

CHANGEMAKER **BOILER CHANGEMAKER**

The Boiler Changemaker Award recognizes:

BRENDA SHEIN

Brenda Shein has been putting in exceptional efforts in helping other students with their identity journey and professional/career development. She co-founded the Asian American and Asian Graduate Student Association and has been serving as a co-president. This student organization seeks to raise awareness for diverse cultural identities, values, and fluidity of Asian identities to the whole campus, as well as to bridge and foster nurturing, respectful, safe, and supportive relationships among Asian American and Asian international graduate students.

As a Graduate Student Staff for Purdue Center for Career Opportunities, Brenda has been serving as a CCO Liaison for the Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC), supporting students in their personal and professional development and helping to bridge the gap in meeting the needs of underrepresented students at Purdue.

Brenda's research interest in understanding trauma, adversity, and resiliency from a developmental and socio-cultural perspective has been reflected in her clinical work and community engagement



with refugee communities, including those in Indiana. Since starting her graduate degree in counseling psychology, Brenda has served as a research mentor for the Burmese American Community Institute's Upward College Summer Scholars Program and sought to build meaningful partnerships that have allowed her to leverage her strengths as an advocate and leader. Brenda Shein's commitments and work are truly reflective of a Boiler Changemaker.

Do you know a grad student who is making big changes? Nominate them at: bit.ly/BCMAWARD