



MAY, 2021

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH IN THE COMMONWEALTH

This compilation is not comprehensive and there are many other AAPI Heritage Month programs and events happening in the Commonwealth during May. Stay up to date on resources for AAPI communities in Virginia by signing up for the newsletter at vaab.virginia.gov/contact-us.

BOARD MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021

2:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Virginia Asian Advisory Board Business and Trade Committee Meeting

The Virginia Asian Advisory Boards Business and Trade Committee will convene for a meeting this month. During this meeting, Council members will receive updates from representatives of the administration and discuss issues that are affecting AAPI communities in the Commonwealth.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

AAPI Lunch and Learn Panel: Guiding Businesses Through The COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond

The Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth will be hosting an AAPI Lunch and Learn Panel this Wednesday, where AAPI business leaders will be sharing their experience on how they navigated their business through the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as providing tips and best practices to small business owners moving forward.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021
6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Mental Health in AAPI Communities: Overcoming the Stigma

The Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth will be hosting a virtual panel discussion on overcoming the stigma of mental health in AAPI communities.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2021
6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

A Virtual Event Celebrating AAPI Heritage Month

The Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth will be hosting an end of the month virtual Celebration event for AAPI Heritage Month. This event will feature guest speakers, performers, and administration officials.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

OTHER EVENTS BEING HOSTED AROUND THE COMMONWEALTH

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021
2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Live Parade of Asian Nations: March for Peace & Harmony

Join the Asian American Society of Central Virginia for a Live Parade of Nations. This event will take place at Short Pump Park in Henrico, Virginia.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | In-Person

Event Host: Asian American Society of Central Virginia

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Activating Creativity: Asian American Artists on Art and Community

On Wednesday, May 19, 2021 from 7-8PM EST, Virginia & DC-based Asian American artists and teachers - Darakshan Raja (DJ), Les Talusan (DJ, photographer, curator), Luisa A. Igloria (professor, poet), Robin Ha (cartoonist), Shani Shih (multidisciplinary visual artist) - will hold a live, virtual conversation about their journeys and inspirations, and how their processes and artworks are at once creative and political expressions. Hosted by NAKASEC VA.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online
Event Host: NAKASEC VA

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021
2:00 P.M.

23rd Annual Asian American Celebration

Join the Asian American Society of Central Virginia for a family friendly virtual festival!

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online
Event Host: Asian American Society of Central Virginia

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021
8:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

TEE HEE: An Asian American Comedic Night Of Storytelling & Spoken Word

Join local Asian American comic storytellers Vijai Nathan and Regie Cabico for a FREE, adult-only comedy event! In these challenging times, the healing power of laughter is more important than ever. Hosted by NAKASEC VA.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online
Event Host: NAKASEC VA