

# Arise is a Proud AANAPISI & CCC AANHPI SAP Campus!



## Our brief history

In 2011, the Arise Program was established with our first Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) federal grant award. In 2016 we received a second 5-year AANAPISI grant, which was extended for a year due to the impact of COVID-19. After a decade of program success, the college institutionalized all current positions. In 2023, we were among 50 colleges who were awarded the inaugural California Community Colleges Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Student Achievement Program (CCC AANHPI SAP) grant funds, which supports our on-going work and ability to curate more programming for our AANHPI students. Thus, we are proud to be recognized as an AANAPISI and CCC AANHPI SAP campus!

## By the Numbers

**\$3.75M**

AANAPISI Funding  
2011-2022

**\$280K**

CCC AANHPI SAP Grant  
Funds with another est.  
\$190,000 for FY 2024 on  
the way

**4 Staff**

Institutionalized so far:  
Director, Educational  
Advisor, Program  
Specialist II, and a  
Research Analyst (RIE)



Arise Spring '24 Social/Welcome Day



Larry Itlong the Musical about  
Filipino Farmworker Activist "Manong Larry"



# Arise Highlights 2023-2024



Scan for  
Arise Website



Arise Peer Mentors &  
student event  
volunteers for  
Milestones 2024

## A message from our TEAM

Our team is grateful for our Mt. SAC Community who collaborated in the programming we engaged in this year. From our Library to Studio 13, to our EC family, Student Services and Instruction, and to our university partners, Cal Poly Pomona and UC Riverside! The work we do uplifts our students!



## A year of "firsts"

Since the Arise Program was established in 2011 (AANAPISI grant & AANHPI SAP), we have sought opportunities to center a sense of belonging, support students' educational journeys, and curate AANHPI culturally-centered programming. This academic year was no different. However, there were more "firsts": Our first APAHM 2024 with four major events. Our initial exploration of using Navigate for campaigns and nudges. And our first university transfer experiences at CPP (Summer 2023) and UCR (Feb 2024).

## By the Numbers

# 263

New Arise Program  
applications during the  
year

# 473

ASAP! Letters for Fall  
2023 completers

# 308

Attended Spring 2024  
Arise "Social"  
(Welcome Back)

# \$59,575

Combined Total  
Scholarships dollars  
awarded to 33 Arise  
Students

# APAHM 2024

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM), centers the celebration of AANHPIs contributions, heritage, and lived experiences, including contemporary socio-historical-political issues in the US. It also shares recognition with Mental Health Awareness Month. Four events included a focus on “Cultivating Tools for Wellness”, an inaugural storytelling contest, and two screenings as part of a new EC Series, “Streaming Critical Consciousness” featuring Blue Bayou and Liquor Store Dreams. All events drew a large audience. SAC Media featured APAHM event. Check this one out: <https://sac.media/2024/05/22/video-apahm-storytelling-i-am-aanhpi/>.

## ASAP! Letters (Arise Student Action Plan!)

The ASAP! letters are sent out in Aug (Spring term grades) and February (Fall term grades). This communication strategy provides students with a personalized profile of their academic progress and gives the Arise team the opportunity to provided recommendations for staying on track.

	Spring 2023	Fall 2023	Spring 2024
Number of Letters	494	473	392
Average GPA	3.13	3.09	3.17
Below 2.00 GPA	9%	8%	6%
Completed College Level ENGL:	82%	76%	81%
Completed College Level MATH	63%	62%	72%

“It gives me a good visualization of my path toward graduation.”

“I love that the arise program stays on top [of] communication and frequent contact. It shows their care in all students.”

ASAP! Data compiled by Lisa DiDonato.

## An APAHE First: Peer Mentors’ Present a Professional Conference Session

At APAHE 2024 (April 3-5), Arise Student Peer Mentors co-lead a session, “Rebuilding Spaces Through Hope, Healing, & Love: An Inside Glimpse on How Mt. SAC Students Strengthened Their API Community Post-Pandemic” with the support of TnT Duo, Tutasi and Teresa. The Arise Program staff were also part of four additional presentations. We also took students and staff to see “Larry Itliong the Musical”, a Broadway-type show depicting the life journey of “Manong Larry”, a farm worker turned Filipino Activist, who fought alongside Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta revealing lessons about leadership, advocacy, and unity during the farmworker’s movement in the 1960s.



# Serendipitous Moments

Over 100 plants given out by CultivaLA at Carol Chung's "Cultivating Tools for Wellness"

The audience broke out into "Happy Birthday" song for Liquor Store Dreams Director, So Yun Um.

Trustee Gary Chow, aka "Uncle Gary" attended all APAHM 2024 events!

## SAC Media coverage



APAHM Celebration & Storytelling  
Speech Contest (Video)



Cultivating Tools for Wellness (Video)



  
Streaming Critical Consciousness (Article)



Dr. Garcia & Arise Team, Milestones 2024



Director So Yun Um w/ Arise & CBOSS



Dr. Melba Castro (VPSS), Dr. Garcia (President), Lucy DeLeon  
VPSS Admin, Arise Team & Lisa DiDonato, Researcher



Communication Studies Professors, Jedi  
Curva & Thuy Pham



Math Professor Dr. Bao-Chi Nguyen & Student Services  
Dean Dr. Koji Uesugi



Equity Center Programs' Panel after Blue Bayou film screening.



Trustee Gary Chow  
and AS Chief of Staff  
(Ex-officio), Tasha  
Buje



Student Attendee  
@ Cultivating  
Tools for Wellness  
event on 5/9/24



Moderator Chisa Ueyuki (Librarian) & Equity Center  
Programs' Panel after Blue Bayou film screening.