

AANAPISI NOW!

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The mission of the Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) programs is to improve the transition, progression, graduation, and transfer rates of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students at Mission College.

More about AANAPISI:

Fully funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Title III program, AANAPISI will implement a comprehensive set of best practice strategies to overcome the documented obstacles of AAPI students on campus. AANAPISI's ultimate goal is to strengthen the pipeline at Mission College to assist AAPI students from matriculation through degree attainment and transfer to four-year colleges/universities with a particular emphasis on transfer into Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) majors.

WHAT IS APASS?

The **Asian Pacific American Student Success (APASS) Program** is the direct service arm of the AANAPISI programs. APASS provides culturally-relevant services for Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) students to develop their educational pathways towards graduation and transfer to four-year universities. APASS specifically targets students who are on the ESL track transitioning into college level programs and for those pursuing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) majors.

Services include one-on-one academic and career counseling, college transition and student success workshops, college campus field trips, and AAPI-themed activities and events.

For more information about APASS, please visit the APASS Counseling Office in the main building, room C1-127 (across from the P.E. Lab, W1-501), call the APASS Counseling Office at (408) 855-5175 to set up an appointment, or visit our website at www.missioncollege.edu/depts/aanapisi.



AANAPISI STAFF

From left to right:

Vinh Phan, Jessica Shillings-Barrera, Julie Vu, Ken Songco, Kent Gomez, Christopher Bibat

Mission College STEM Week

The AANAPISI programs present Mission College's first-ever Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics Week, to begin on September 16th and conclude on September 20th. The five days of festivities include career speakers and competitions celebrating all STEM disciplines. Please join us for the keynote event of the week: Our Grand Opening Celebration of the STEM Learning Center, to be held on September 17 at 4 p.m. in the Science building courtyard.

Speakers featured during STEM week include Mission College staff and faculty as well as Jeffrey Leng, Intellectual Property counsel for Immersion; Doris Zane of Genentech; Chi Wong and Annie Yang of CytomX; Shiany Dani of Applied Materials; Bob Katin of Katin Engineering Consulting; Christine Berg of NASA; Steve Ricossa of Cisco and Kent Morrison from the American Institute of Mathematics.

For more information on specific events, please visit: http://www.missioncollege.org/student_services/stem/index.html.

Wonder what resources are available to Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics students at Mission College? There's an app for that! **The Mission College STEM Resource App**, available for Android users, is a pilot project that will look at whether or not this online platform will more effectively inform students of STEM resources on campus. This mobile app will be available on the Android Marketplace for students to use in mid-September and is brought to you by the AANAPISI Part F grant.

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS—APASS COUNSELORS

Vinh Phan - As the **ESL Transition Counselor** for the APASS program, I assist students in picking classes, creating class schedules, and developing education plans. These efforts help students navigate through the various levels of ESL classes toward English 1A with the ultimate goal of either transferring, graduating, or obtaining a certificate. Students come from all cultural walks of life so services are provided in a culturally sensitive manner often requiring educating students about the American Higher Education system and developing college success strategies. Also, when needed, I provide personal and career counseling services to students.

Kent Gomez - As a **STEM Counselor**, I help students pursuing a major in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) and other related fields succeed by providing them with a comprehensive education plan. Whether students want an Associate degree or transfer to four-year institutions, they will be well-informed of their options by the time they leave my office. In addition, I recognize that students' academic success is influenced by factors outside of school such as: family, culture, and economic situation; therefore, I help them address those underlying factors so they can make wise and informed decisions about their career.

WHAT IS THE STEM Learning Center?

The **STEM Learning Center** is the central resource hub for students who are interested in pursuing a major in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines at Mission College.

Services currently available to students include tutoring in many STEM subjects from our MESA tutors, four computers for student use, a quiet place for individual and group study, scheduling an appointment with the APASS STEM/Transfer Counselor, Mentor-Net, internship opportunities with local STEM companies, career advising, and a Pilot Peer Mentor Program to provide additional support for students to successfully complete coursework within the STEM disciplines. Major funding for the STEM Learning Center comes from the Federal Title III AANAPISI Part F Grant.

For more information about the STEM Learning Center, come visit the center on the first floor of the Science Building, room SCI-131, call the AANAPISI Program Office at (408) 855-5261, or visit the Mission College STEM student resource website at http://www.missioncollege.edu/student_services/stem/index.html.

FALL APASS & STEM EVENTS

September

16—20: STEM Week
 16: Technology Speaker Event
 17: STEM Learning Center Grand Opening
 18: STEM Transfer Workshop
 19: Engineering Career Panel
 Mathematics Career Discussion
 20: Tentative Lab Demonstrations

October

2: APASS Open House
 10: Talk Story Event
 15: STEM Transfer Campus Panel
 TBA: STEM Transfer Workshop
 TBA: STEM Day

November

18: Keynote Event with Sandy
 Jen from Meebo/Google
 TBA: AANAPISI STEM Industry
 Roundtable Event

December

TBA: Career presentation by
 Khameeka Kitt of Stanford
 University

For more events or information, please visit <http://www.missioncollege.edu/depts/aanapisi/events.html>.

Professional Growth & Development Opportunity: Reading Apprenticeship

Mission College and the Title III Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (ANAPISI) program have partnered with the highly successful 3CSN (California Community College Support Network - <http://3csn.org/>) program in order to bring a free one day Introduction to Reading Apprenticeship Workshop to Mission College.

Reading Apprenticeship (RA) helps teachers support students across the disciplines and levels to become motivated, strategic, and critical readers, thinkers, and writers, to develop positive literacy identities, and to engage with challenging academic texts.

RA is focused on developing pedagogical, curricular, and institutional approaches and structures that will maximize the retention and success of all students, especially those entering college at the so-called "basic skills" level.

The workshop will be held on September 27th, 2013 from 9:00-4:00 at Mission College in room HM 104A and B.

This workshop is applicable and open to all instructors across the curriculum as it will help you support your students to engage with and comprehend texts in your content area. To register for this free, informative workshop, please visit <http://missioncollegera.eventbrite.com>.

MEET THE AANAPISI STAFF



Ken Songco

Director

Ken joins Mission College with eight years of experience managing federally-funded programs and leading teams in the nonprofit sector. He received his B.A. in Psychology at UC Santa Cruz and earned his M.P.A. at San Francisco State University. Prior to joining Mission College, Ken worked at the Japanese Community Youth Council, one of San Francisco's most successful youth organizations. He played a dual role serving as Associate Director of the AACE Talent Search TRIO programs and Project Director of the San Francisco College Access Center, a Cal-SOAP program. Under his leadership, Ken administered three education programs that served over 3,200 participants annually and assisted more than 4,000 low-income students to graduate from high school and enroll into postsecondary institutions. He brings five years of experience in leading lobbying and advocacy efforts to help protect federal funding of educational opportunity programs such as TRIO and the College Access Challenge Grant Program. Ken also served a one-year term as Lead Project Director for the California Student Opportunity and Access Programs, acting as liaison between the Executive Director of the CA Student Aid Commission and the sixteen Cal-SOAP Project Directors.



Christopher Bibat

Sr. Administrative
Assistant

Christopher joins the AANAPISI programs after working 8 years in the Mission College Admissions & Records Office. He is a Mission College graduate who's working on his 2nd Associates Degree in Fire Science Technology. Christopher brings expertise to the AANAPISI programs his familiarity with the college's admissions & registration process and the strong relationships Christopher's built with faculty, staff, administrators, and students at Mission College. He looks forward to providing support to key stakeholders of the AANAPISI programs and contributing new ideas to increase student success on campus.



Julie Vu

ESL Transitions
Program Coordinator

Julie earned her Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education from San Jose State University. She came to the United States when she was 21 years old as an immigrant and speaks Vietnamese fluently. Julie has worked at Mission College for almost fifteen years. Prior to joining the AANAPISI team, she was a Lead Teacher at Mission College's Child Development Center. With her friendly and patient attitude, she is sensitive and values your opinions and feelings. Julie has a passion for organizing cultural events and embraces the differences that contribute to the unique culture of the Mission College community.

**Vinh Phan**ESL Transitions
Counselor

Vinh joins Mission College with six years of experience in mental health, student development, student advocacy, and counseling. He graduated from St. Mary's College with a Bachelor's degree in Management and later obtained his M.A. in Counseling Psychology at the University of San Francisco with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy. As student at West Valley College, Vinh was very active on campus and had the privilege to serve as both Student President and Student Trustee. After receiving his Bachelor's degree, he continued his work in the CA Community College System as an Interim Director of Student Activities at West Valley College and later became an Instructor for Social Justice and Leadership at Los Medanos College in Pittsburg. In addition to his current position with the AANAPISI program, Vinh teaches Behavior Health Education at Kaiser Permanente in Santa Clara. As an immigrant who became the first in his family to graduate from college, he looks forward to using his professional expertise to empower students toward achieving their academic and personal goals.

**Jessica Shillings-Barrera**STEM/Transfer
Program Coordinator

Jessica comes to Mission College after graduating with her master's degree in Educational Counseling from California State University, Bakersfield. She also holds a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with concentrations in English/Creative Writing from the University of California, Riverside. Prior to joining Mission College, Jessica worked as a journalist covering city hall politics in her hometown of Ridgecrest, California as well as a Special Projects Assistant with the CSU Bakersfield Academic Advising and Resource Center. She also served as a consultant to the Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Institute of Public Affairs during her time as a graduate student. Jessica currently holds a California K-12 school counseling credential and is registered as a Professional Clinical Counselor Intern with the California Board of Behavioral Sciences.

**Kent Gomez**STEM/Transfer
Counselor

Kent received his M.A. in Counseling from San Francisco State University with an emphasis in college and career counseling. He is passionate about empowering students with sociopolitical and economic barriers find a way to overcome challenges in life and become role models in their respective communities. He immigrated to the United States at the age of 15 and earned his Associate's Degree at Mission College. After Kent went on to further his education, he came back to Mission College as a part-time counselor.

The AANAPISI Programs Office can be found in the Main Building in Room N1-201. If you have any questions about any of our programs Please feel free to drop by our offices or visit our website at <http://www.missioncollege.edu/depts/aanapisi/index.html>. For more information, you can e-mail us at MC.AANAPISI@wvm.edu or at (408) 855-5526.

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