



SAN JOAQUIN **DELTA COLLEGE**

Empowering Positive Initiatives for Change **EPIC Info Session**



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- EPIC is a Learning Community and a PROGRAM that supports college success for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) students.
- EPIC is open to all students who have an interest in exploring topics related to self-awareness, Asian American History, Political Science and communication through the lens of the AANHPI experience.

Educate. Empower. Engage.

EPIC

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What is a Learning Community?

- A Learning Community (LC) is the same group of students enrolled in the same classes together sharing a bond and creating a “community”.
- The work in one class relates to the work in other classes and supports the assignments and understanding of each student in the Learning Community.



- Benefits of a Learning Community:
 - Students have higher success than Non-Learning Community students.
 - Students build long-lasting relationships with other Learning Community students.
 - Learning Communities foster student retention, higher grades, and greater interaction between students and faculty.



What is EPIC's goal?

- To motivate and prepare today's EPIC college students to become tomorrow's API leaders through classes and activities that foster educational achievement, personal empowerment, and civic engagement.
- Our objectives are to identify, recruit, support, and increase the numbers of AANHPI students who complete an Associate's Degree and transfer to four-year universities.



What are the Eligibility Requirements for EPIC?

- Must be a new or current student
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA and be in good standing with the college.
- Attend an EPIC information session (watching this presentation qualifies).
- Meet with a counselor and complete a Student Education Plan.
- Participate in scheduled EPIC activities and EPIC classes.
- Plan to graduate with an Associate's Degree and transfer to a four-year university.



What are the Services EPIC Provides?

- New: The EPICENTER @SCMA 340
- Counseling Services
- Textbook & laptop Loan Program
- Student Success Kits
- Wellness Circles
- UC/CSU Transfer Workshops
- Study Groups
- Field Trips/Campus Tours
- EPIC Club
- Internships/Volunteer
- AAPI Culture Night
- AANHPI Graduation



- *The EPIC LC consists of carefully selected classes, scheduled during the student's first two semesters of college. They provide a strong academic foundation for completing graduation requirements, and meeting career and personal goals.*
- **Fall semester (12 units):**
 - **English 2A, Reading & Composition** (Required for transfer, AA/AS & UC/CSU GE)
 - **Communications Studies 1A, Public Speaking** (Required for transfer, AA/AS & UC/CSU GE)
 - **History 34, Asian Pacific American History** (AA/AS & UC/CSU GE course, American Institutions graduation requirement)
 - **Counseling 19 & 20, Intro to College & Education Planning & Transition to University Life-** Clarifies and helps establish academic major, career goals & Transferring to a 4-year University. (AA/AS & CSU)
- **Spring semester (12 units):**
 - **English 1B Written Communications II: A Critical Intro to Literature** (Required for transfer, AA/AS & UC/CSU GE)
 - **Counseling 8, Education & Interpersonal Growth** (AA/AS & CSU GE)
 - **Political Science 1, American Government & Institution** (AA/AS & UC/CSU GE course, American Institutions graduation requirement)
 - **Ethnic Studies 36, Intro to Asian American Studies**

ENG 2A, Reading & Writing with Support – Professor Kathleen Gallup

(choose #1 or #2)

Section #1(70548), M 1:30-4:20pm, 4.0 units

Section #2(70545), T 1:30-4:20pm, 4.0 units

HIST 34, Asian Pacific American History – Associate Professor Bernard Remollino, Ph.D

(72029), 11am-12:20pm, 3.0 units

COM ST 1A, Intro to Public Speaking – Professor Steve Graham, Ed.D

(choose #1 or #2)

Section #1(70097), 7:30-9:20am, 3.0 units

Section #2(70106), 10:30-11:50am, 3.0 units

COUN 19 & 20, Intro to College & Ed Planning – Adj. Associate Professor Reiko Takahashi

(enroll in both sections, each class runs consecutively for 6 weeks each)

(71226), 9am-10:20am, 1.0 unit

(71287), 9am-10:20am, 1.0 unit

Enrollment in the classes above will equal 12.0 units, which is full-time.

- **The APAIE LC is a new option** for students who want to join a learning community, but views this option as a better fit for their academic program.
- **Fall Semester 2024**
 - **HIST 34, Asian Pacific American History**
 - (72030) Weds. 11am-12:20pm, Dawn Mabalon Forum
 - HIST 34 fulfills one of the courses required for the American Institution Req'mt.
 - Counts for general education for the AA/AS, CSU, and UC.
- **Spring Semester 2025**
 - **POLSC 1 Intro to American Gov't**
 - POLSC 1 and HIST 34 fulfills the American Institution Requirement for graduation.
 - **ETHNS 36 Intro to Asian American Studies**
 - ETHNS 36 Fulfills the new graduation requirement in Ethnic Studies.

Who are the EPIC Professors?

- Mr. Clarence Louie, Counselor Professor Emeritus (Ret.)
- Dr. Cirian Villavicencio, Ed.D., Professor of Political Science
- Ms. Reiko Takahashi, Adj. Associate Counselor Professor
- Ms. Kathleen Gallup, Professor of English
- Dr. Steven Graham, Ed.D, Professor of Communications Studies
- Dr. Bernard Remollino, Ph.D, Associate Professor of History
- Mrs. Debra Louie, Counselor Professor Emerita (Ret.)
- Ms. Jazmin Amen, Counselor/Professor, Counseling (Ret.)
- Mr. Eugene Gambol, Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies, Asian American Studies



- Student Leadership, Cultural Awareness and Wellness Activities
- Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Culture Night
- Attend the Asian & Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) National Conference
- End-of-the-Year Recognition Program
- Opportunities to intern in local, state, and federal government, join the EPIC Club, volunteer in local community organizations and non-profits, and take part in health & wellness circles.



Field Trips & Extra-curricular events

Stockton Historic AAPI Communities Tour

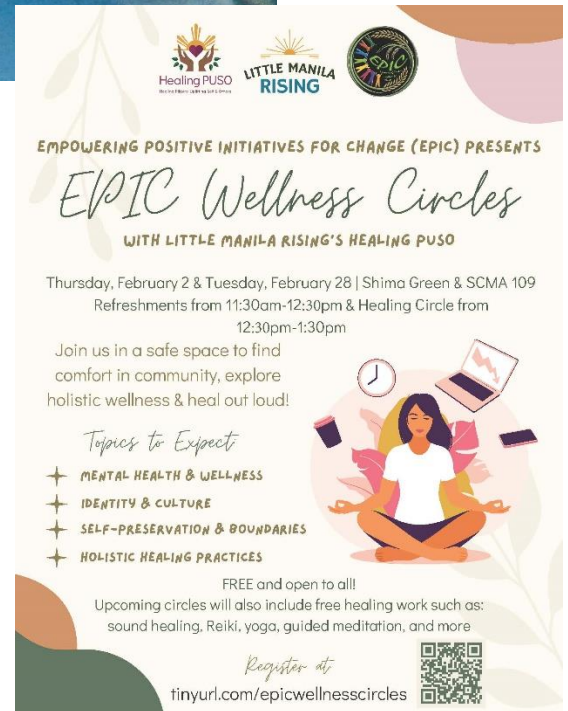


State Capitol Tour & Leadership Day

EPIC Health & Wellness Circles



FAHM FEST 22



Healing PUSO
LITTLE MANILA RISING

EMPOWERING POSITIVE INITIATIVES FOR CHANGE (EPIC) PRESENTS
EPIC Wellness Circles
WITH LITTLE MANILA RISING'S HEALING PUSO

Thursday, February 2 & Tuesday, February 28 | Shima Green & SCMA 109
Refreshments from 11:30am-12:30pm & Healing Circle from 12:30pm-1:30pm


Join us in a safe space to find comfort in community, explore holistic wellness & heal out loud!

Topics to Expect

- ✦ MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS
- ✦ IDENTITY & CULTURE
- ✦ SELF-PRESERVATION & BOUNDARIES
- ✦ HOLISTIC HEALING PRACTICES

FREE and open to all!
Upcoming circles will also include free healing work such as: sound healing, Reiki, yoga, guided meditation, and more

Register at
tinyurl.com/epicwellnesscircles





NBA Stockton Kings AAPI Night, APIASA/EPIC Recognition Banquet





Sac State Campus Tour

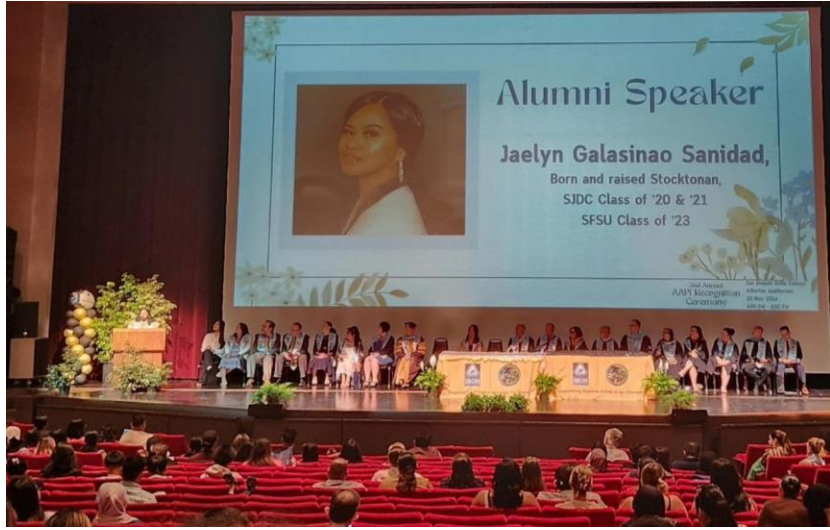


Dawn Mabalon Memorial Concert



AAPI Heritage Celebration





2nd AANHPI Graduation, Sac St. Collaborative Student Leadership Conference, APAHE Conf. and APIASA Scholarship Gala – 2024 -



Last EPIC Club meeting for 2023-24, EPIC Club Social, and AAPI Cultural Night organizers/dancers.

- ❖ Student Ed Plan - schedule individual counseling appointment with
- ❖ Ms. Jazmin Amen or Mrs. Louie, EPIC Counselors. Open link below:
- ❖ [EPIC Learning Community - Contact Us](#)

- ❖ Apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA) Apply for EOPS

- ❖ Check your Delta email frequently.

- ❖ Fall Welcome Day – August 2024 (TBA)

Meet & Greet Faculty, Staff and Students
Textbook Loaner Distribution
Laptop Loaner Distribution





QUESTIONS?



Contact the EPIC Director: susan.vang@deltacollege.edu

Open the link below and complete the Contact Us! Form
for an appointment to meet with an EPIC Counselor:

[EPIC Program - Contact Us!](#)