IMPACT AAPI is a two-year program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. In October 2008, De Anza College was 1 of 6 colleges in the country to receive an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution grant award.

IMPACT AAPI stands for "Initiatives to Maximize Positive academic Achievement and Cultural Thriving focusing on Asian American and Pacific Islander students at De Anza College".

Why is there a grant for AAPIs?
Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) are a group that includes many different ethnic populations from diverse cultures, backgrounds, and circumstances.

Historically, our nation’s educational system has not understood or taken into account this diversity. Because De Anza’s student population reflects such ethnic diversity, it is especially important to address these subgroups who are underserved and underrepresented in higher education.

(Background, continued)
IMPACT AAPI has identified 3 such AAPI student populations at De Anza: Filipino, Southeast Asian (Vietnamese, Cambodians, Laotians), and Pacific Islanders (Guamanians, Hawaiians, Samoans, and others).

IMPACT AAPI is designed to ensure educational success among all AAPI students.

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Initiatives to Maximize Positive academic Achievement and Cultural Thriving focusing on Asian American & Pacific Islander students at De Anza College
De Anza’s student success and counseling programs help new students transition to college life and reach their academic goals. IMPACT AAPI is expanding these programs, already targeted toward historically under-represented and first-generation college students, to include resources for the educational experiences of AAPI students.

### New Student & Parent Open House
Each spring, De Anza holds an Open House for incoming students and their parents, introducing them to various college services. The Open House includes informational sessions on IMPACT AAPI programs and classes. Language translation is available.

### New Student Intake Protocol
Get Personalized Academic Advising!
This new initiative provides incoming students with an individualized assessment of their student success/counseling needs and interests summer and fall quarters, and connects them with appropriate resources, programs, and workshops.

### First-Year Experience (FYE)
Make friends and take classes together!
The First-Year Experience is a cohort-based, year-long sequence of classes that combines coursework, community engagement, and support services. IMPACT AAPI is expanding FYE to accommodate more students from AAPI subgroups.

### Cool New Classes
- **LART 211** – 10 units
  - Honoring Our Stories: From the Bay Area to Southeast Asia and the Pacific
  - Do you identify as Filipino, Southeast Asian (Vietnamese, Cambodian, Hmong, Laotian, Thai), and/or Pacific Islander (Guamanian, Hawaiian, Samoan, Tongan) American? In this class, we will read, discuss, and write about how these identities and cultures shape us.

- **(EWRT 1A + ICS/ELIT 24)** – 9 units
  - "Remembering, Representing, Remixing: Telling the World Who We Are” Asian Pacific American Voices in Context
  - This class will center on the stories, poems, plays, and films created by immigrants from Vietnam, the Philippines, the islands of the Pacific, and then go beyond to create our own.

- **APALI Youth Leadership Academy** (ICS 22 + ICS 4) - 8 units
  - An exciting, intensive 15 all-day program in July exploring community, identity, leadership, and civic involvement.

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“I am really thankful for the insightful readings and awesome panelists... Just going to class makes me excited for what is to come.”

Anh Tran
APALI Youth Leadership Academy ’09 Student