



Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month - May 2025

Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the diverse cultures, histories, and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Originating in 1977, the month of May was chosen to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the U.S. in 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad, largely built by Chinese immigrants, in 1869. AAPI Heritage Month provides an opportunity to honor the achievements and resilience of AAPI communities while fostering a deeper understanding of their integral role in shaping the nation.

HOW CAN WE CELEBRATE?

- **Visit Seattle museums featuring AAPI art and history:** Seattle Asian Art Museum, Bruke Museum, Wing Lake Museum, Museum of History and Industry
- Support **AAPI-owned** businesses. Find a directory at www.bit.ly/PS_AAPI
- Learn about **AAPI history** at www.bit.ly/PS_AAPI_History
- Listen to a **TedTalk by Canwen Xu** at www.bit.ly/4dgrlb3
- Attend the **AAPI** celebrations



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