

Memo

Date: May 3, 2024

To: All Employees

From: Stephanie Montgomery, Health Equity Division Director

Subject: Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month

This month, we acknowledge Asian American & Pacific Islander and Native Hawaiian Heritage Month. We celebrate the culture, contributions, historical and emerging traditions held with the AANHPI community.

We are grateful and are made better by the contributions of our AANHPI colleagues. During this month, each week we will feature colleagues both from ACBHD and our community partners. They will share a unique story about their journey, pride, trials, and opportunities that have defined their AANHPI experience. Today we are happy to share [Christine Mukai's](#) story. Christine is a Critical Care Manager in Crisis Services.

If you have not read Michael Castilla's reflection from earlier this week, you can find it [here](#). Michael is the Division Director of Vocational Services here at ACBHD.

We invite everyone to enjoy all that is offered this month and beyond within the AANHPI community. Please see a list of events that will take place within Alameda County and national resources where you can learn more.

- Alameda County Library: [AANHPI Heritage Month Events](#)
- [AANHPI Books To Read in 2024](#)
- [Fairyland](#) Celebrates AAPI Month
- [Cultural Events in Oakland](#)
- [Cultural Events in Pleasanton](#)

Articles

- [AAPI Heritage Month: The Origin and What It Means](#) | **An Article By, Terry Tang of Associated Press**
- [AANHPI Communities in CA Face Barriers to Mental Health Care](#) | **An Article From, AAPI Data**
- [A Proclamation on AANHPI Heritage Month](#) | **A Statement From, U.S. President Joe Biden**