



# MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

Celebrate Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Heritage Month with various events, both in-person and on Zoom.

The AANAPISI Planning Group's goal is to bring awareness of our Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander employees and students at Montgomery College.

We provide resources to help our AANAPISI employees and students thrive, be successful, and reach their professional and personal goals at the College and surrounding community.

<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/events/asian-pacific-heritage/aanapisi.html>



## Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Kickoff Festival

Wednesday, May 1, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Rockville Campus, Theatre Arts (TA) Arena

The kick-off event marks the beginning of the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (May) Celebration at the College. The event includes exhibits, presentations, entertainment, and food for students and employees.

## AANAPISI Professionals Panel

Thursday, May 2, 1:00-2:30 p.m., via Zoom

The panel will delve into the important initiatives that support and elevate the visibility of AANAPI students and employees. Panelists include Dr. Janelle Wong, Ms. Jocelyn Park, Dr. Joe Stumpf, and Ms. Kimmy Duong.

## Celebrating Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Achievements in STEM

Monday, May 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Rockville Campus, MK 109 & Zoom

Join ignITe Hub for an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander (AANAPI) in STEM – panel session. Hear the inspiring stories of these AANAPI professionals who are enhancing the field of STEM.

[Register for Event.](#)

## Origami: A Mother's Day Celebration

Thursday, May 9, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Rockville Campus, MK 122

Attend this event to learn about origami and fold some roses to celebrate Mother's Day.

## Author Chats with Nghi Nguyen, *Red Oak: A Collection of Short Stories*

Wednesday, May 15, 1:30-2:30 p.m., via Zoom

Author Nghi Nguyen, also known by the pen name N.N. Nicky, delves into the inspirations and backgrounds behind his debut novel, *Red Oak: A Collection of Short Stories*.



# ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER

HERITAGE MONTH

Kick-Off Event | Wednesday, May 1  
| 11:00-14:00 | Rockville Campus |  
Theatre Arts Arena



## **AANAPISI Professionals Panel**

**Thursday, May 2, 1:00-2:30 p.m., via Zoom**

You are cordially invited to join us at the upcoming panel hosted by the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) Planning Group. Our distinguished panelists include Dr. Joe Stumpf, Chair of History and Political Science at Montgomery College; Ms. Kimmy Duong, Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer at Pragmatics; Dr. Janelle Wong, Professor of American Studies and Government and Politics, and Director of Asian American Studies; and Ms. Jocelyn Park, CEO of APLUS Learning Center;

The panel will delve into the important initiatives that support and elevate the visibility of Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander students and employees in higher education to foster a more inclusive and supportive environment for these populations.

Come and explore efforts that are designed to address the unique challenges faced by AANAPI individuals in academia, including issues of representation, access to resources, and cultural understanding. We invite you to be a part of this insightful discussion.

**Join the Zoom Event**

**<https://montgomerycollege.zoom.us/j/4131278774>**

**<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/events/asian-pacific-heritage/aanapisi.html>**



# Celebrating Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander (AANAPI) Achievements in STEM

**Monday, May 6, 2024, 6:00-8:00 p.m., MK 109**

The ignITe Hub hosts a monthly Fireside Chat Career Series. Each month, we will host a trailblazing guest speaker to explore their unique tech career path. We will learn what sparked their interest in this area, meaningful experiences that impacted their journey and career advice for aspiring techies. Thank you to Verizon for their generous sponsorship of this series.



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6:00 p.m. (Dinner for In-Person Guests)  
6:30-8:00 p.m. (Presentation)

**Moderator:** Dr. Shinta Hernandez, *Dean of Virtual Campus, Montgomery College*

**Guest Speakers:** Alavy Sos (*Executive Director, Research Regulatory Affairs, Children's National*), Sue Kim (*Program Director, Information Technology Institute, Montgomery College*), and Steve Chen (*Founder, Code and Coffee*)



This is a hybrid event and dinner will be provided for in-person attendees.

[Register for Event](#)

# Origami: A Mother's Day Celebration

**Thursday, May 9, 1:30-3:00 p.m., MK 122**

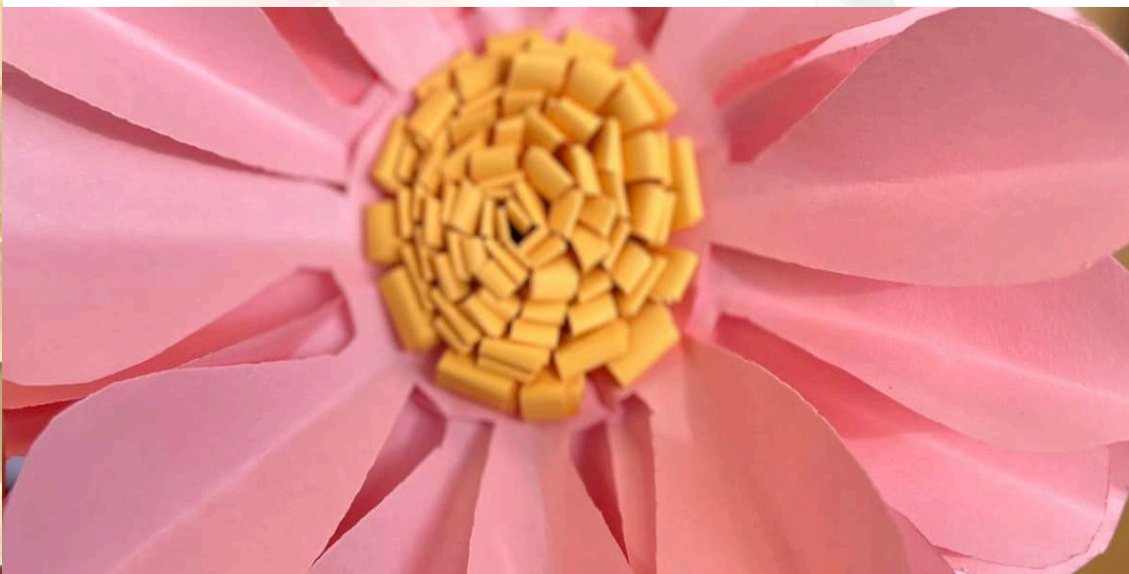
Event sponsored by AANAPISI and the MC Rising Professionals Association (MCRPA).

Origami is the intricate art of folding paper to create both two-dimensional and three-dimensional subjects. The term "origami" originates from the Japanese words 'oru' meaning "to fold" and 'kami' meaning "paper".

Origami involves carefully folding paper, needing precise folds and patience, and most importantly, mathematical skills. But don't worry, we'll keep things simple during this event!

Come celebrate AANAPI Month and Mother's Day with us by exploring the fascinating world of origami. Spend a relaxed afternoon learning about this wonderful craft and making your own creations.

We'll show you how to fold different flowers, and if you're up for it, why not try making a dozen roses?



# Author Chats with Nghi Nguyen, *Red Oak: A Collection of Short Stories*

Wednesday, May 15, 1:30-2:30 p.m., via Zoom

Moderators: Dr. Christine Crefton & Ms. Elysse Meredith

Author Nghi Nguyen, also known by the pen name N.N. Nicky, delves into the inspirations and backgrounds behind his debut novel, *Red Oak: A Collection of Short Stories*. The anthology showcases diverse tales exploring themes of love, heartbreak, loss, and even the supernatural.

Nick, a high school senior, navigates the complexities of life and academics while caring for his disabled mother. Kenneth grapples with deciphering the messages embedded within his recurring dreams. Karen faces the imminent dissolution of her marriage, harboring a clandestine secret from her soon-to-be ex-husband.

As a thunderstorm rages outside, three friends embark on a fateful journey aboard the metro, their destination fraught with uncertainty. These compelling narratives are just a glimpse into the diverse and captivating collection of short stories awaiting exploration in this novel.

Embark on a journey alongside each distinct character as they navigate the twists and turns of their respective tales.

[Access Zoom Event](#)

