



2021 LPC AAPI Student Events

Hosted by the AAPI Interest Group

Spring 2021

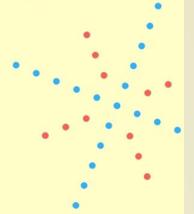
Our 1st event was a watch party. We watched a video, "The Model Minority Trope," and discussed with attendees how AAPIs are depicted and viewed in pop culture. Over 30 people attended the event.

Here's a perspective from an attendee:

"I think it's important to address the intergenerational experience, including trauma associated with AAPI stereotypes and hate crimes, especially when considering immigrant families (1st, 2nd, 3rd generation etc.) I feel like that is lacking as part of many conversations. I also think that there are so many problems with visibility and a deeper understanding of the diverse cultures encompassed within the AAPI community - I'm white, and I don't think the majority of my white friends and family members really have any depth of understanding in that realm."



Interested in learning about Asians in pop culture & the Asian, Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community?

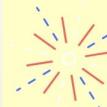
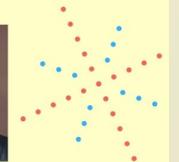


**Come to a Watch Party
& connect with
other LPC students!**

WHEN: Wednesday, March 31, 4-5 pm

ZOOM LINK:

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/95214083112>



Hosted by the LPC Asian, Asian American, Pacific Islander (AAPI) Learning Community Interest Group
For more information, contact Stella at sdelrosario@laspositascollege.edu

LPC AAPI Learning
Community Interest
Group Presents:

A Conversation with LPC AAPI Students

Date: Wednesday,
May 12, 2021

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Zoom link:
<https://tinyurl.com/ep94v74s>
Password: 571126

Learn about:

- Diversity within the AAPI community
- Current events affecting AAPIs

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Our 2nd event during the Spring 2021 semester was a conversation with LPC AAPI students. Students spoke of the diversity within the AAPI community and historical discrimination of AAPIs in the U.S. They also shared their concerns about the growing anti-Asian hate crimes since the Trump administration and mental health challenges faced by AAPIs.

Here are some comments from attendees:

“Because as an Asian student, I really value the opinions of my community's peers. I wanted to have a conversation with them and hopefully personally connect with them.”

“I want to be an ally and support Asian students at LPC.”

“I think addressing mental health in the Asian community would be an important topic to cover. Mental health is heavily stigmatized but should be addressed.”

Fall 2021

Our 3rd event was an AAPI Jeopardy game and Q & A with LPC Students.

Attendees actively participated in a Jeopardy game that tested their knowledge of AAPI cultures and histories.

LPC sophomore and junior students also spoke about their campus experiences.

Some of the topics they discussed were:

- Campus resources that are/were critical to student success
- How to join a club
- Where to gain leadership experience
- How to have a successful first semester/year at LPC
- Self-care strategies
- How to balance school/work/personal life



The poster features a blue and purple gradient background. At the top left, a blue banner with white text reads 'AAPI'. To its right is the 'JEOPARDY!' logo in large, metallic, 3D letters. Below the logo is a white-bordered box containing the event details. At the bottom, there are several small images: a pagoda, a bowl of food, the Taj Mahal, a man with sunglasses, dumplings, a map of Asia, Totoro, a group of people, a woman in a red dress, a coastal landscape, and boba tea.

**WANT TO LEARN ABOUT
ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER
CULTURES & HISTORIES?**

**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE IN A
GAME OF JEOPARDY,
FOLLOWED BY A Q&A
SESSION WITH LPC
STUDENTS!**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8
TIME: 4:30 PM
JOIN: [ZOOM LINK](#)
PASSWORD: 510151**

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JOIN US FOR A CONVERSATION WITH LPC & CHABOT AFGHAN STUDENTS

Learn about Afghan Culture & History
Connect with students & the campus community

Special Guest:
Mallory De Lauro
District Chief of Staff & Foreign Affairs Advisor to
Congressman Eric Swalwell (CA-15)

DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20, 2021

TIME: 4:30 PM

ZOOM LINK

PASSCODE: 392174

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Our 4th event during the Fall 2021 semester was conversation with LPC & Chabot Afghan Students and special guest Mallory De Lauro, District Chief of Staff & Foreign Affairs Advisor to Congressman Eric Swalwell (CA-15). We had 45 attendees.

Students spoke about their Afghan heritage, family histories, and college experiences. The students and Ms. De Lauro also shared their feelings about the past and present humanitarian crises in Afghanistan, and the Afghan refugees who fled to the U.S. and other countries for safety and support.

Here's a testimonial from a LPC student who attended and moderated this event:

"I am in Puente, and student government, and I love learning about other cultures. I found the the AAPI Interest group events allowed me to meet students of other cultures and hear their story. I loved the panelists for the Afghan Panel, and I heard many students who attended and weren't panelists come out and share their story too which was powerful."

Timeline for AAPI Interest Group

❖ Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

- Outreach to Amy Wang, counselor from DeAnza College's IMPACT AAPI Learning Community
- Conversation with Liza Erpelo, coordinator of Skyline College's Kababayan Learning Community
- Meeting with Shawn Taylor and Amy Mattern about idea to start a learning community or club for LPC AAPI students
- Mike, Frances, and Stella come up with the name AAPI Learning Community Interest Group (shortened to AAPI Interest Group)

❖ Fall 2021

- Meeting with David Lee and Phoumy Sayavong, Laney College leaders of APASS (Asian Pacific American Student Success) to learn about the program's origin and activities
- Conversation with Shawn Taylor about funding opportunities through SEA and events to engage students
- Meeting with Chabot colleagues, Arnold Paguio, Director of Student Life, Michael Lai, coordinator of Change it Now and Movement Learning Communities, and Chancellor Gerhard to discuss AAPI student interests and needs
- Presentation at a Pleasanton North Rotary Foundation's board meeting as a follow up to a grant application for the AAPI Interest Group (the foundation approved our application and provided funds shortly after)

❖ Spring 2022

- Academic Senate passed Senate Resolution in Support of Translation Services (AS 4) for LPC
- Conversation with Shawn Taylor about SEA funds for LPC AAPI students (he was able to secure funds for the semester)
- Meeting with Rajinder Samra regarding data for LPC AAPI students and AAPIs in Alameda county and Tri-Valley
- Discussion with LPC AAPI students and allies about planning events and starting a club

AAPI Interest Group Event Planning & Club Discussion



All the students expressed interest in having a place to gather on campus where they can study, have downtime, and connect with other AAPI students. They mentioned that they would like a “safe space” to go to when not in class.

Karaoke & Open Mic event with refreshments

- to be held in late April from 12-1 pm on a Tuesday or Thursday

Guest Panel/Guest Speaker (ideas)

- local AAPI leaders in various industries: politics, entrepreneurs, artists
- LPC AAPI alumni
- local AAPI writer or poet for the LPC Literary Arts Festival on May 7 - May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month!

Self-defense Workshop (ideas)

- facilitated by English professor, Karin Spirn, and training partner, Mollie Khangensing, of Tuff Love Fitness
- Hollaback! Bystander Intervention Training



AAPI Interest Group Objectives

- ▶ We aspire to cultivate a welcoming and supportive learning environment for AAPI students on campus.
 - ▶ Our aim is to foster community for AAPI students and students interested in AAPI cultures and histories as part of college life.
 - ▶ We envision a community where students can gather, feel safe, connect, learn, and share experiences.
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