It’s fall and we’re busier than ever. Though many of our grant activities have started already, a few key activities are designed to follow the academic year.

Below are updates of past IMPACT AAPI events and programs; check the reverse side for upcoming events.

**Curriculum**

**Past Classes**
Our Spring (LART 211) and Summer (APALI Youth Leadership Academy) grant-supported classes not only met grant requirements, but both students and instructors enjoyed and benefitted from their learning communities. Both classes participated in assessment for course improvement.

**This Quarter**
The Fall quarter LinC class, (EWRT 1A + ICS/ELIT 24), is taught by Marilyn Patton and Marshall Hattori, with community liaison Jim Nguyen. Counselor Randy Claros has developed a unique model of counseling to support the class, in which academic advising and educational planning is brought directly to the students.

**Plans for Sustainability**
IMPACT AAPI has also developed a sustainability plan for Pacific Islander & Filipino students. We’ve created a new ICS course, *Introduction to Pacific Islander Studies*, available Fall 2010 for 4 units.

**Student Success**

**Summer Bridge (COUN 100 + HUMA 20)**
Fifty AAPI students graduated from Summer Bridge 2009, where they learned about different GE and major requirements, financial aid availability, and student support service programs. Based on assessment and feedback, we will be making adjustments to our outreach plan for Summer Bridge 2010.

**First Year Experience (FYE)**
Forty-eight AAPI Summer Bridge students transitioned to the FYE program, which includes integrated reading, writing, and sociology curriculum. IMPACT AAPI counselor Jue Thao, working with FYE, has initiated a new component: a resume & cover letter workshop, with ice breakers developed by fellow counselor Randy Claros.

**New! Veterans Initiative**
We’ve teamed up with Veterans Services to create a year-long series of workshops and events for De Anza veteran students, many of whom are AAPIs. Workshop topics include adjusting to civilian life, educational plans, and identifying career goals. The series kicked off October 27 with “Veteranos: A Panel, Film Screening, & Discussion on Filipino Veterans, Past & Present.”

**Staff Development**

**Coordinators On Leave**
Our staff development coordinators are both on professional development leave: Michael Chang for Fall, and Mayra Cruz for the rest of the academic year. Tom Izu of the California History Center (CHC) has taken on Staff Development responsibilities, and has been working with IMPACT AAPI and Veterans Services to produce events for the Veterans Initiative.

**Pacific Islander Staff Development Workshop Series**
To support a new ICS course in Fall 2010, we are planning a series of staff development workshops that incorporate aspects of the Pacific Islander curriculum developed by Dr. David Ga’oupu Palaita of City College of San Francisco.
**Wednesday, November 11, 2009**
**Veterans Open House**
11am–3pm, Conference Room B, Hinson Campus Center

Wednesday, November 11 is Veterans Day. We’ve gathered resources and representatives from various student and veterans services groups, including Financial Aid, Tutorial Center, Writing & Resources Lab, Counseling Office, Health, Career Center, and VetsConnect, a community organization that provides free counseling sessions for veterans.

**Thursday, November 12, 2009**
**Veterans Strong Interest Career Workshop**
10am–1pm, ATC Computer Lab 102

Are you a veteran who wants to learn more about what career paths might be right for you? Come to this career workshop, where IMPACT AAPI counselors will guide you through the Strong Interest Inventory, a survey designed to match your interests with appropriate career options.

**Tuesday, November 17, 2009**
**AAPI Open House Luncheon**
11am–1pm, Fireside Room, Hinson Campus Center

The Open House Luncheon helps foster academic success by connecting incoming AAPI students to over 15 campus support service programs, student clubs, and community organizations. Enjoy music, free food, art, and a slide-show, plus a chance to win an iPod Shuffle!

**Monday, January 4, 2010**
**Winter IMPACT AAPI LINC class:**
*Honoring Our Stories: From the Bay Area to Southeast Asia and the Pacific*
LART 211.02D (10 units) + LART 212.02D (1 unit)
10:00am–12:20pm MTWR, Lab Time: 8:30–9:20am TR
Instructors: Karen Chow and Kristin Skager

Do you identify as one or more of the following: Filipino, Southeast Asian (Vietnamese, Cambodian, Hmong, Laotian) and/or Pacific Islander (Fijian, Guamanian, Hawaiian, Samoan, Tongan) American? In this class, we will read, discuss, and write about how these identities and cultures shape you, the Bay Area and beyond.

**New! IMPACT AAPI Library**

IMPACT AAPI has assembled a collection of books, documentaries, and fictional films created about or by AAPIs. The IMPACT AAPI Library is for instructors and staff to study on their own, use as part of a staff development event, or in the classroom, in course readers or film screenings.

Browse the collection at [http://deanza.edu/impact-aapi/library.html](http://deanza.edu/impact-aapi/library.html)

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