

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month



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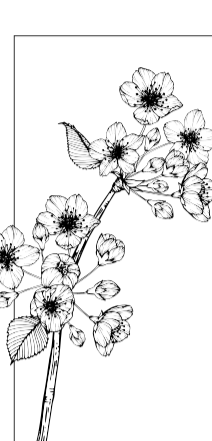
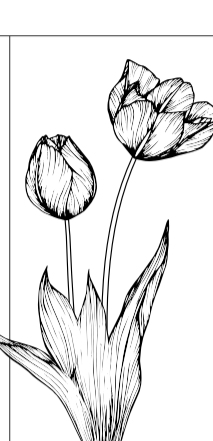


At Team b. Strategy + one of our core values is Inclusion. To us, inclusion means embracing diversity and promoting the value of unique perspectives and skills. Join us as we celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month.

The history of a federally recognized AAPI holiday goes back to 1977 when Congress proposed five joint resolutions to create a week to commemorate the accomplishments of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans. Fast forward to 1992, the week-long celebration was extended to the entire month of May.

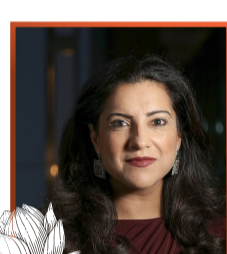
Why May? The month of May recognizes two significant AAPI events. May 7, 1834, is when the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States. May 10, 1869, honors the completion of the U.S. transcontinental railroad, built by over 20,000 Chinese workers.

Discover

Flowers have profound cultural meanings, traditions, and beliefs within Asian and Pacific Island(s) geographic regions.

 <p>EAST ASIA</p> <p>The cherry blossom is closely associated with East Asian culture and is celebrated in art, literature, and poetry. Cherry blossoms have a brief period of bloom, signifying the beauty of nature and life.</p>	 <p>CENTRAL ASIA</p> <p>Tulips are native to the Central Asia region and were often used as motifs by local artisans to create carpets, jewelry, and pottery.</p>
 <p>SOUTHEAST & SOUTH ASIA</p> <p>The lotus flower, a symbol of purity and enlightenment, can be found in the Southeast Asian region and is a sacred symbol in Hinduism and Buddhism.</p>	 <p>NATIVE HAWAIIANS & PACIFIC ISLANDS</p> <p>The yellow hibiscus, the Hawaiian state flower, symbolizes delicate beauty.</p>

Inspire



RESHMA SAUJANI
Founder, Girls Who Code

Reshma Saujani is an attorney, activist, and the first Indian-American woman to run for U.S. Congress in 2009. Saujani founded Girls Who Code after seeing gender disparity among coding classes and vowed to do something about it. Girls Who Code aims to close the gender gap in Tech.



WONG TSU
Commercial Aviation Engineer, Boeing

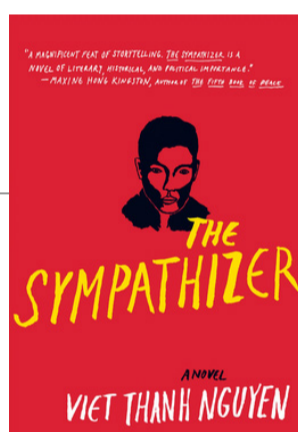
Wong graduated from the new aeronautical program at MIT before landing a job at Boeing as its first aeronautical engineer from 1916-1917. Because of his work, Boeing was able to create the Boeing Model C plane; its first military plane which also carried mail and was the precursor for Boeing's first passenger plane, the Model 40A. After his time in the U.S., Wong became a founding father of Chinese Aviation.



ISABELLA AIONA ABBOTT
Ethnobotanist

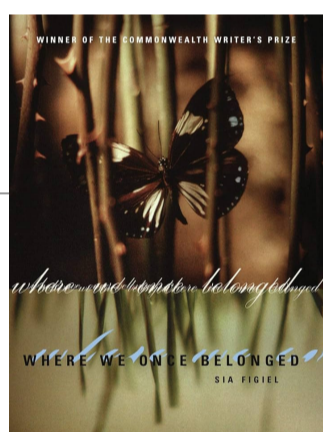
Isabella Aiona Abbott was the first native Hawaiian woman to earn a doctoral degree in Science with a Ph.D. in botany. She was also the first minority full-time professor at Stanford University's Hopkins Marine Station and went on to accept an ethnobotany position at the University of Hawai'i. Abbott is credited with being the world's expert on Hawaiian seaweed, Limu. She discovered over 200 species of Pacific algae, published eight books, and wrote over 50 papers!

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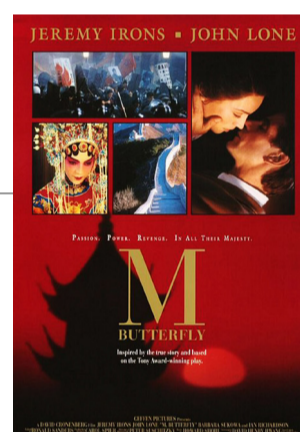
VIET THANH NGUYEN

Pulitzer Prize Winner in fiction for his debut novel, "The Sympathizer" (2015), Viet Thanh Nguyen explores identity and how storytelling shapes cultural narratives. He has written both fiction and non-fiction using his experiences as a young Vietnamese refugee in the U.S. to bring empathy and visibility to the resilience of refugees.



SIA FIGIEL

Samoan poet and novelist, Sia Figiel, has created award-winning work, which includes her seminal novel, "Where we once belonged" (1996). It was the first novel by a Samoan woman to be published in the U.S., and centers on identity, gender, and tradition. Figiel continues to write poetry in Samoa and is known for her performance poetry.



DAVID HENRY HWANG

David Henry Hwang has written thirteen operas, is a playwright, professor, and television producer. He is most notable known for his breakout play, "M. Butterfly," where Hwang reimagines Puccini's opera, "Madam Butterfly," with his personal experiences with love. "M. Butterfly" was the first Asian American play on Broadway and paved the way for other Asian American writers.

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