

Wishing you a
HAPPY
THANKSGIVING
& Holiday Season

As the sweater weather rushes in and the fall foliage blankets our campus, we would like to take a moment to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season!

Here are all the exciting APIASA, FCAPE, and EPIC developments that have been unfolding on campus!



Filipino-American History Month at Delta

On October 23, 2021, APIASA hosted a Filipino-American History Month celebration for our community on the campus courtyard. This event was sponsored by Delta's Cultural Awareness Program (CAP), FCAPE, Little Manila Rising, the Stockton chapter of the Filipino-American National Historical Society (FANHS), and EPIC; our sponsors provided informational material and rewarded prospective Delta students with games and prizes along with cool swag!



Nearly a hundred people came out to enjoy an afternoon of inspirational speeches, music, dancing, singing, and poetry by Bay Area and local Filipino-American artists!



Conrad Benedicto, author of *Musalaya's Gift* and a Kulintang gong instrument musician, inviting the audience to perform on bamboo percussion instruments.



Master Joel Juanitas of Bahala Na Martial Arts demonstrating the Giron Arnis Escrima system -- 20 techniques that incorporate sword, stick, knife, and hand.



Leilah Ureta-Villalos, 7th grader at Stockton Collegiate, performing to the music of *Asik*, an indigenous tribal dance.



Bay Area poet Pablo Rosales Panganiban sharing a humorous poem reflecting his unique experience growing up Filipino-American.



Wrapping up the event was the *Class of '72 R&B Vocal Group*, (Mel Suguitan, Oscar Aban, Willie Williamson, and Jerry Littlejohn) comprised of four Edison High School classmates who have been an active part of Stockton's Filipino and African-American communities since the 1960's. Their songs brought soulful energy, joy, and laughter as the FAHM celebrations came to a close.

Announcement: EPICENTER Grand Opening! **(Tuesday, November 30th, 11:30am-1:30pm)**

The Empowering Positive Initiatives for Change (EPIC) Program, along with FCAPE and APIASA, will be celebrating the grand opening of the EPICENTER on November 30th in Delta's Science and Math (SCMA) building room 161.



The EPICENTER, located in SCMA 327, will serve as a student services and academic support hub dedicated to supporting our AAPI students and the EPIC Learning Community. All students at Delta are welcome!

This space includes several private offices as well as a work room where students will have access to tables, computers, and printers. EPIC Club officers have already settled in by hosting their weekly meetings in the work room.

The EPICENTER suite also includes a seminar-style conference room available to reserve for small workshops and meetings.



Empowering Positive Initiatives for Change (EPIC) welcomes you to our new home!

Program

Welcome & Introductions start at noon in SCMA 161

Speakers & Guests

Slideshow about the EPIC Program

Light snacks in the Courtyard

Tour of the EPICENTER: EPIC Club Officers and volunteers & students will take small groups up to the third floor, SCMA 327, where the EPICENTER is located

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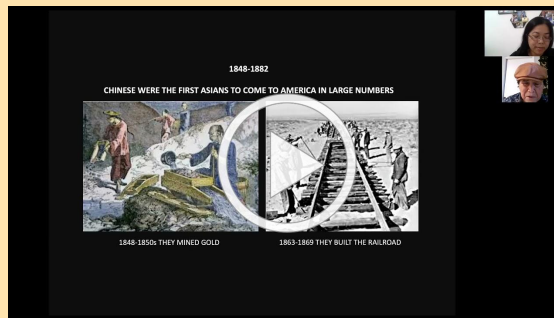
Epic Learning Community Students, Cohort 7 (2021-22)

In Case You Missed It...

Larry Itliong, union organizer of the 1965 Delano Grape Strike and co-founder of the UFW with Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez, was formally inducted into the California Hall of Fame by Governor Gavin Newsom in a virtual ceremony on October 12, 2021.



Here on campus, Dr. Richard Tenaza, President of the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) Museum presented to a HIST 34 class last month about the history of the Filipino Center in honor of Filipino American History Month.



EPIC Student Spotlight: Arielle Soria (second year)



What I gained from taking COUN 30...

The most beneficial insight I gained from this course is that my skills, traits, interests, accomplishments, and values are all important factors that will be essential for my future career and also for my personal life.

I did not know how important these things are for my future. I was able to look back at my beliefs, review the things I've done before, and also see how much I have changed throughout the years.

This course allowed me to understand and know myself on a deeper level that I have never done before.

*- Arielle Julia Soria, Pre-Nursing major
Fall 2021 COUN 30 (Career Self-Assessment) student
EPIC Learning Community, 2021-22 Cohort*

We Need You!

APIASA needs your support to continue the work we do in sponsoring Asian-American events and supporting our AAPI students with monetary scholarships.

Prior to COVID, our students worked tirelessly at our cultural events, selling tickets and organizing food fundraisers that have featured adobo plates, banh mi sandwiches, and teriyaki bento boxes. Since these fundraisers have not yet returned to campus, we

have had to sadly cut back immensely this past year on the amount of scholarships we normally award -- at the expense of our students who greatly need them.



Over **90%** of our Cambodian, Laotian, Vietnamese, and Samoan students come from low income backgrounds and benefit immensely from the scholarships we would like to keep awarding each spring.



During this holiday season, we are hoping to receive some support through the wonderful tradition of Giving Tuesday, which is on November 30th this year.



But you don't have to wait until then! Please do consider giving a gift of whatever you are able to spare -- whether it's \$5, \$20, or however much -- in supporting all the work we do for the campus community.

[Donate Now](#)

If you have not yet redeemed your \$200 Employee Vaccine Incentive, we hope you will consider giving 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

Lastly, we have a monthly payroll deduction option where, for as little as \$5 a month (the price of a Venti Latte at Starbucks), you can make a HUGE difference to our students' pursuit of higher education.

Contribute Monthly

For more information about the work we do, please contact our **FCAPE Outreach and Community Relations Chair, Professor/Counselor Shaun Suy** (shaun.suy@deltacollege.edu).

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

Happy Holidays and warm regards!

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