

AANAPISI Newsletter

FALL 2025

A Newsletter from South Seattle College's AANAPISI Center



The AANAPISI Center is welcome to
ALL students at South Seattle College!

What is AANAPISI?

The AANAPISI Center is a place where you will find holistic support in an environment that is inclusive and supportive.

We encourage student retention and success with special focus on Asian American and Pacific Islander students. The AANAPISI Center's services are framed to address the unique needs of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students, but we welcome and serve ALL students at South Seattle College.

Come visit us!

Robert Smith Building - RSB 12
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(206) 934-5221

Current Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9-5 PM

Friday: Staff virtually available from 9-5 PM

Are you interested in joining the AANAPISI cohort? Scan the QR Code to the right or visit this link: tinyurl.com/AANAPISI-South

Important Dates & Deadlines

Nov. 10 -

Registration for
returning
students begin

Nov. 21 -

Last Day to
Change
Audit/Credit
Status/(Instr
Permission) Last
Day to
Withdraw (No
Refund)

Dec. 1 - Dec. 4 -

Wellness Week
@AANAPISI



Thank you for celebrating AANAPISI Week 2025 with us!



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2002

U.S. Congress Member Robert Underwood introduces H.R. 4825 to create an AAPI serving institution designation in the Department of Education.

2007

Established by U.S. Congress in 2007 through the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, AANAPISIs became one of eleven federal Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) programs.

2008-11

AANAPISI was further expanded in 2008 with the Higher Education Opportunity Act. South Seattle College was one of the first 6 original institutions to receive an AANAPISI grant for 2008-2011.

2011-16

South Seattle College receives their second AANAPISI grant and the AANAPISI Center opens its doors for the campus community.

2016-21

AANAPISI continues to thrive with meaningful programming, community collaborations, and proactive academic advising in a vibrant and staffed AANAPISI Center that is fully sustained by institution funds (no federal grant during this period).

2021-26

South Seattle College receives their third AANAPISI grant. Programming has focused on amplifying student voices in the classroom, curriculum, and student services, and building upon the strong foundation set by previous grants and institutionalized efforts.

...and the legacy continues!



AANAPISIs comprise only 6.9% of all higher ed institutions, yet AANAPISI institutions enroll 46% of all AA&NHPI (Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander) students in the country, awarding...

52% of associate degrees* **45%** of bachelor degrees*

These institutions are critical for first-generation, low-income, and immigrant students, providing tailored academic, financial, and social support that improves retention, graduation, and workforce success.

AA&NHPI College Students represent...

70+ ethnicities* **300+** spoken languages*

AA&NHPI students represent one of the fastest-growing racial groups in U.S. higher education, with an anticipated enrollment increase of 12% over the next four years.*

Number of AANAPISI institutions funded in the U.S., including U.S. territories in the Pacific, as of 2024:

69*

In 2008, South Seattle College became one of the first 6 institutions to be designated as an AANAPISI!

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The AANAPISI
Center

A vibrant space where students can find and build community



Academic
Advising

Holistic, inclusive, student-centered



Programming &
Events

Intentional gatherings that address student needs and uplift their voices

The goals and objectives of AANAPISI at South Seattle College align with our institutional mission, vision, core themes, values, and goals. AANAPISI efforts are interconnected with Guided Pathways.

(*Data is sourced from apahenational.org)

AANAPISI's Recent Events & Collaborations



Intertwined with One Another: Mexican & Filipino Americans

The Latinx Affinity Group and AANAPISI collaborate to show South the historical and social similarities that connect Mexican-American and Filipino-American cultures! Arantxa Gallegos and Libby Dumanjug delivered an engaging and informative presentation for the South community. Special thank you to ACO for supporting this event!



AANAPISI x Art Gallery: Collage x Poetry Workshop

The Art Gallery (JMB 143) and AANAPISI hosted a workshop on collaging and poetry. Sharon Arnold, a faculty member from the Art Department, organized and guided a space for us to express ourselves through cut-out images and random words in magazines!

Special thank you to Dr. Eileen Jimenez, the Art Department, and those who have donated magazines for collage-making!

Lunch & Talks

- The wonderful Yvonne Willis, a counselor from the Counseling Office, hosted a session on Self-Accountability for one of our Lunch & Talk events.
- Our very own AANAPISI students and soon-to-be graduates of the Culinary Program, Jun Petty and Ali'i Afamasaga, catered our Lunch & Talks in November.

A Special Visit from Dr. Mike Nguyen



Dr. Mike Nguyen is a researcher, faculty member at the UCLA School of Education and Information Studies, and member of the Board of Directors for APAHE (Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education). Dr. Nguyen visited South Seattle College to learn about our AANAPISI community and the 17+ years of history serving students at South.

Upcoming Events at AANAPISI

Join AANAPISI for Fall Wellness Week!!!

Join us and make a parol star!

A parol is a Filipino star ornament that is displayed during the holidays!

Supplies available Monday-Thursday!



Come by the AANAPISI Center to study, craft, play board games, and relax!



Make your own snack pack!

Enjoy a hot drink on us!



AANAPISI Fall Wellness Week

December 1, 2025 - December 4, 2025

9 AM - 5 PM, Monday to Thursday

AANAPISI Center, RSB 12

Everyone is welcome!!!

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Scan the QR Code below:



Questions? Contact aanapisi.south@seattlecolleges.edu

ALL South Seattle students are welcome to attend and participate in AANAPISI events!

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AANAPISI Wellness Week Fall 2025

Apply for the AANAPISI Scholarship! Open Now!



APIA
SCHOLARS
Educate. Elevate. Empower.

The scholarship application is open from
Saturday, November 15, 2025 to Thursday, January 15, 2026

Scan the QR Code or visit
the link to the application
page that includes the
application timeline and
instructions on how to
apply:



[https://apiascholars.org/scholarships/application-support/
application-guide-tips/](https://apiascholars.org/scholarships/application-support/application-guide-tips/)

Need support in completing your application?
Visit the AANAPISI Center during our office hours
(RSB 12) and we'd be happy to answer your
questions!



Join SEAA (Southeast Asian Association) Student Club



Do you want to....?

- Learn about Southeast Asian countries
- Connect with Students on Campus
- Build Communication and Leadership Skills

All students are welcome to join!
Please scan the QR code to fill out the
SEAA Interest Form.



Meet the AANAPISI Team!



Librado "Libby" Dumanjug,
M.S., He/Him/His
AANAPISI Student
Success Specialist



Julie Pequet Chamvong,
M.S., She/Her
Program Coordinator,
TRIO Pre-College
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Rita Manalastas, M.Ed.,
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AANAPISI Manager



Rachel A-W Navarro, MSW,
She/Her/Siya
Director of the College Access
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AANAPISI & TRIO SSS



Kat Coelho, M.Ed.,
She/Her
Associate Director of
AANAPISI and Advising

AANAPISI Mission Statement

The Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution Center (AANAPISI Center) is a centralized gathering space where Asian American, Pacific Islander, and all underserved students receive high quality, culturally relevant programs and services. The AANAPISI Center exists to collaboratively strengthen and sustain an inclusive campus to foster academic success.

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