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**Jesse White Honors Illinois Appellate Court Justice Laura Liu
and Local Students at Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration**



Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White (center) presented Illinois Appellate Court Justice Laura Liu and Honorary Consul General of Nepal Marvin Brustin with the “Distinguished Leadership Award” at the office’s 2014 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Reception at the James R. Thompson Center. Liu made history becoming the first female Chinese-American judge to serve in Illinois and the first Chinese-American judge in Cook County. Pictured here with White (left to right): Asian Pacific American Advisory Council Chairperson Sam Ma, Justice Liu, ABC7 Chicago News anchor Judy Hsu and Mr. Brustin. The event also honored local high-achieving students.

The Secretary of State’s annual ceremony celebrates the cultures and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders throughout the state of Illinois and is held every year in May. Judy Hsu emceed the event.