Established in 1993, the APASA Cultural Resource Center provides many services, programs, and experiences that deliver an opportunity for students to connect with staff and other students who identify as being from the same cultural (Asian, Pacific Islander, Desi American) background, intersecting identities while focusing on campus and community engagement, personal growth, academic excellence and a diverse and inclusive experience at Arizona. We provide a physical space and services to support the academic and personal lives of our students.

STUDENTS SAY

“APASA means a place for new beginnings, new opportunities, new friendships, and new self discovery.”

An Gia Luu

“APASA is like having a second family who makes a big university feel more like home.”

Keannu Gison

“APASA is my second home. The people there are always helpful, enjoying each others company and looking out for each other like a family.”

Kyle Dong
SIGNATURE EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

STUDENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
Welcome Back breakfast, Lunar New Year celebration, Diwali, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SUPPORT

FINANCIAL PEER ADVISING

INTERNSHIPS

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

RICE BOWL FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

FACULTY/STAFF FRIDAYS

LEADERSHIP AWARDS BANQUET

GENERAL ADVISING

APIDA SCHOLARS THEME COMMUNITY
Live in an environment that celebrates and explores Asian Pacific Islander Desi American students' cultural identities. Located in the Coconino Residence Hall, the APIDA Scholars Theme Community is an opportunity to transition to college alongside other students who want to incorporate Asian Pacific Islander Desi cultural knowledge and experiences with academic support and mentorship.

Learn more at housing.arizona.edu/getting-started/theme-communities/apida

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
We have over 10 student organizations that support the interests of the APIDA diaspora, which include cultural and ethnic identities, a growing Greek community, performing arts and faith-based organizations.

Visit apasa.arizona.edu to learn more.

LOTUS LAUREATE GRADUATION CONVOCATION
Lotus Laureate is a formal ceremony celebrating the accomplishments and providing personal recognition of graduating Asian Pacific Islander Desi American scholars amongst key university and community leaders from all disciplines.

APA HERITAGE MONTH
During the month of April, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is celebrated by the university, APASA and other local Asian Pacific American communities to celebrate and increase awareness of the rich history and contributions of Asian Pacific Americans through events, programs and initiatives.