



Actualizing Equitable Outcomes

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Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Asian American and Pacific Island Americans are celebrated annually in May in the United States to highlight the history, heritage, and contributions of Asian Pacific American communities.

As stated in November 16, 2017 article: *Telling All Americans' Stories: Introduction to Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage*, The history of North America is shaped by the stories of immigrants from Asia and the Pacific and the native people of the Pacific Islands. While some of the earliest Asian immigrants arrived from China, Japan, India, and Korea, immigration reforms tied to U.S. civil rights legislation brought even more groups to the United States—such as Vietnamese, Cambodians, Laotians, Indonesians, the Hmong and other peoples from South and Central Asia.

According to *Google Arts and Culture*, Over 20 million people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent live the United States totaling about 6 percent of the U.S. population, representing a wealth and

diversity of cultures and experiences within the United States. Here are some notable APIs highlighted by Scholastic Teachers Guide.



Multi-Faith Observances

May

05/01- 12th Day of
Ridvan

05/08-Lailat Ul Qadr

05/13 -Eid al-Fitr

05/17 -Shavuot
& 18

05/24-Declaration of the
Bab

05/26-Vesak Day

05/31 -Memorial Day

June

06/19 -Juneteenth

Quote

"In time of
destruction,
create
something."

-Maxine Hong
Kingston



King of the Waves



Duke Kahanamoku came to be known as the father of international surfing, but the Hawaiian native made his first splash as a swimmer at the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden. Born in Honolulu in 1890, Kahanamoku struck gold by setting a world record in the 100-meter free-style and earned a silver medal in the 200-meter relay. He won two more golds at the 1920 Antwerp Olympics, a silver at the 1924 Paris Olympics, and a bronze at the 1932

Los Angeles Olympics. Kahanamoku's swimming and surfing talents caught the attention of Hollywood, and over the course of nine years, he appeared in nearly 30 movies. Kahanamoku went on to serve as sheriff for the City and County of Honolulu for 26 years. When the legendary swimmer and surfer died at the age of 77, he was remembered for his athletic talent and sportsmanship.

A Scientific Genius



As a young child, Steven Chu loved to build things—from model airplanes to metal girders. As he grew older, Chu even hoarded his lunch money to pay for the parts of his homemade rockets. As a senior at Garden City High School in New York, he discovered the thrill of experimentation once again. In physics lab,

the Chinese American teen built an instrument to measure gravity. After studying physics in college and graduate school, Chu worked as a scientist at Bell Laboratories for nine years. In 1997, all of Chu's years in the lab paid off when he received the Nobel Prize in Physics for his work on cooling atoms. Why is this important? Chu explains to Scholastic.com, "The ability to cool atoms down to very low temperatures allows us to hold onto and move them with incredible control. This control has allowed us to make new measurement tools such as precise atomic clocks and sensors that can measure gravity and rotation with extraordinary precision." Today, Chu is the Director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. He is also Professor of Physics and Professor of Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of California, Berkeley.

A Political Pioneer



Dalip Singh Saund made history in 1956 when he became the first Asian elected to Congress. Born in India in 1899, Saund came to the United States in 1920 to study at the University of California, Berkeley, where he earned a doctorate degree in mathematics. Despite being highly educated, Saund discovered that his career options were limited due to anti-immigrant feelings in the U.S. As a result, he worked in farming for the next 20 years. At the

same time, Saund began fighting discriminatory laws against Indians. In 1949, he and other Indians finally earned the right to become U.S. citizens. In 1956, Saund left the fields of California for the halls of Congress. He served three terms in the House of Representatives, working to improve U.S.-Asian relations. Saund's political career was cut short when he suffered a stroke while campaigning for a fourth term. Still, he opened the door for Asian Americans to enter U.S. politics.



People gathering underneath the cherry trees to celebrate Sakura (cherry blossom) season. This is called a "Hanami" Party. "Hana" means flower and "Mi" means to watch or view. Literally translated to "flower watching" party.

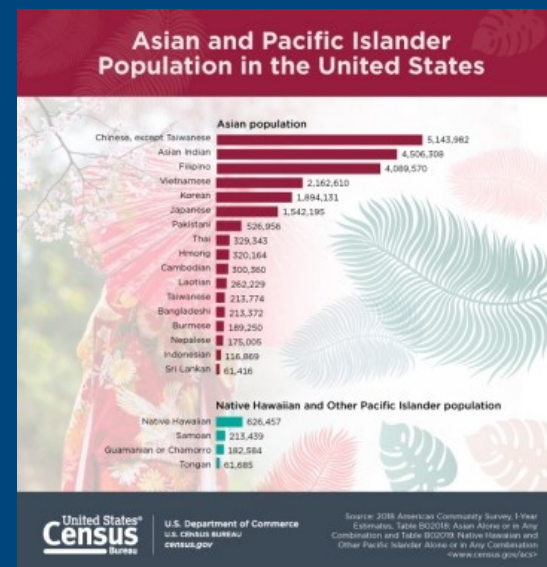
AAP Stats?

6%

U.S. Population

are Asian Pacific Islander Americans. 19 million Asian-Americans and 1.5 million Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

Below is a chart listing the subgroup nationalities and populations of the categorical AAPIs of 2018.



June is also . . .

National Caribbean-American Heritage Month

They have a long tradition of contributing to our communities and serving their country. From the first Secretary of Treasury, Alexander Hamilton to civil rights activist W.E.B. Du Bois and Jennifer Carroll, Lieutenant Governor of Florida, Caribbean American's step up to challenges across generations. Retrieved 03/24/21 from nationaldaycalendar.com



Quote ...Diversity is having a seat at the table. Inclusion is having a voice. And belonging is having that voice be heard."

— Liz Fosslein



Web Wizard



A native of Taiwan, Jerry Yang came to America at age 10, knowing a single English word—shoe. After arriving in Los Angeles, Yang's family settled in San Jose, California. Although he admits to having had a short attention span in school, Yang aced his studies and was accepted to one of the nation's top colleges—Stanford University. As a graduate student at Stanford, Yang and classmate, David Filo, created the Yahoo! directory to help their pals hunt down cool web sites. Today, Yahoo! is the world's most frequently visited Web site, with 237 million loyal surfers. Yahoo's kid site, Yahoooligans, is popular with young webmasters as well. When he's not tracking down web links, Yang is hitting the links. He is an avid golfer and sumo-wrestling fan.

Natural Leaders

Building Equitable Family Engagement

Empowered Families

- Serve as multi-cultural bridges between schools, students, and families. They reflect the diversity of their communities.
- Become change leaders equipped with knowledge and skills that uplift themselves and their community.

District/School Role

- Build and sustain the program by recruiting parent volunteers.
- Provide support to Natural Leaders at their schools by providing them with spaces to meet, resources, etc.
- Collaborate with WABS to implement the program at multiple schools.

"Being part of Natural Leaders has helped me realize the importance of being in connection with our community and the schools. Many parents are not sure how to be involved, as Natural Leaders are here to give those families voice and help them find their place in the school and community."
—Diana Martin, Everett Natural Leader

About Natural Leaders Program

Natural Leaders is a family-centered, family-led program that serves the unique needs of each school community.

Family engagement correlates with higher student achievement in education. The WABS Natural Leaders Program uses an asset-based model to help families identify and cultivate the skills necessary to help overcome systemic barriers. Families then engage with community, school, and students to implement culturally appropriate and effective partnerships between home and school leading to student success.

HOW IT WORKS

- A Training Academy is held multiple times a year and provides training that leads to the creation of a vision and action plan.
- Parents become empowered by these trainings and can share what they have learned with other families and communities.
- Teachers and staff learn ways to be more inclusive of intercultural families by listening and honoring the ideas and leadership of these families.
- Districts collaborate with Natural Leaders to provide space for natural leaders to build community and have access to resources needed.

HOW TO GET STARTED

- Designate a School Lead at the school(s) where the program will get started. This can be an individual (e.g. Family Advocate, ELL Teacher, Counselor etc) or a team (e.g. Equity Team).
- The School Lead recruits parents that represent those from underserved populations.
- Parents/Family members receive Natural Leaders training from WABS staff and/or Natural Leaders Mentors. This can be done at individual schools or as a district.
- Staff attends training provided by WABS on partnering with families and equitable family engagement.

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PRIDE Month 2021

Every year, during the month of June, the LGBTQ community celebrates in a number of different ways.

Why was June chosen? Because it is when the Stonewall Riots took place, way back in 1969.

As well as being a month long celebration, Pride month is also an opportunity to peacefully protest and raise political awareness of current issues facing the community. Parades are a prominent feature of Pride month, and there are many street parties, community events, poetry readings, public speaking, street festivals and educational sessions all of which are covered by mainstream media and attracting millions of participants.

Awareness Days Event Calendar. Retrieved 03/18/21. <https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/pride-month-2021/>

Follow this [link](#) for local, State support and services.



JUNETEENTH

Happy Juneteenth, although this maybe a day of celebration, it may be a day of trauma for others.

On June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and announced enslaved people were now free. Since then, June 19 has been celebrated as Juneteenth across the nation.

While enslaved people had already been emancipated, they just didn't know it? Or that the announcement actually urged freedmen and freedwomen to stay with their former owners. To learn more on this historic date and its celebration, check out this link, <https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/501680/12-things-you-might-not-know-about-juneteenth>

Juneteenth flag designer L.J. Graf packed [lots of meaning](#) into her design. The colors red, white, and blue echo the American flag to symbolize that the enslaved people and their descendants were Americans. The star in the middle pays homage to Texas, while the bursting "new star" on the "horizon" of the red and blue fields represents a new freedom and a new people.



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