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FCAPE wishes for you, your loved ones and broader community to have a joyous holiday season ahead!

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Fall Semester Highlights

On October 22, Delta College's APIASA, FCAPE, and EPIC Program hosted a celebration of Filipino American History Month - FAHM FEST 22.

This event was co-sponsored by several local community non-profits, led by Kommunity Hub, FANHS Stockton Chapter, Little Manila Rising, Empowering Marginalized Asian Communities (EMAC), and APIC 209.

FAHM FEST drew nearly 3,000 attendees, and began with a dedication ceremony to the late Dr. Dawn Bohulano Mabalon, a Delta College Alum, revered historian, SFSU Professor, social justice activist, author of *Little Manila is in the Heart: The Making of the Filipina/o Community in Stockton, CA*, and co-founder of the Little Manila Foundation, now known as Little Manila Rising. The dedication ceremony provided a platform to announce the October 4th vote by the Delta College Board of Trustees to officially rename the West Forum, the largest lecture hall on campus, the **DAWN MABALON FORUM**. Trustee Janet Rivera, Congressman Josh Harder, Stockton City Councilwoman Christina Fugazi, and Chief of

Staff (for Board of Supervisor Miguel Villapudua) Chris Rouppe, paid tribute to Dr. Mabalon with Official Proclamations that were received by members of her family, and conference organizers Mariah Taloah, Linda Claramo, and Debra Louie.

The renaming initiative was over a year in the making, and was initiated by the Faculty Caucus for Asian Pacific Equity (FCAPE), an organization formed along with the Black Faculty Task Force and the Chicax Latinx Faculty to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives to spur a transformation of the Delta College campus into a beacon of hope and belonging for all.

These organizations worked together and were also successful in renaming the North Forum the TONY FITCH FORUM and renaming the South Forum the CAMPESINO FORUM. These efforts were endorsed by the Academic Senate, CTA, the Associated Students of Delta College (ASDC), Classified Senate, CSEA, and Management Senate representatives.

It was indeed a great day to celebrate history, but to also make history.

ABC10 covers Delta College's Filipino American History Month Festival

Congratulations Professor/Counselor Debra Louie for representing our college! Debra interviewed yesterday with ABC News10 and eloquently spoke about the plight of our first generation and low income AANHPI students while highlighting our Filipino American History Month Festival on campus that attracted over 2000+ members of our community last Sunday, and the renaming of West Forum to Mabalon Forum!

A special shout out to Alex Breitler for connecting Debra to ABC News10! Watch the clip below!



[Watch Clip](#)

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Stockton Hmong New Year 2022

The celebration is a cultural tradition that brings together members of the Hmong community and includes musical

performances, traditional dances and games.



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Congratulations!!

Please congratulate *Trustee Rivera*, *Trustee Jennings* and *Trustee Mathis* for another term.

We are grateful and thankful for your constant support of FCAPE & APIASA. We wish you well on your reappointment and we look forward to our continuing partnership in the work ahead.

ABC10 invites Delta College Department of Political Science Professors to provide Election Analysis

This past Tuesday on Election Day, Dr. Cirian Villavicencio was invited by ABC10's producer, Mike Bunnell, to do live election coverage in-studio. He shared, "while I was a little nervous, I thought it went well. I want to also acknowledge my colleague, Dr. Joel Blank, who also participated in analyzing the Harder-Patti CD 9 race. Here is the segment if you missed it."

Link to this segment is provided below:



Incumbent Josh Harder faces Supervisor Tom Patti in U.S. House District 9 election

Incumbent Josh Harder faces Supervisor Tom Patti in U.S. House District 9 election Josh Harder and Tom Patti are facing off in the U.S. House District 9 race for the 2022 election. Subscribe at: <https://goo.gl/vai8Eu> Find ABC10 online: <https://www.abc10.com/> Sign up for our newsletter: <https://www.abc10.com/email> Stream ABC10 on Roku: <https://www.abc10.com/roku>

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The following day, ABC10's evening anchor, Lora Painter also invited Dr. Cirian Villavicencio to do post-election analysis. He had the opportunity to discuss exit poll data showing how Gen Z voters impacted the 2022 midterm election.

Link to this segment is provided below:



Why Gen Z was a factor in the 2022 election | abc10.com

CALIFORNIA, USA — A new study shows Gen-Z voters between the ages of 18 and 29 gave Democrats a crucial boost in the 2022 election. When it comes to Gen Z, Cirian Villavicencio, a political ...

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EPIC Program Highlights



EPIC PROGRAM FIELD TRIP: SF STATE & ANGEL ISLAND

The *EPIC Club* was first established in fall 2016 in response to students who completed the EPIC Learning Community first year cohort but wanted to stay connected to EPIC. As the years have gone by, the EPIC Club has remained very active and includes any Delta student that wants to be in EPIC.

EPIC Club officers are nominated and voted into their respective Officer positions every spring semester, and begin their leadership position the following school year.

EPIC Club members organize fundraisers, most recently one held November 15th on the quad. They sold over \$1000 in pastries and bubble drinks to fellow Delta students and employees looking for a sweet treat. (See photos in precious email from Juju)

EPIC Club members also volunteer their time to assist with school and community events, such as the Filipino American History Month - FAHM FEST 22 that was held last month for 3,000 attendees.

EPIC Club members who were lucky enough to score a seat on the Delta bus went on a field trip to tour the San Francisco State University campus where they heard a presentation about the history of Ethnic Studies and how the students themselves held the longest student strike in the nation to stand up for their right to learn about their history and other communities of color, and that's why today, they have a "College of Ethnic Studies." We also learned that SFSU is where our own outstanding Delta College Alum, Dr. Dawn Mabalon, taught U.S. History and Asian American studies, and she influenced their decisions to become activists themselves.

The EPIC students also learned about the requirements to transfer and the resources that are available to support them, such as AAPI Student Services, a new office on campus that serves as a campus hub for information and support.

If you ask the students, they will tell you that the best part of the field trip was the ferry boat ride to visit the historic Angel Island Immigration Station and CA State Park. They learned about the rich history of the island, which is steeped in military history dating from the Civil War to WWII. They also learned about the experiences of immigrants from all parts of the Eastern world, many who came from China, and how they were interned at Angel Island. The most touching monument was the Immigrant Wall that honors familial Ancestors who suffered, sacrificed, and risked everything to make a better life for their children. The tram tour taught us a lot about the experiences of the first generation of Asian Americans, as well as it treated everyone on board to the most beautiful views of the San Francisco Bay.



EPIC Student Highlight

Julinda-Patrice Tacan



Hi! My name is Julinda-Patrice Maranan Tacan, but I go by JuJu. I am a Filipino-American. I was born in Manteca, but raised in Stockton. I am the oldest in my family, have a younger brother, and a cat. My parents are supportive and encouraging in every way possible, and they helped me become the person I am today. I am majoring in Business Administration, and plan on transferring to Sacramento State, in hopes of double majoring in Business and in Dance. I am a professional dancer, and I have been dancing ever since I was born. I have trained in jazz, tap, ballet, pointe, contemporary, and my personal favorite, hip-hop. I've also had the opportunity to choreograph many award-winning dances.

Some of my hobbies include hanging out with my friends and family, gaming, puzzle solving, listening to music, and fixing things. Before coming to Delta, I attended Aloha High School in Aloha, Oregon for my freshman year to the end of the first semester of my junior year. From then on to my senior year, I attended Visions in Education. My first year at Delta was a little hard because, in the beginning, I wasn't able to attend in-person classes due to commuting, but eventually, being in the EPIC club helped me make friends and made me feel welcomed. It became an experience that I'll never forget. My second-year at Delta has been eventful. I've decided to push myself and take on new challenges and, so far, it's been amazing. Especially, now since I am now the President of the EPIC Club.

For me, being President of the EPIC Club has been exciting. It has helped me grow and improve my skills as a leader. When I was just an EPIC member last year, it was an amazing experience and I got to meet new people, and be involved in volunteer opportunities. Hopefully this year, now that I'm President, I am able to lead by example and encourage others to be courageous and not be afraid to take risks.

The most important lesson that I've gain from my college experience so far is to not be afraid. I used to have severe anxiety, but eventually, I gained the courage to put myself out there. I was able to grow out of that mindset, and was able to meet new people and take risks. In five years from now, I hope to be graduated and working my way into owning my own dance studio. My parents have always told me to "love what you do, and do what you love," and that's what I'm going to do. Dance is my life, and I hope to continue my career in dance.

EPIC Student Highlight

ETHAN NUON- PRAK

- Tell us about your family and friends.

My family fled their war-torn home for safety in America. Although we are not wealthy, we are able to get by. My parents haven't gone on a vacation in a very long time since they always prioritize my brother and I. My brother is a computer science engineering major who is currently finishing up his senior year of college. My parents encouraged my brother and I to get the highest degree we can get in order to secure the best potential future financial situation. This is our way of saying thanks to our parents for everything they've done for us. My friends are currently out for college but I've been friends with them since elementary school. It saddens me that we are all grown up and we have adult things to do, but we do keep in touch occasionally.

- What are your hobbies?

My favorite hobbies are learning about cars, fixing cars, and washing cars. I've been committed to the gym since my sophomore year of High School and the grind never stops.

Where did you attend school before coming to Delta?

I attended Bear Creek High School and also did Dual Enrollment.

- What was your first-year experience in college and in EPIC like?

During my first year, I mainly stayed inside my bubble, being comfortable with all sorts of people. The EPIC classes aren't tough as I thought. As long as you understand and plan in advance I don't see how you could struggle.

- Why did you join EPIC (Cohort 8) and what's been the best part for you, so far?

I wanted to give it a try, and it's been amazing. Being in EPIC has provided lots of free food! Also, you get provided with tons of opportunities for help.

- What is your college major?

Radiologic Technologist

- Do you plan to transfer? Where?

I plan on transferring to CSU Northridge.

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What is one piece of advice you would give to a new student?

If you are struggling please get help. There's nothing wrong with asking for help. Don't be so hard on yourself take time to enjoy what you're doing.

Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?

In the workforce trying to make enough money to buy a house and get three cars.



Trending Topics

Resources for the *ongoing* Calendar Discussion are listed below:

- Lunar New Year now a state holiday in California (ABC10)
- Legislative Information regarding Assembly Bill No. 2596
- U.S. Native American Day is celebrated on the fourth Friday of September every year.

Save the Date!



2023 APAHE NATIONAL CONFERENCE



April 26, 2023 (Pre-conference)
April 27 - 28, 2023



The Marriott Oakland City Center
Oakland, CA



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[HTTP://APAHENATIONAL.ORG](http://APAHENATIONAL.ORG)



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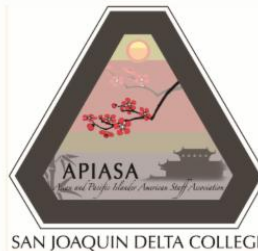
If you would like to highlight any of your students' success stories, AAPI events happening at Delta or in the community, or any work you are currently part of, and/or share best practices to serve our AAPI student population better, please send it our way to be featured in our next newsletter!

For more information, please contact the FCAPE Outreach Team at: fcapeoutreach@deltacollege.edu

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