Dear APACC family and friends:

We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits as we say goodbye to 2019 and welcome 2020, the Metal Rat Year!

- We had a blast tabling at the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, July 27-28, 2019 at Sloan's Lake. The students did an excellent job marketing the center and having fun! We also enjoyed connecting with our alumni at the dinner on July 26th! We are currently recruiting a race team to compete next summer in 2020!

- A big thank you to Vani Narayana (former Assistant Director) who left at the end of July to pursue other opportunities and to Anthony Kim (former Program Coordinator) who left at the end of August to pursue their PhD at UCLA. Both staff are greatly missed in the Center!

- During this transition time, we hired Atlas Tanudjaja (former Spiritual Care Provider for the CSU Health Network) to work part time to assist through the year as searches are being conducted to replace the vacant positions.

- The academic year started off with more attendance at APACC events during Ram Welcome, including Ram Ohana, our Open House, and Ramapalooza. We even had record numbers attend our Welcome Back BBQ with El Centro!

- As the fall semester comes to a close, we give many thanks to our student staff and students who have created and shaped APACC through the years with more changes happening in 2020 with new full time staff.

If you have questions, comments, or any feedback on the communication of the Center, please feel free to call, (970) 491-6154 or email me, joann.cornell@colostate.edu. Thank you for supporting APACC throughout the years and we look forward to reconnecting with you!

Sincerely,
JoAnn Yoshida Cornell, Director (’89, ’93)
Atlas Tan, Program Aide

Mission
The Asian Pacific American Cultural Center works to make CSU a safe and supportive space for Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern, Asian American (including Southeast Asian, Desi, adopted, mixed race) students and other historically marginalized communities. The Center is focused on building community, working to remove barriers and providing access to resources to support students in finding fulfillment and success while at CSU and beyond.

Values
APACC operates on values of inclusion, integrity, respect, service, and social justice.

Vision
APACC’s vision is to create an equitable world where students are affirmed and empowered in their identities and actions.
Meet The Staff

JoAnn Cornell
(She/Her/Hers)
Director

Atlas Tan
(They/Them/Theirs)
Program Coordinator

Jackie Callejo
(She/Her/Hers)
Peer Mentor Coordinator
Third Year
Nature Resource Tourism Major

Sarah DeLaet
(She/Her/Hers)
Peer Mentor Coordinator
Fourth Year
Electrical Engineering Major

Keiko Friar
(She/Her/Hers/They/Them/Theirs)
Youth Outreach Coordinator
Fourth Year
Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Major
D.J. Gonzales (He/Him/His)
Youth Outreach Coordinator
Second Year
Undeclared with an Interest in Computer Science Major

Jessica Jeong (She/Her/Hers)
Youth Outreach Coordinator
Third Year
Human Development and Family Studies Major

EmmeTruc Tran (She/Her/Hers)
Youth Outreach Coordinator
Fourth Year
Human Development and Family Studies Major

Jeannie Vong (She/Her/Hers)
Youth Outreach Coordinator
Second Year
Communication Studies Major

Katrina Klein (She/Her/Hers)
Marketing Coordinator
Second Year
Animal Science Major

Karony Soeun (She/Her/Hers)
Marketing Coordinator and Communications Manager
Third Year
Human Development and Family Studies Major

Michael Perez (He/Him/His)
Inclusive Community Assistant
Third Year
Civil Engineering Major

Jayne Clanton (She/Her/Hers)
RamEvents Liaison
Fourth Year
Communication Studies Major

Julie Zheng (She/Her/Hers)
Communications Manager
Third Year
Psychology Major
To Our Alumni,

We hope you are all doing great and spending time with those that you love! APACC would love to thank you all for the work and support you have done that has continued to allow our office to grow and flourish every single day. Happy holidays and best wishes!

Best,

APACC Staff

Thank you Vani and Anthony for all the fun memories, support, and guidance. We will miss you terribly, but you will always be apart of the APACC Ramily!

We have many opportunities to give to the Center, whether for scholarships, office funds, endowment, Pacific Club for Lu‘au, or an upcoming Ram Funder for the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival race team in July 2020. To donate to the Lu‘au, designate your gift in the “My Info” section to the Pacific Club. If you are interested in donating office, please go to https://advancing.colostate.edu/APACC
This Summer APACC was able to hold our first Alumni and Donor Dinner. The Alumni Dinner was held in a Vietnamese restaurant in Denver called Savory Vietnam. This was a good opportunity for alumni and current students to talk about the changes and differences that happened in APACC over the years, as well as build that sense of APACC community.

This Alumni Dinner was also the kickoff to our weekend tabling at the annual Colorado Dragon Boat Festival (CBDF). At our table we had a variety of APACC swag that we gave out all weekend. While tabling at CBDF, we were able to spread awareness of our office and our values, talk to alumni, chat with prospect students, and build some community with the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American community in the Denver Metro area. Although this year, APACC was just tabling at CBDF, this coming summer, we are looking to form a team. Please contact us if you would be interested in rowing for the CSU APACC team or making donations and contributions to our upcoming team!
All Nations Leadership Retreat

The All Nations Leadership Retreat is a collaborative retreat between the Native American Cultural Center and the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center every Fall semester. This weekend in Estes Park's YMCA of the Rockies is not only a chance to enjoy nature through night hikes, campfires, and 5 am excursions to the national park to hear elk bugle, but is also a chance for students to do thoughtful introspection about how leadership ties into our identities and how we can bring it back home to our communities. Each year our pro staff works to hold engaging and transformative sessions Friday through Sunday with help from Peer Mentors from both APACC and NACC, to facilitate and lead small groups and sessions from guest speakers from CSU's faculty on Saturday morning. This year we were joined by Elizabeth Parks and Lindsey Schneider who lead a variety of team exercises, activities exploring personal leadership styles, and individual office sessions discussing how we use these learned skills to benefit our communities.

Peer Mentor

The APACC Peer Mentor Program is designed to help first year students transition to being at CSU by providing them with a mentor to talk to and connect them to resources. Mentors are able to gain experience in leadership, interpersonal skills, and knowledge of APIDA community issues through weekly classes. This year we have 12 mentors and over 40 mentees! Mentees get a chance to build community with other students through group events such as our ice cream social, Foodie Walk, Horsetooth Hike, Denver trip, and more! This year our mentors had fun making mid-semester care packages for mentees focused on mental health and stress relief.
Youth Outreach Programs

With many successful years within our Youth Outreach Programs like P.A.L.S. and Explore, changes regarding recruitment has unfortunately led to the end of these great programs. Looking forward and working harder than ever, our Youth Outreach Coordinators, Keiko, D.J., Jessica, Emme, and Jeannie have now focused their efforts on developing new and improved projects that will allow our office to continue its works in serving our community.

This semester, we have been in contact with the Office of International Affairs and Fort Collins International community to plan a discussion on migration from an Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) perspective for the spring. The Youth Outreach Program is also currently looking for a way to connect APIDA identifying students with international students. Through this, we hope to have higher participation with the international students and also help them find a community within APACC.

Another project in progress is establishing a pre-collegiate program. APACC hopes to instill a pre-collegiate program next summer for incoming APIDA identified students. With common stereotypes and beliefs such as the Model Minority Myth, our Youth Coordinators hope to bridge the gap needed for APIDA high school students transitioning into higher education. Establishing a long-term plan to help and provide resources for incoming students is one of the many goals we hope to accomplish as a community within CSU.

The Youth Outreach Coordinators have also put their efforts towards working on ways to improve the APACC office environment in order to properly reflect the diversity of the students we serve. We hope to make our space more inclusive and receptive of intersecting identities within our community.

Chai to Understand

Chai to Understand is a weekly discussion series for students to engage in dialogue from a variety of topics. A variety of teas and yummy snacks are provided during these discussions. Our discussion topics range from issues and current events affecting the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) community, to topics on “how to adult”. Some of the topics we did this semester include: Intergenerational Trauma, Food Insecurity, Myths and Legends in the APIDA community, Beauty Standards in the APIDA Community, and much more!

This year we also updated our surveys we give out after each session, by providing a QR code so students can easily complete our survey on their mobile devices. This has been beneficial for our analytics and to the improvement of Chai to Understand.

Story Circle

Story Circle was developed last spring to provide a supportive space for those in our community to openly discuss issues and topics on their minds in a safe and non-judgmental space. Story Circle focuses on how the identities a person holds, can affect or impact those issues they may be experiencing. Story Circle is facilitated by Adam-Jon Aparicio and Atlas Tan.
Ramapolooza
This year at Ramapolooza, APACC hosted a Mahjong Night!

Welcome Back BBQ with El Centro
**Programs & Events**

**Ram Ohana**

**Denver Trip**
Our semesterly Denver trip partners with Pacific Club and APASA to give students an opportunity to get away from Fort Collins for a day, explore Denver, and visit shops they don't usually get a chance to! Out-of-State students get a chance to buy winter clothes and everyone gets an opportunity to enjoy hot pot and stock up on Asian groceries and snacks not always available in Fort Collins.

**Rice Bowl**
In collaboration with RamEvents, we had our annual bowling event, Rice Bowl. New students, returning students, staff, faculty, and parents joined in for a fun night of bowling and pizza. There were prizes given out for Highest and Best Effort Individual and Team Scores as well as Best Team Name and Best Bowling Polaroid taken. The Best Team name prize was given to the Egg Rolls!

**Alumni Gathering in Hawai’i**