

# IMPACT AAPI

## NEW NAME

IMPACT AAPI is the new name for De Anza College's Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

IMPACT AAPI stands for "Initiatives to Maximize Positive Academic achievement and Cultural Thriving focusing on Asian American and Pacific Islander students" at De Anza College.

## WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR

IMPACT AAPI has identified 3 underserved AAPI student populations at De Anza, with the goal of achieving student equity and improving retention and course success rates: Filipinos, Pacific Islanders (Guamanians, Hawaiians, Samoans, and others), and Southeast Asians (Vietnamese, Cambodians, Laotians).

### New Website!

[www.deanza.edu/impact-aapi](http://www.deanza.edu/impact-aapi)

Got something you'd like to contribute to our website or next newsletter?

Contact Theresa Pan at [pantheresa@deanza.edu](mailto:pantheresa@deanza.edu).

Our projects and events focus on 3 key areas: Curriculum, Student Success, and Staff Development. Here's what we've achieved so far:

### Curriculum with Culturally Specific Interventions

Our spring quarter LinC class (LART 211-02D *Honoring Our Stories: From the Bay Area to Southeast Asia and the Pacific*) is the first IMPACT AAPI class to be offered, with 20 students from our targeted populations enrolled. The instructors are Karen Chow and Kristin Skager. This class will fulfill the prerequisite for our fall quarter LinC class, EWRT 1A + ICS 24.

Anu Khanna is the grant Curriculum Coordinator; she serves as the liaison between LinC and IMPACT AAPI in planning, scheduling, and

evaluating all the new grant-supported learning communities.

### Student Success Activities

IMPACT AAPI is setting up activities to help incoming De Anza students make a smooth transition to college and start off strong. These activities include:

- Hosting break-out sessions at the May 16 New Student and Parent Open House with Asian language translation;
- Reaching out to incoming targeted AAPI student groups to enroll them in Summer Bridge 2009 and First-Year Experience 2009-2010;
- Establishing a New Student Intake Protocol, a pilot project to connect new students with counseling and student support services;
- Hiring 2 FTE counselors dedicated to IMPACT AAPI student success activities.

Mark Fu is the grant Student Success Coordinator; he is working with various college units to ensure the success of these activities.

### Staff Development

By partnering with APALI and ICCE, we have held 4 staff development sessions and focus groups so far during the 2009 calendar year:

- January 27* 'Bring in Pinoys! Bring in DA Funk!' Filipino American Students at De Anza
- March 12* Southeast Asian Focus Group
- March 19* Pacific Islander Focus Group
- April 24* Pacific Islanders: 'Voices Across the Ocean'

We will be offering more staff development sessions throughout the year. See calendar on back for details.

## Get Involved in our Upcoming Events:

**Friday May 15**

STAFF DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

*Engaging Students Where They Are:*

*Cultivating Learning Environments Conducive to Success for All Students*

De Anza College Conference Rooms A + B, 8am-2pm

IMPACT AAPI will be holding two 75-minute sessions, courtesy of ICCE and APALI, from 9:55-11:10am, and 11:20am-12:35pm. One session will focus on strategies for engaging Filipino American students, the other for Southeast Asian students.

### How you can help:

- Attend one or both of our Staff Development events for PAA/PGA credit. Pre-register for the conference through The Office of Staff and Organizational Development by contacting Mary Kay Englen at [englenmarykay@deanza.edu](mailto:englenmarykay@deanza.edu).

**Saturday, May 16**

NEW STUDENT & PARENT OPEN HOUSE

Student & Community Services Building, 10am-2pm

Open House is an existing event for incoming students. IMPACT AAPI is introducing multilingual Break-Out Sessions in Cambodian, Tagalog, and Vietnamese to help target AAPI students, while encouraging parents to be supportive of their child's education. IMPACT AAPI's goal for this event is to enroll targeted students in Summer Bridge.

### How you can help:

- Encourage potential incoming De Anza AAPI students to attend.
- Have interested students who are unable to attend contact Mark Fu.
- Volunteer at the Open House. If interested, please contact Mark Fu by May 9 for a briefing.

**June 29 - August 8**

SUMMER BRIDGE

Counseling 100 (*Orientation to College*) + Human Development 20 (*Life Skills for Higher Education*)

Summer Bridge is an existing program for incoming De Anza students that facilitates the transition to college. IMPACT AAPI's goal for this event to enroll 50 students from our targeted AAPI groups.

### How you can help:

- Spread the word about this program to incoming De Anza AAPI students.
- Have interested students who are unable to attend contact Mark Fu.

**July 7 - August 7**

APALI SUMMER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (ICS 22 + ICS 4)

15-day program meeting TWTh 9:30am-4:30pm, July 7 - August 7, at De Anza College

An exciting, intensive program exploring community, identity, leadership, and civic involvement. Students represent diverse socio-economic, ethnic, language, and academic backgrounds. Enrollment is first-come, first-served. Apply online through the De Anza registration system or the APALI website at [www.svapali.org](http://www.svapali.org). If you have questions, contact Anu Khanna or Michael Chang.

### How you can help:

- Know an AAPI student interested in community and leadership? Encourage him or her to sign up!

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