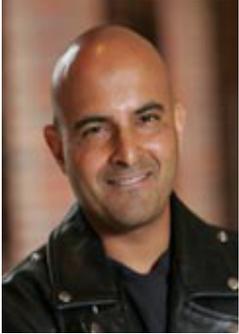


MAY is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM) is celebrated in May to commemorate the contributions of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the United States. Congress passed a joint Congressional Resolution in 1978 to commemorate Asian American Heritage Week during the first week of May. This date was chosen because of two important anniversaries: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to America on May 7, 1843; and the completion of the transcontinental railroad (by many Chinese laborers) on May 10, 1869. Congress later voted to expand it from a week long to a month long celebration.

THEME: *Diverse Leadership for a Diverse Workforce* *Notable Asian Pacific American Leaders - past and present*



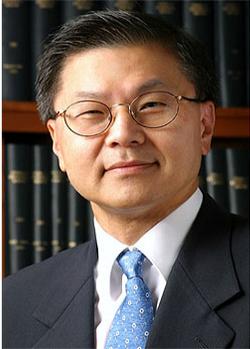
Rob Asghar (Pakistani American). Writer and political commentator. He is the author of *Lessons from the Holy Wars: A Pakistani-American Odyssey*.



Sarah Chang (Korean American). Violin virtuoso. She has recorded with most major orchestras including the NY Philharmonic and Philadelphia Orchestra.



Philip Vera Cruz (Filipino American). Labor leader, farmworker, and leader in the Asian American civil rights movement.



David Da-i Ho (Taiwanese American). AIDS researcher famous for pioneering the use of protease inhibitors in treating HIV-infected patients.



Duke Kahanamoku (Hawaiian). Swimmer, actor, lawman, and businessman credited with spreading the sport of surfing. He was a five-time Olympic medalist in swimming.



Duy-Loan Le (Vietnamese American). First woman and Asian to get elected to the ranks of Texas Instruments Senior Fellow.



Mish Michaels (Indian American). Former weather forecaster at Boston's WBZ-TV. American Meteorological Society 2001 Chair of the Board on Women and Minorities.



Dai Chi (Hmong American). Associate Professor of Anthropology and Ethnic Studies at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. Considered one of the world's leading authorities on Hmong cultural traditions.



Steven Chu (Chinese American). Physicist and the current U.S. Secretary of Energy. He won the Nobel Prize in Physics for his research in cooling and trapping of atoms in laser light.



Loung Ung (Cambodian American). Human rights activist. Author of *First they Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers*.



Bryan Thao Worra (Laotian American). Writer. His books include *On The Other Side Of The Eye* and *Touching Detonations*. First Laotian to receive a Fellowship in Literature from the National Endowment for the Arts.



Norman Mineta (Japanese American). U.S. politician of the Democratic Party. He was instrumental in establishing Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in 1977.