

2024-2025 Year End Highlights

Arise Program

Community

Every Fall and Spring we kick off the semester with the Arise Social. A strategy for in-reach, AANHPI students are invited to learn more about Arise and some selected programs. Transfer Center Director, Josh Loudon, joins Arise to share about all things transfer! Thank you, Josh and team!



Scholarships 2025

Awards

37 Arise Students
58 Scholarships
\$67,880 Combined Total



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Academic Outcomes

ASAP! Fall 2024

573 Arise Students

3.13 Average GPA

91% 2.0+ GPA

73% College English Completed

61% College Math Completed

ASAP! Spring 2025

Forthcoming

The Arise Student Action Plan! (ASAP!) tracks the progress of students enrolled in a given term, focusing on data elements such as college English and math completion, GPA, and units earned. Recognition and follow-up provided as needed.



Milestones Recognition

Thirty-eight Arise Students were recognized for their accomplishments, joined by family and friends. Among the students planning to transfer, some are bound for CSUF, CPP, CSULB, CSUSB, UCLA, UCD, and out-of-state schools.



COMMUNICATION, CULTURE, COMMUNITY



Representation matters. Overcoming their fears, empowering. Discovering their voice, life-changing.



A Knowledge is Power Learning Community (KPLC) was launched in Summer 2025 as a pilot with SPCH 1A (COMM C1000), centering Asian Pacific Islander voices in the course. Partnering with the Arise Program, the Living Museum was curated to showcase the students' work in this campus-wide event held July 15, 2025. Faculty Thuy Pham and Jedi Curva co-taught and created a phenomenal space where students felt seen, empowered, and uplifted. This is an AANHPI SAP Blueprint Project for "Culturally Responsive Learning Communities" in collaboration with the Communication Studies Department and Humanities and Social Sciences Division.



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Educate**

ARISE ACADEMY (YEAR 3) @ CPP



July 10, 2025

The Arise Academy is an AANHPI SAP collaborative project with our partners, Cal Poly Pomona (CPP). Just before Poly Transfer started, the Arise Academy kicked off a full day's program that included presentations on cultural identity and capital, AANHPI student resources, mentorship with AANHPI faculty across disciplines, and community building. This project is a blueprint for advising and counseling, transfer exploration, and mentorship engagement.



Representation Mentorship Transfer Exploration

CPP Faculty



APAHM 2025 THREADS OF TRADITION



Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM) 2025 celebrated the rich fabrics of our diverse AANHPI students, staff, faculty, administrators, and community.

As part of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM) 2025, the first annual Threads of Tradition showcased traditional and contemporary attire on the runway, representing China, Japan, Samoa, Philippines, Cook Islands, Tonga, Vietnam, India, Korea, Indonesia and Myanmar. Stories about the history, cultural significance, and symbolism were shared as a way to educate the over 150 attendees about the AANHPI community. Asian Pacific Americans have contributed to the development and economic prosperity of this country for over a century. During this event, about \$1,300 was raised in a "Minute to Donate It", which enabled the Mt. SAC Foundation to increase awards for two Arise Scholarships (Arise Resiliency and Arise Leadership) this year. We are grateful to the Mt. SAC community and friends of Mt. SAC's Arise Program for a successful event. A special shoutout to the Event Services Team for their dedication and kindness.



**Pride
Honor
Respect**



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Arise Program

2024-2025 That's a Wrap!



L-R (Front Row): Selema Tanuvasa, Angelyca Sarrol, Ying Lu, Nathan Cheuu (Peer Mentors); L-R (Back Row): Doug Iiga (Peer Mentor), Kare'l Lokeni (Counselor), Teresa Pham (Educational Advisor), Dr. Aida Cuenza-Uvas (Director), Tutasi Asuega (Program Specialist II)

Mission

To create a validating space that celebrates the many aspects of Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) cultures and histories while providing holistic support to help students be the best version of themselves.

Vision

To prepare a community of confident and culturally-connected leaders for the world.