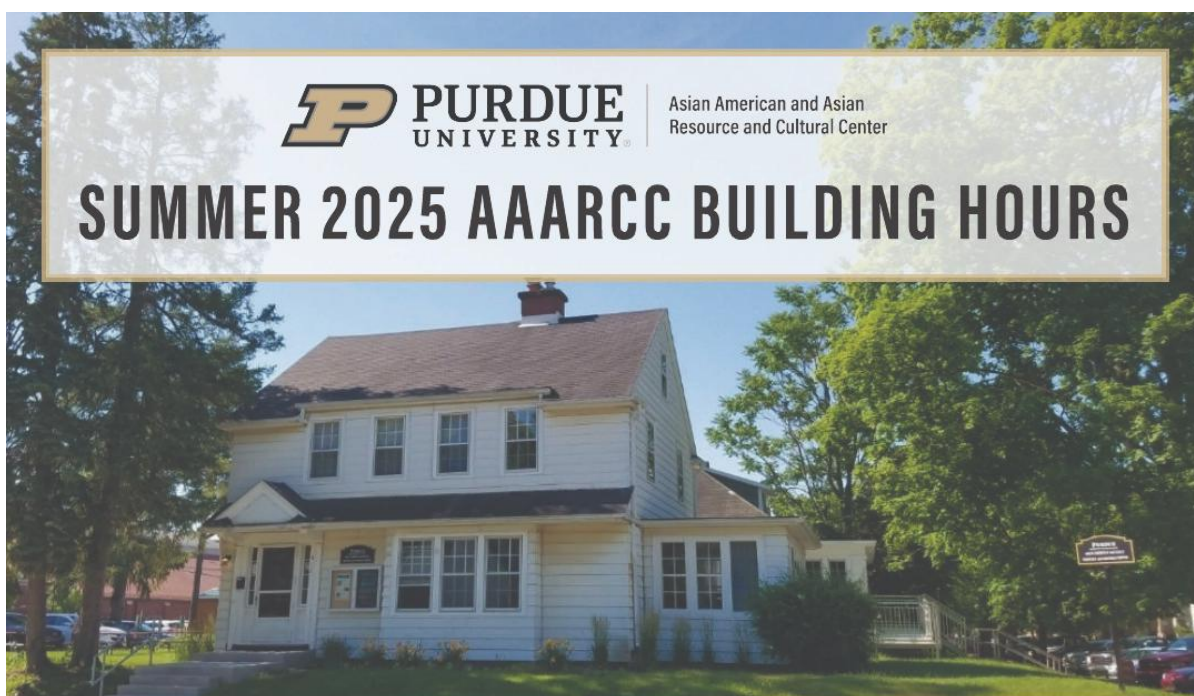


Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center
Newsletter
May 14, 2025

Summer 2025 Building Hours



BUILDING OPEN (915 5TH ST)
Mondays - Thursdays | 9AM - 4PM

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Fridays 9AM - 4PM

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Summer is in session! Whether you're staying on campus this summer, touring Purdue, or visiting as alumni, you're welcome to stop by the AAARCC when our building is open!

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Week in Review







The AAARCC partnered with ASUB, AAAGraSA, and the Purdue Asian Alumni Network in celebrating the incredible Class of 2025. Thank you, ASUB Board 2024-2025 for all your hard work! Thank you, Shagun Sethi and Alfu Laily (AAAGraSA) for this inaugural gala partnership. We were honored to receive a message from Purdue Asian Alumni Network co-leader Z Zakaria, who shared words of encouragement with the graduates and reflected on the significance of “star” in many Asian cultures. Dr. Christopher Munt also extended his congratulations to the graduates and celebrated AAARCC’s 10th anniversary milestone.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to our performers: the AAARCC Lion Dance Team, Jade Collective, Holladaze, and ADVNT. Special thanks to the ASUB volunteers, HDFS intern Jae Yon Kim, and our dedicated volunteer photographers: Denise Monarca, Elly Kimbual, David Kris, Mukhamad Suhermanto, Hong-Yang Lin, Amy Kang and Ervin Liao. We are also thankful to our campus and business partners for their continued support in making this celebration possible.

At the event, we heard a beautiful reflection from our student speaker, Emily Reyes. Emily is a senior double majoring in mechanical and industrial engineering technology, graduating in the Fall of 2025. Throughout her time at Purdue, her involvements include being a Peer Information Consultant at the AAARCC, president and team captain of the AAARCC Lion Dance Team, as well as multiple executive board positions within the Purdue Filipino Association.

Emily spoke about how her Purdue experiences and communities are part of her "roots" - depth that shapes who she is right now and will always be part of her self Please find part of her speech below.

"[My] stories aren't just about finding community — it's about creating one that brings a lasting impact on your life. Because that feeling of family doesn't end here. Being a Boilermaker means being a part of something lifelong. Wherever we end up in life, we carry the spirit of Purdue and all the people who shaped us along the way.

If you need a physical reminder of those roots, I encourage you to visit the AAARCC one more time. In the corner of the second floor conference room, there is an art installation of lotus roots suspended by thread, symbolizing the legacy and connections of Purdue's Asian and Asian American community. The lotus root grows in muddy water—deep and unseen— but anchors the lotus flower as it blossoms above the surface. It reminds us of what we carry—our friendships, our culture, our families' stories. They may not always be seen, but they keep us grounded. And because of them, we bloom." - Emily Reyes

To the Class of 2025 — as you prepare for your Spring 2025 commencement, know that the AAARCC celebrates you with pride and joy. Thank you for making the AAARCC part of your "roots" in meaningful journey of identity, academic excellence, and professional growth. Congratulations!

To check out photos from the graduation celebration gala, click [here](#).

Finally, congratulations to our awards recipients!

- Outstanding Graduating Undergraduate Student: Rafah Mir
- Outstanding Undergraduate Student Leader: Sanjana Mohan
- Outstanding Graduate Student Leader: Claire Reyes
- Outstanding Student Organizations: Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers Purdue Chapter (SASE) & Asian and Asian American Gardening Club





The AAARCC was part of the 19th Annual Asian Fest, taking place on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at the Indiana Historical Society (IHS), Indianapolis and hosted by Asian American Alliance. Thank you, attendees and Purdue alumni/friends who stopped by our table.



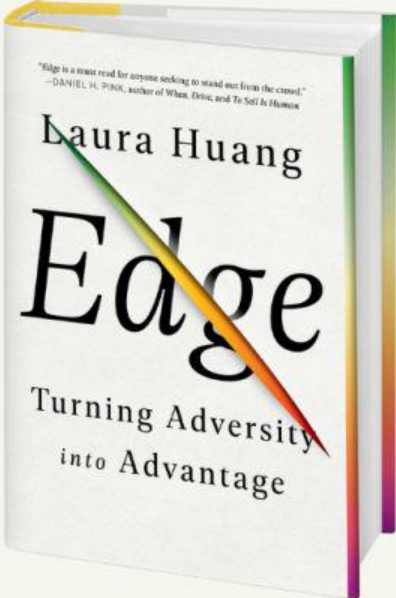


Thank you, Purdue Alumni Club of Milwaukee, for including the Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center as part of your Annual Spring Dinner this year. Dr. Pamela K. Sari (Director, AAARCC) presented on "Joy, Our Voices Raise: Connecting Boilermaker Stories with Student Excellence and Success." This presentation centered on the work of the AAARCC in weaving Asian/American history and lived experiences into supporting student excellence and success for all. The presentation was intended to encourage participants to continue finding pathways where our personal and professional identities bring broader joy and impact. At the event, Purdue Alumni Club of Milwaukee presented the AAARCC with a generous gift of support. Thank you so much!

Much appreciation to board members of Purdue Alumni Club of Milwaukee, hosts Joni Hodor and Maeghan Martin, Sarah and Matt Werner for your hospitality, Z Zakaria for a wonderful introduction, and all alumni who supported and attended the event. When you are visiting Purdue and West Lafayette, we hope you consider visiting the AAARCC at 915 5th Street.

Campus and Community Opportunities

**Book Club
Reading Plan**



**PURDUE ALUMNI
PURDUE ASIAN
ALUMNI NETWORK**



Prof. Laura Huang
May 6th, 2025
Chapters 1 - 2

May 20th, 2025
Chapters 3 - 5

 *June 3rd, 2025*
Author's TALK
Chapters 6 - 7

June 17th, 2025
Chapters 8 - 10

July 8th, 2025
Chapters 11 - 13

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Are you a talented artist or graphic designer with a passion for showcasing the beauty and strength of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities? AAPI Data invites you to participate in our 2025 design contest, where your artistic skills can help inspire our **“Power In Numbers.”**

About AAPI Data

AAPI Data is a leading research and policy organization producing accurate data to shift narratives and drive action toward enduring solutions for Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities. AAPI Data aspires to transform public and private systems to ensure that all AA and NHPI communities are recognized, valued and prioritized.

Unleash Your Creativity: 2025 AAPI Data Design Contest Details

AAPI Data is thrilled to open up this opportunity to create designs that reflect the experiences of our Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities. We are holding a contest to design an art piece that can be used by AAPI Data for merchandise and promotional material. This year’s theme is **“Power in Numbers.”**

Here are some motivating questions to help you develop your design:

1. How do we make sure that our communities are recognized and prioritized?
2. How can data create positive social change?
3. How can we demonstrate our power in numbers through civic engagement?

Winners selected will receive a **\$500.00 prize**.

Read more about our 2023 Design Contest winners [Floralei Bugarin and Candace Cang, Joshua Lauese and Malina Miura](#).

If you have any questions after reading the criteria below, please contact comms@aapiidata.com.

Eligibility

1. The contest is open to any artists or graphic designers residing within the United States.
2. AAPI Data will prioritize submissions that demonstrate expertise in Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities.
3. Contestants under 18 need to obtain parental consent and include a notarized, signed letter along with their submission (see disclaimer section below).

Submission Guidelines and How to Enter

1. Deadline is **Saturday, May 31, 2025** at 11:59 pm PST.
2. All entries must be submitted electronically via Google Forms – <https://forms.gle/3rRBV1aFtR7wNijC9>.
3. One or more submissions per person is acceptable. Each submission must be sent as a separate response in the Google Form.
4. Contestants are permitted to work in groups; however, only one (1) prize will be awarded regardless of group size.
5. There is no fee to enter the contest.
6. Submissions should not include existing or variations of logos or trademarks associated with the University of California, including UC Berkeley and UC Riverside.

Selection Process

1. The winning entry will be selected by a panel composed of team members at AAPI Data. A winner will be selected and notified in June 2025.
2. Entries will be judged on the following criteria:
3. Concept/originality captures the theme of “Power in Numbers”
4. Striking and memorable design
5. Visibility – eye-catching and visible from a reasonable distance
6. Completeness of design – must be ready for print
7. Feasibility/must be easy to reproduce
8. The prize for the winning entry is \$500.00. AAPI Data anticipates awarding multiple entries. The winning prizes remain the same regardless of the size of the team submitting the winning entry.
9. The winner(s) will be notified via email and announced on the AAPI Data digital platforms (social media, email, website, etc.). Participating in a Q&A Artist/Designer feature to be published on the AAPI Data website is a precondition of receiving the \$500.00 stipend.

Design Specifications

- Allow your design to be inspired by, but not limited to the following statement: “Power in Numbers”.
- You are encouraged to utilize our existing color palette and brand elements but are not required to. See AAPI Data’s brand guide at: <https://live.standards.site/aapi-data>.
- Maximum of two colors for your design (not including black or white)
- Design will be used for multiple resources (e.g., Instagram, shirt, printing materials, sticker), so please see the design being used on multiple platforms.
- Submissions should be in vector format; acceptable files are high-resolution AI and EPS files.
- If your design is selected, you will be required to provide the original design in a high resolution format that is compatible with Adobe Illustrator.

Intellectual Property

1. Entrants affirm their submissions are their own original work, have not been copied from others or from previous designs, including their own, and do not violate the intellectual property rights of any other person or entity.
2. Submissions become the sole property of AAPI Data and may be used for any AAPI Data promotional material or assets. AAPI Data will credit the artist.
3. AAPI Data shall have the right to adapt, edit, modify, or otherwise use the winning submission, including adding the AAPI Data logo to the design. AAPI Data will seek the input and feedback of the original artist.
4. If the winner is determined to have violated any rules, they will be required to forfeit or return the prize, even if the determination is made after the prize has been awarded.
5. Submissions should not include any existing or variations of University of California, UC Berkeley or UC Riverside logos or trademarks.

Disclaimer

1. AAPI Data is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, incomplete, illegible, or otherwise unusable entries, including entries that are lost or unusable due to computer, internet, or electronic problems.

2. AAPI Data reserves the right to cancel or modify the contest and award the prize by alternate means if fraud or technical failure is determined at any time, including after the submission window has closed.
3. AAPI Data is not liable, for the purpose of winner and prize notification and delivery, in the event the contest winner has provided incorrect, outdated, or otherwise invalid contact information. At the sole discretion of AAPI Data, disqualification, forfeiture and the selection of an alternate winner may result from any of the following:
4. Winner's failure to respond to email/phone notification within five (5) business days after its transmission
5. The return of email notification as undeliverable after three (3) attempts
6. Winner's failure to provide original design files
7. Winner's failure to execute and return a release form
8. A notarized parental consent form shall consist of: a) a printout of this page, and b) a statement acknowledging the rules and guidelines of the context, c) name and signature of the participant, and d) signed permission from a parent or guardian.

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