

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

APRIL 1ST - APRIL 30TH

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, but since school is not in session for the entirety of May, Indiana University celebrates AAPI heritage month in April.

The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of people from the AAPI community. AAPI Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about their rich history and culture, to raise awareness about the unique challenges AAPI people have faced both historically and in the present, and to learn about the ways in which they have worked to conquer these challenges.

Kelley Student Government wants to continue to amplify AAPI voices and highlight and celebrate the diverse and rich culture of Asian American and Pacific Islanders. While April is AAPI Heritage Month at IU, it is important to celebrate and empower people from the Asian American and Pacific Islander community year-round. Below are ways that you can learn more and how you can be an ally to our AAPI communities.

- Strive to learn. Read about Asian American and Pacific Islander History and take the time to inform yourself of the challenges AAPI people face today.
- Participate in AAPI events and celebrations held by Asian Culture Center here at IU.
- Create a space for AAPI voices within our community to listen to and share the stories they tell.
- Share and participate in Asian American and Pacific Islander art and culture with respect to AAPI ownership and representation.
- Take meaningful action — go beyond acknowledgment. Focus on helping the community find solutions for obstacles that hinder AAPI rights.

On campus, the Asian Culture Center (ACC) supports students from the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in their transition to and achievement at Indiana University Bloomington with campus programs and an extended network of resources and information designed to inspire, encourage, and empower students for success.

