

AANAPISI Newsletter

WINTER 2026

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

aanapisi.south@seattlecolleges.edu

(206) 934-5221

Current Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday: Staff virtually available 9:00 AM - 4:30 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

February 17 -

Registration
for returning
students begin

February 17 -

Lunar New Year
Celebration
at JMB Ballroom
from 12-1pm

February 19 -

Day of
Remembrance:
The Tengu Club
Film Screening
at OLY Theater
from 1-2:30pm



About AANAPISI



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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



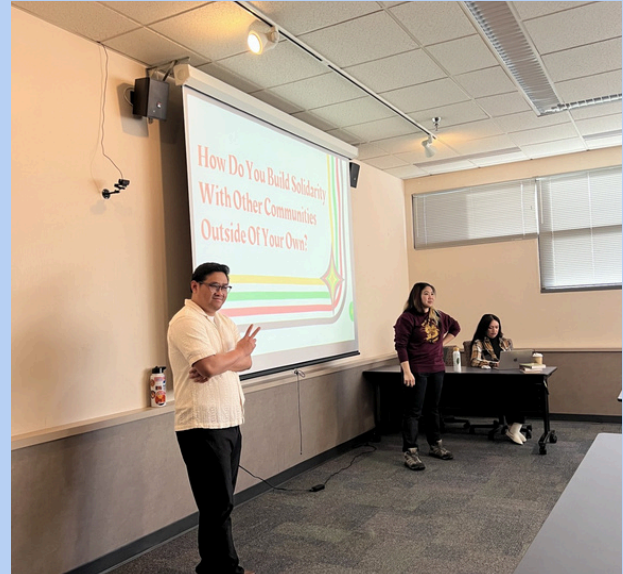
**Programming &
Events**

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



Rise Together Advocate for Each Other

Libby Dumanjug and Kano Cheng led an engaging discussion on the history and examples of community building within and between AANHPI and Black communities. Special thank you to ACO for the collaboration!



AANAPISI's Sari-Sari Stand Debut

A Sari-Sari stand is a neighborhood convenience store found in many towns in the Philippines. Community members typically gather around these stores and pick up their everyday necessities. AANAPISI has recreated this experience for students, staff, and faculty! This cart is completely free for the South community. While supplies last!

Upcoming Events at AANAPISI

Join us for...

TINIKLING

all skill levels welcome!

Staff/Faculty/Students are encouraged to join!

performing is not required



**Practices are every week on
Monday and Thursday
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
AANAPISI Center (RSB 12)**

**Questions or this time won't work for you?
email**

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**Monday and Thursday (2:30-4:00 PM) - AANAPISI, RSB 12
Hours are subject to change in Spring Quarter**

Upcoming Events at AANAPISI



SOUTH SEATTLE COLLEGE OTTERS

Lunar New Year 2026

Join us for festivities and community!
Everyone is welcome! Lunch will be provided!
Tuesday, Feb. 17, 12:00-1:00, JMB A & B

Questions? Contact aanapisi.south@seattlecolleges.edu

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Upcoming Events at AANAPISI

Japanese American Day of Remembrance

Film Screening & Discussion with
Filmmaker **Hilary Hutcheson**

ALL are welcome to attend



THE TENGU CLUB

Feb 19, 2026

1:00 - 2:30 pm

OLY 120 (Theater)

Light refreshments will be provided



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Stay updated with AANAPISI's

Sari-Sari Cart

AKA AANAPISI ON WHEELS

WE'LL BE LOCATED BETWEEN OLYMPIC HALL AND THE CAFETERIA MON. 2/23 FROM 1-2



WHAT IS SARI-SARI?

A Sari-Sari stand is a neighborhood convenience store found in many towns in the Philippines. There are often more than one in a block! They typically sell household products, hygiene products, snacks, and drinks. The AANAPISI Sari-Sari cart will have snacks, school supplies, body care products, and other fun items free of charge!

While supplies last! All students are welcome to see us!



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Sari-Sari Cart
Monday, Feb. 23, 1:00-2:00 PM
we'll be around Olympic Hall and the Cafeteria

Upcoming Events at AANAPISI

AANAPISI x WorkSource Professional Development Workshop Series* WQ2026 & SQ2026

**We recommend going to each workshop to maximize learning and confidence in the job searching process - Everyone is welcome! Lunch will be provided for participants.
Questions? please email aanapisi.south@seattlecolleges.edu*



Workshop: Career Exploration

Wed. 2/25, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: Cascade Hall 107



Workshop: Resume & Cover Letters

Wed. 3/11, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: Cascade Hall 107



Workshop: Interview Skills

Date/Time: TBD (Spring Quarter)

Location: TBD



Workshop: Professionalism

Date/Time: TBD (Spring Quarter)

Location: TBD



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AANAPISI x WorkSource Professional Development Workshops
Wednesday, Feb. 25, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Wednesday, March 11, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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 Chamvong, M.S.,
She/Her
Program Coordinator,
TRIO Pre-College
Programs/AANAPISI



Rita Manalastas, M.Ed.,
She/Her
AANAPISI Manager



Rachel A-W Navarro, MSW,
She/Her/Siya
Director of the College Access
Partnerships
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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