

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

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Monday, May 13

- Club Kick off, 12:30 to 1 p.m.
- APASA scholarship reception, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.,

California History Center

Thursday, May 16

- Visiting speakers series, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.,
- Conference Room A and B

Wednesday, May 22

- Storyteller: Canyon Sam, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Child Development Center
- Performance Group, "Here and Now", 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Hinson Campus Center, Fireside Room

Saturday, May 25
APASL conference

Tuesday, May 14

- Teach-In: Socio-Political History of Asian Americans and Social Justice Activism, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,

Conference Room

Wednesday, May 15

- SAMAHAN panel on Filipinos in the Media and reception

Monday, May 20

- Video screening and discussion "I-Hotel", 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.,

California History Center

Tuesday, May 21

- Panel discussion "How to work with Asian-American students", 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.,

Conference Room B

De Anza celebrates 100 years of Asian culture

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May is nationally known as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The Asian Pacific American Students for Leadership and the Asian Pacific American Staff Association will be organizing events to take place at De Anza College from May 13 to 23. The Asian Pacific American Heritage committee has called this year's event "Asian American Youth and Social Justice Movements: Then and Now."

Events will include guest speakers and discussion panels throughout the weeks to come. All ethnic groups are welcome to join in the events on campus.

"We try to include students, clubs, faculty and staff to promote issues dealing with colleges and communities," said Rowena Matsunari, APAH committee member. She said the high light of the events is the first conference, "Rocking the Boat," on Monday, May 13, an emergence of an APA youth, organized by members of APASL.

"Many people think Asian Pacific Americans are one single group, but they

are made up of more than 24 ethnic groups, who speak different languages and have their own rich histories," said Matsunari.

Asian Pacific American Heritage month was enacted by Public Law 450 on Oct. 28, 1992. The purpose

of the law was to honor the achievements of Asian Pacific Americans and recognize their contributions to the United States.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States in 1843 and the

completion of the Transcontinental Railroad.

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For further information on APA Heritage Month events, contact Rowena Matsunari at 408-864-8286.



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Asian Pacific American dancers perform for heritage month events last year.

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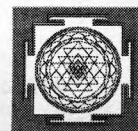
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