

This week celebrates Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI), which is to improve the availability and quality of postsecondary education programs to support low-income, first generation Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANAPI) students. AANAPISI Week commemorates the significance and achievements of AANAPISIs and provides the opportunity for organizations and institutions to celebrate the educational support of underserved AANAPI students.



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“Being a small-town girl from Vietnam, I never dreamt of living in the USA, let alone holding a PhD and doing the best job ever: helping students achieve their dreams. All is thanked to the professors who took a chance on me when I applied to grad school in America without knowing what I was doing or speaking much English. I want to give that gift of hope to my students now, especially the AANAPI group. I want them to know that someone here sees them for who they are, understands what they have been through, and believes in how far they can reach.”