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Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! After a difficult year, seeing an increase in violence against the Asian and Asian American community, it is important that we take time to celebrate our achievements as well as our diverse cultures and rich histories.

This past year we have seen Asians break barriers in film, sports, and politics to just to name a few examples. And while we have seen tremendous strides in APIDA visibility, the work is not done. Looking forward we must continue this momentum. We will continue to make our voices heard because our identity and experiences matter, this month and beyond.

Signed,

The ASAG Executive Board

Black Lives Matter

While taking time to celebrate our own heritage, we cannot ignore the continued racism faced by Black Americans, and our own role in the narrative. White supremacy works to try to pit people of color against each other. We have to stand in solidarity with Black Americans and continue to fight against white supremacy. We recommend the following readings, if you would like to learn more:

- Yellow Peril Supports Black Power: A Reflection on Asian-Black Solidarity
- <u>The History of Tensions and Solidarity between Black and Asian American</u> Communities, Explained
- <u>Model Minority' Myth Again Used As A Racial Wedge Between Asians And Blacks</u>
- Who Was Grace Lee Boggs, the Asian American Labor Organizer and Writer?

Staff Spotlight

Fill out this <u>form</u> to be featured in or to nominate someone to be featured in our next ASAG staff spotlight!

Facing dual pandemics of COVID-19 and racial injustice, we remind you to take time and make space for yourself. ASAG is here for you as a community if you need anything. We also want to remind you to take advantage of Northwestern's Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

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Upcoming Events

Multicultural Student Affairs APIDA Heritage Month Events Multiple Days and Times Click to Learn More

Dare to Tell: Telling Asian American/Asian Diaspora Stories with Dr. Ada Cheng May 18th, 3:00-4:30 pm CST Click to Register

Quali-Tea Time with ASAGMay 26th, 1:00-2:00 pm CST
Click to Register

ASAG Virtual Art Gallery Click to Learn More Submit your art by May 26, 5:00 pm CST

Love Through Food Click to Learn More Submit a dish by May 28th, 5:00 pm CST

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Please give suggestions for anything you want to see from ASAG here.

Remember to join our teams channel and listserv if you have not yet and please forward to any staff all are welcome.