



## Our First Get Together Since the Pandemic

On September 30, 2021, APIASA held a Meet & Greet where members were able to bond and share a meal in person for the first time since the start of the pandemic. For some of us, this was our very first time meeting one another face-to-face! In all, thirty attendees participated including Vice Presidents Dr. Lonita Cordova and Dr. Amanda Preston-Nelson. Additionally, three Board of Trustees members were also present including Trustees Elizabeth Blanchard, Kathleen Garcia, and Janet Rivera.



## Big News!

APIASA president Dr. Cirian Villavicencio delivered a state of APIASA address where he announced that Delta College had just been awarded the **Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Institution (AANAPISI) Collaborative Federal Grant** in partnership with Sacramento State, the Los Rios Colleges, and Sierra College.

This grant means that **Delta will be receiving approximately \$200,000 over the next five years** to helping low-income, first-generation AAPI students through their transfer pathways as part of the EPIC program

In addition, Dr. Villavicencio was also publicly recognized as the recipient of this academic year's Faculty Distinguished Award presented by the Academic Senate!



## Filipino-American History Month Remembering Delta Alumna: Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon (1972-2018)

Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon was a passionate activist who dedicated her life to chronicling the rich Filipino-American history in California and across the U.S. She attended San Joaquin Delta College, transferred to UCLA, and completed her Ph.D. in American History at Stanford University. She was a professor of history at San Francisco State University, co-founder of the Little Manila Foundation, and a board member of the Filipino National Historical Society.



Her 2013 book -- "Little Manila Is in the Heart" -- charted the growth of the Filipino community in her hometown of Stockton, beginning with farm workers who came to pick crops in the early 20th century. The book includes her own family's story. Dawn tragically died after suffering an asthma attack while vacationing in Kauai. She was only 45.

*(Excerpt taken from KQED)*

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### EPIC Student Spotlight: Austin Vang (first year)



#### *What I gained from taking COUN 30...*

*With everything I have learned about myself this semester, my ideal occupation would be to be a physician's assistant and hosting community service events on the side.*

*I want to help families in need of medical treatment and assessment while still giving back to the community itself.*

*The next step of Career Life Planning is exploring more occupations outside of the medical field. I have learned this semester how many diverse occupations have similar qualities to my characteristics, skills, and interests!*

*- Austin Vang, Human Development major  
Fall 2021 COUN 30 (Career Self-Assessment) student  
[EPIC Learning Community](#) 2021-22 Cohort*

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This year marks APIASA's 29th year of sponsoring Asian-American events and supporting our students with monetary scholarships. Many of Delta's AAPI students are among the most economically disadvantaged: over 90% of our Cambodian, Laotian, Vietnamese, and Samoan students are low income (data from the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness).

**If you have not yet redeemed your \$200 Employee Vaccine Incentive**, we hope you will consider donating a portion of it to APIASA (Foundation account: 'Asian Pacific Islander American Staff Assoc.'). **We proudly use 100% of these donations to awarding student scholarships.**

[Redeem Your Incentive Here](#)

Additionally, if you would like to support our cause with a general one-time, tax deductible donation, you may also make it at the following link. Any and all support from the campus community means a great deal to us!

[One-Time Donation](#)

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For more information about the work we do, please contact our **FCAPE Outreach and Community Relations Chair, Prof. Shaun Suy** ([shaun.suy@deltacollege.edu](mailto:shaun.suy@deltacollege.edu)).

Our next APIASA meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 9th from 5-7pm.**  
Feel free to join us!

Thank you for reading!

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