

HAPPY  
*Lunar*  
NEW YEAR  
新年快樂

**Happy Lunar New Year from Delta College's  
APIASA!  
Celebrating the Year of the Ox!**

Lunar New Year (also known as 'Spring Festival') is a time for a fresh outlook and new beginnings! Dating back thousands of years in many parts of Asia, the new year on the lunar calendar kicks off 15-days of celebration where families come together to wish one another happiness, health, and most of all -- fortune! One common superstition dictates that what you do within this period determines what you'll be doing all year long, so strenuous work and conflicts are generally avoided during this time. Instead, homes are filled with large feasts where traditional foods associated with good luck are consumed as well as time spent catching up with loved ones.



In Chinese astrology, this also marks the beginning of a new zodiac sign where 2020's 'Year of the Rat' makes way for 2021's 'Year of the Ox.'



**Birth years for the Ox sign**  
(2021, 2009, 1997, 1985, 1973, 1961, 1949)

Those born during the Year of the Ox are known for being loyal, steady, and diligent people. Characterized by their patience in decision-making, Oxen often achieve their goals by making definite plans and following through with consistent effort. They are also known for attaching importance to their family and work commitments and are considered the most dependable of the 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac!

No other celebration on earth sees as many fireworks lit as the *billions* set off in China at midnight to mark the beginning of the Lunar New Year! Fireworks have also been traditionally used to scare away evil spirits.



On the 15th day of celebrations, the Lunar New Year festivities officially conclude with the lighting of red lanterns, followed by a firework finale and the eating of sweet dumplings!

### Featured APIASA Scholarship Winner

*I am a business major transferring to Sac State this fall. I'm currently working at TJMaxx, still involved with the EPIC community, and finishing up my last semester at Delta.*

*This scholarship has helped me with paying for my classes, and the extra money also helped me get started on saving up for Sac State!*

*- Mari-Jaeh Leandado  
Former EPIC Club President & 2019-2020 APIASA  
Scholarship Recipient (\$500)*



If you are interested in applying for any of our APIASA scholarships, the application deadline this year is Tuesday, March 2nd. You can apply at the following link:

[Scholarship Opportunities](#)

The EPIC Club strives to give Delta students a platform to learn and acquire the networking

[EPIC Club website](#)

and organization skills to become tomorrow's Asian and Pacific Islander American leaders.



For the 29th year, APIASA is doing our best to sponsor Asian-American events and support our AAPI students with access to higher education through monetary scholarships. Many of Delta's AAPI students are among some of the most economically disadvantaged; according to the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, over 90% of our Cambodian, Laotian, Vietnamese, and Samoan students are low income. If you would like to support our cause, please consider making a one-time donation. Every dollar goes 100% to awarding student scholarships and is tax deductible.

Your donations help us support these success stories!

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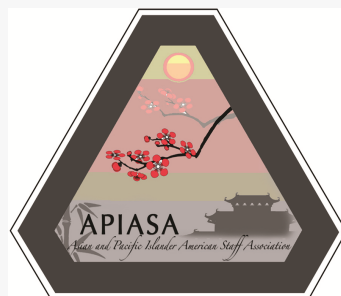
You can also consider donating through a monthly payroll deduction! If all Delta employees contributed just \$5 a month (the price of a Venti Latte at Starbucks), all of our annual awards would be easily sustained.

[Set a Monthly Contribution Here](#)

For more information, please contact our Outreach Coordinators: Drs: Le Phan ([lphan@deltacollege.edu](mailto:lphan@deltacollege.edu)) and Dustin Tsai ([dustin.tsai@deltacollege.edu](mailto:dustin.tsai@deltacollege.edu)).

Have a Happy Lunar New Year!

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