda is the AmeriCorps VISTA Development and Affinity Groups Associate at the Asian American Institute. During this next year, she will be maintaining the Asian American Institute's volunteer management system, working with the corporate affinity groups, assisting with general development, and helping with any other capacity-building activities for the organization.

Prior to joining the Asian American Institute, Ms. Tsuruda was pursuing a B.S. in Business in Marketing and recently graduated from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business in May of 2009. While at IU, she was involved in Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity, which is where her interest in working in the nonprofit sector grew immensely. Developing funds for local nonprofits and volunteering with local organizations sparked her interest in using her education in Business and love for helping others as a future career. Other volunteer experiences of hers include Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Ms. Tsuruda is a fifth-generation Japanese American and has grown up in a suburb of Chicago. She is hoping that this year with the Asian American Institute will help her gain more knowledge of her culture and heritage as well as how she can help make a difference.