

# The EDItorial

A Monthly Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Awareness Newsletter

## Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

"The National 2023 theme for the observance of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May: 'Advancing Leaders Through Opportunity'. This year's theme is a continuation of the 'Advancing Leaders' theme series which began in 2021. 'Advancing Leaders Through Opportunity' further highlights FAPAC's efforts in advancing leaders in the Federal and DC government." [FAPAC Announces Theme for the 2023 Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#)

"The month of May was chosen for AAPI Heritage Month because it commemorates the immigration of the first Japanese people to the United States on May 7, 1843. May is also a significant month because it recognizes Golden Spike Day, May 10, 1869, which marks the completion of the transcontinental railroad that was built with significant contributions from Chinese workers." - [Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#)

### The Numbers:

- 24 million - Approximate population of Asian alone-or-in-combination residents in the US in 2021
- 2.4% - Approximation of Asian alone-or-in-combination military veterans in 2021
- 612,194 - Approximate number of Asian-owned employer firms in the US in 2020
- 1 in 5 (or 195,000) - US physicians and surgeons that are AAPI; 1 in 7 are AAPI immigrants

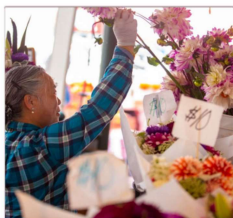
[Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month \(census.gov\)](#)  
[Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans on the Frontlines - New American Economy Research Fund](#)

### Engage



- [Beef \(10 episodes, Netflix\)](#)
- [Bravespace \(a compilation of original songs, sounds, and meditations\)](#)
- [Before Me Podcast](#)
- [The Problem With Apu \(2 episodes, Amazon\)](#)
- [Code Switch: The Fallout of a Callout](#)
- [Yellowface: Asian Whitewashing and Racism in Hollywood](#)
- [Everything Everywhere All at Once](#)
- [Barbie unveils Anna May Wong doll for AAPI Heritage Month](#)

### Support



- [Xiao Chi Jie](#)
- [Asian Pacific Islander Community Leadership Foundation](#)
- [Washington State Commission Asian Pacific American Directory](#)
- [Intentionalist - Asian-owned Small Businesses](#)
- [25 Essential AAPI-Owned Businesses You Should Know in Seattle](#)
- [Fou Lee Market](#)
- [Marination](#)
- [Theary Cambodian Foods](#)

### Participate



- [Seattle Japanese Garden](#)
- [Seattle Asian Art Museum](#)
- [Seattle Chinese Garden](#)
- [Te Fare O Tamatoa Student Showcase - May 13, 2023](#)
- [Reorient: Journeys Through Art and Healing](#)
- [UW Asian and Pacific Islander American Faculty & Staff Association](#)