

# Portraits of Pride

A [book](#) and photo exhibit project of the **Chinese Historical Society of Southern California**

**Portraits of Pride-Book 1** documents the dramatic life stories of 38 Chinese American men and women of the WWII era whose accomplishments in science, technology, medicine and education are largely unknown.

Portraits of Pride's collective stories present a picture of America in the early 1900s when the great majority of Chinese Americans were challenged to rise above obstacles in most professions and businesses.

The Chinese Americans profiled in the book and exhibit were the first generation to achieve wide success on the stage of American society. Many have been under-recognized by history books and the public media. Most were educated in American public schools and came from humble beginnings. Some came from China to complete their education, remaining here due to political unrest in the homeland. Overcoming economic hardships, racial prejudice and a feeling of oppression, they persevered, remained optimistic, and mustered the courage to pursue their dreams.

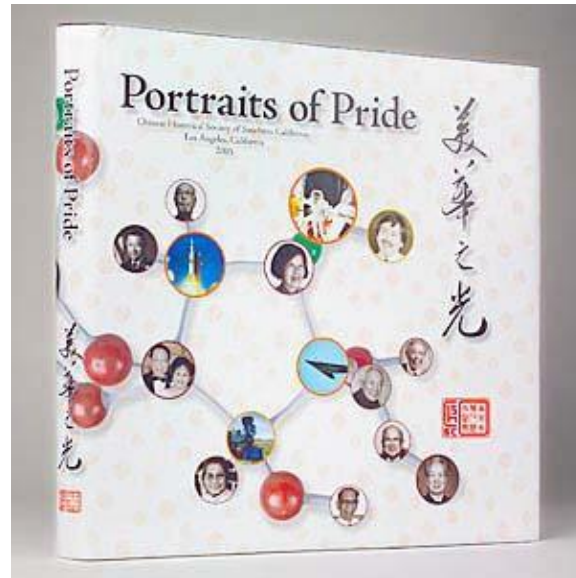
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For more information about this book, the upcoming PoP-Book 2, other publications of the **Chinese Historical Society of Southern California** and to learn more about Chinese American heritage, please phone 323-222-0856 or come to the **Chinatown Heritage and Visitors' Center at 411 Bernard Street in Chinatown**, Wednesdays through Fridays 11 am-3 pm and Sunday afternoons 12 pm-4:30 pm. New members are always welcome and membership fees are affordable. CHSSC is a non-profit educational organization and open to all.

The Portraits of Pride book may be purchased by contacting CHSSC (see address above) and is also available in selected public libraries across the United States for your reading pleasure.



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Moved by their determination, many of their mentors, teachers, friends and neighbors gave a helping hand to these single-minded men and women. They worked hard and succeeded in their chosen professions, contributing to their local communities and to America. Their stories are a source of pride for all Americans.



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