The Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center (AAPIRC) was established during the 2021–2022 academic year as a result of a student–led initiative to create a department that supports AAPI students at UNM.

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center is to build a sense of belonging for students of Asian/Pacific Islander/Desi American Heritage during their studies at the University of New Mexico. AAPIRC also seeks to provide culturally relevant programs that cultivate Asian/Pacific Islander/Desi American leaders within communities.

The countdown has begun: just 2 days until our ribbon cutting and open house! This event is open to everybody, no RSVP required. Stop by, hear from students and staff, eat some delicious AAPI food, and celebrate our resource center! Scroll through to read about upcoming AAPI heritage month events and our most recent event: Bollywood Night! After our ribbon cutting, we will be back to our regularly scheduled newsletters. As always, thank you for your support!
Regent Randy Ko, Associate Professor of Communications Dr. Shinsuke Eguchi, and New Mexico's first Asian American State Representative, Kay Bounkeua. Members of our founding committee, Emma Hotz, Irene Sananoue, and Jacob Olaguir will be cutting the ribbon at the SUB Mall North to celebrate our official establishment on campus.

The reception will then be held in AAPIRC where graduate and undergraduate students will talk about their connections to AAPIRC. Mediterranean, South Asian (Indian), and Southeast Asian (Vietnamese) food will be provided courtesy of the Asian Business Collaborative. We have been hard at work planning this event and can’t wait to see you there!

**Upcoming Events**

**Dr. Eguchi Book Discussion**

**Friday, May 6th**
2pm-4pm
AAPIRC

Dr. Shinsuke Eguchi’s (they/them) will be discussing their new book, *Asians Loving Asians: Sticky Rice Homoeroticism and Queer Politics* with student, Crystelle Rodis

**Finals Week at AAPIRC**

**Monday-Friday**
May 2nd-May 6th
AAPIRC

Unwind at AAPIRC in preparation for finals week! Our center is full of ramen, tea, and other Asian snacks. You can test out our new couches or participate in qi gong, yoga, or meditation

**AAPIRC Graduation**

**Wednesday, May 11th**
10am
AAPIRC

Are you a Fall 2021, Spring 2022, or Summer 2022 graduate? Join us for this AAPI Heritage Month Event: AAPIRC’s first official graduation! Invite your friends and family to celebrate your
(they/she). Books will be available for purchase. Afghan tea and snacks will be provided courtesy of the One Albuquerque Office of Equity and Inclusion! We would appreciate if you could RSVP at this Microsoft Form by May 4th, but you are welcome regardless!

Would you like your organization's events promoted in our next newsletter? Please submit the necessary details to aapirc@unm.edu!

Thank you!

We want to thank everyone who participated in our Bollywood Movie Night! We watched 3 Idiots and enjoyed pizza from Tikka Hut. We had a great time and it was amazing to see so many new faces in AAPIRC. Stay tuned for more fun events!
We are now accepting reservations for AAPIRC's Lounge!
Fill out our reservation form for your organization's next event.

LOCATION

We are in room #212 of the Education Classroom (Building #67).
Visit us M-F from 8:30am-5:00pm! Check out the "Directions" highlight on our Instagram for more detailed directions to AAPIRC.