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Asian American Resources

The following pages describe Asian American related programs and services at UIC. Learn about the past and present, including the Asian American Resource and Cultural Center, courses, scholarships, and faculty/staff information.

Provided Information
Timeline of UIC Asian American Milestones

Asian Americans Resource and Cultural Center

Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution

Global Asian Studies

Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Asian Americans

Scholarships Internships and Fellowships

University of Illinois Asian American Alumni Network
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<td>Muslim Students Association is established.</td>
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<td>The Chinese Students and Scholars Friendship Association is established.</td>
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<td>Vietnamesee Student Association at Chicago Circle Campus is established.</td>
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<td>The Coalition for Asian American Studies (CAAS) is established.</td>
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<td>1981</td>
<td>Indian Students Association is established.</td>
<td>2001</td>
<td>CAAS becomes the Asian American Coalition Committee (AACC).</td>
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<td>1984</td>
<td>Korean Graduate Student Association is established.</td>
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<td>South Asian Medical Students Association (SAMSA) is established.</td>
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<td>1986</td>
<td>The Organization of Asian Students (OAS), the first pan-Asian student organization, is established.</td>
<td>2004</td>
<td>KAUSE (Korean Americans United Serving Equality) and UIC chapter of LINK (Liberty in North Korea) are established.</td>
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<td>1991</td>
<td>Asian American Collegiate Organization (AACO) is established with political interests and begins to rally for an Asian American Studies program.</td>
<td>2006</td>
<td>Sigma Beta Rho fraternity is established.</td>
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<td>1993</td>
<td>Hindu Student Council is established.</td>
<td>2008</td>
<td>Korean American Student Association (KASA) and Pakistani Student Organization (PSO) are established.</td>
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<td>1994</td>
<td>AACO and OAS merge to become Asian American Students in Alliance (AASIA).</td>
<td>2009</td>
<td>Pre-Med Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA) is formed.</td>
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<td>1995</td>
<td>The national Asian Pacific American Medical Students Association (APAMSA) conference is co-hosted on campus and a chapter of APAMSA is established at UIC.</td>
<td>2010</td>
<td>Theta Lambda Beta fraternity is established.</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>Indian Graduate Student Association is established. Forever Together in Christ changes its name to Asian American Intervarsity (AAIV).</td>
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<td>Alpha Phi Gamma sorority is established.</td>
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<td>1997</td>
<td>Filipinos in Alliance (FIA) is established.</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Midwest Asian American Student Union (MAASU) Leadership Retreat hosted at UIC. Alpha Phi Gamma Sorority is established.</td>
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<td>1999</td>
<td>alpha Kappa Delta Phi, the first Asian American-interest sorority at UIC (and in Illinois), is established.</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>Midwest Association for Filipino Americans’ (MAFA) Midwest Filipino American summit (MFAS) hosted at UIC.</td>
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<td>2014</td>
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Asian American Awareness Month

2000
The Coalition for Asian American Studies (CAAS) coordinates the first Asian American Awareness Week.

'01
CAAS expands Asian American Awareness Week to a month.

'03
The first campus-wide AAA Month Planning Committee forms with representatives from student organizations and Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Asian Americans (CCSAA).

'05
AARCC begins to coordinate the AAA Month Planning Committee.

1996
Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Asian Americans (CCSAA)
Students Promoting Asian American Concerns (SPAAC), an ad-hoc committee of Asian American Students In Alliance, is formed to seek the creation of CCSAA.

'99
Approval is granted and CCSAA is established. The committee consists of faculty, staff, and student volunteers who are appointed by the Chancellor annually to focus on campus issues relevant to Asian Americans.

'04
CCSAA conducts the first comprehensive survey of UIC Asian American undergraduates, resulting in over 750 responses. In addition to campus reports, the survey research is presented at national conferences.

'13
CCSAA organizes a town hall gathering to highlight various Asian American specific student, faculty, and staff issues.

CCSAA hosts two student forums to learn “What does it mean to be Asian/Asian American at UIC”

Asian American Resource and Cultural Center (AARCC)
The Coalition for Asian American Studies (CAAS) begins lobbying for a resource and cultural center, an Asian American Studies program, and an academic support network.

2000
CAAS coordinates another campus rally to express demand for courses and support services for Asian American students.

'01
CAAS now known as the Asian American Coalition Committee (AACC) submits a proposal for the Asian American Resource and Cultural Center. Interim Provost Charlotte Tate approves it. AACC publishes the first Asian American Student Resource Handbook, which it continues to do until 2004.

'03
Provost Michael Tanner re-initiates plans to move ahead with the Asian American Resource and Cultural Center. A search for a center director begins in the fall.

'04
Karen Su, Corinne Kodama, and Elvin Chan are hired as founding staff of AARCC.
Timeline of UIC
Asian American Milestones

'05  The Asian American Resource and Cultural Center moves into Taft Hall and celebrates its grand opening in April. AARCC begins to publish the Resource Book, coordinates the Ice Cream Social during Welcome Week, and the first Asian American Student Leadership retreat.

Introduction to Asian American Studies offered for the first time. AARCC coordinates the ASAM Lecture Series and the first ASAM Expo, an academic fair featuring student research projects in Asian American Studies. AARCC holds Speak Out in the quad to rally support for the establishment of an Asian American Studies Program. Holds a second Speak Out the following year.

'06  AARCC establishes the Student Organization Council and launches the Asian American Mentor Program (AAMP).

AARCC establishes the Asian American Studies Advisory Council, made up of faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students to coordinate activities in support of Asian American Studies.

'07  ASAM becomes the official rubric to identify Asian American Studies courses in Timetable. Two additional tenure-track faculty are hired to teach Asian American Studies Anna Guevarra, Assistant Professor in Sociology, and Eric Tang, Assistant Professor in African American Studies.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences establishes an official Asian American Studies Faculty Advisory Committee and appoints Kevin Kumashiro as the first ASAM Coordinator.

'08  The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences authorizes a search for a senior faculty director of Asian American Studies.

Gayatri Reddy serves as ASAM Coordinator. Director search is cancelled due to budget crisis and hiring freeze. ASAM Minor proposal submitted. First ASAM Knowledge Bowl held.

'09  Eric Tang leaves UIC.

'05  '06

'06  '07

'10  AARCC celebrates its fifth anniversary; Kodama leaves.

Jeffrey Alton hired as the new Visiting Associate Director, Summer AAMP starts, and AARCC space is expanded.

'11  Jeffrey Alton hired as the new Visiting Associate Director, Summer AAMP starts, and AARCC space is expanded.

'13  Jeffrey Alton’s Associate Director position is made permanent; founding Director, Karen Su, departs for a faculty position in ASAM and Director of the AANAPISI grant, and Liz Thomson (formerly of the Gender and Sexuality Center) is appointed Interim Director.

ASAM becomes the official rubric to identify Asian American Studies courses in Timetable. Two additional tenure-track faculty are hired to teach Asian American Studies Anna Guevarra, Assistant Professor in Sociology, and Eric Tang, Assistant Professor in African American Studies.

'14  Thomson ends Interim Director position in August 2014.

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'15  Mark Martell becomes AARCC Director.

2000 Asian American Studies (ASAM)
Courses in Asian American literature, history, and sociology are offered and a Hindi/Urdu course starts as a result of student petitions.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences authorizes a search for a senior faculty director of Asian American Studies.

Gayatri Reddy serves as ASAM Coordinator. Director search is cancelled due to budget crisis and hiring freeze. ASAM Minor proposal submitted. First ASAM Knowledge Bowl held.

'02  The English Department hires Mark Chiang and Helen Jun as UIC’s first tenure-track Asian American faculty.

'08  '09

'08  '09

'09
Mark Chiang serves as ASAM Coordinator. ASAM sets up office in 809 University Hall. Proposal to establish the ASAM program is submitted. Two faculty (one senior and one junior) searches suspended due to budget crisis. No authorization for tenure track faculty hire in ASAM.

ASAM Minor and program are officially established. Mark Chiang becomes first director with a joint appointment in ASAM and English. Kevin Kumashiro joins ASAM with a 100% appointment. No authorization for tenure track faculty hire in ASAM.

Anna Guevarra joins ASAM with a 100% faculty appointment. No authorization for tenure track faculty hire in ASAM.

Guevarra becomes director of the ASAM program. ASAM Student Advisory Board formed.

Kumashiro, 100% appointment in ASAM, leaves UIC. Nadine Naber joins UIC through the Chancellor’s Diaspora Cluster Initiative as a tenured 25% appointment in ASAM (75% appointment in Gender and Women Studies). No authorization for tenure track faculty hire in ASAM for FY’14.

The ASAM Student Advisory Board and the Arab and Muslim American Community Network hold a student-led demonstration in support of the Cluster Initiative and protest the cancellation of searches.

Lorenzo Perillo joins UIC through the Chancellor’s Racialized Body Cluster Initiative as a tenure track 100% appointment in ASAM.

ASAM and ASST merge to create Global Asian Studies.

AARCC successfully acquires eligibility for UIC to be an Asian American and Native American Serving Institution (AANAPISI) and coordinates the first application for the AANAPISI grant.

AARCC, ASAM, and the Institute for Research on Race and Policy successfully gain the first AANAPISI grant in the Midwest. The Office of Social Science Research, ASAM, and the AARCC launch AANAPISI (Part A) year-one initiatives.

UIC receives a second AANAPISI grant (Part F). UIC is one of two institutions nationwide to hold both Part A and Part F AANAPISI grants.

Karen Su assumes the position of Project Director upon the departure of Kevin Kumashiro.

The first AANAPISI grant (Part A) ends Sept. 30, 2015.
Asian American Resource and Cultural Center

About
AARCC opened in 2005 to support the needs of Asian Americans. Additionally, AARCC is dedicated to educating the campus about Asian Americans.

Mission
AARCC promotes the intellectual and personal growth of UIC students, staff, and faculty; advocates for greater access, equity, and inclusion of Asian Americans; and educates the UIC community about Asian Americans.

Vision
AARCC will be a national leader in promoting the greatest academic and personal success of Asian Americans in higher education.

Community Space
We have computer workstations, a quiet study area, various Asian American magazines and books, and a small conference room.

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Values
Community
Foster a safe climate that provides a sense of belonging and enhances relationships of individuals.

Empowerment
Support individuals in reaching their greatest potential.

Engagement
Actively encourage the community to have meaningful participation in programs, events, and organizations.

Respect
Acknowledge and honor the diverse values and identities of individuals and communities.

Support
AARCC staff can help you with any academic, personal, or cultural concerns.

We also provide consultation and training for the campus on issues, policies, and practices relevant to Asian Americans.

Additionally, AARCC professional staff have completed at least Safe Zone 101 (ally training), and two of the staff members sit on the UIC Undocumented Student Task Force.
Asian American Mentor Program (AAMP)
AAMP is designed to help new students get connected to the UIC community. New students learn about campus resources, gain skills for college success and develop knowledge about Asian American issues and identity. Peer mentors and new students meet weekly to socialize and build community. AARCC offers Summer AAMP for Summer College students and Fall AAMP for all first-year and new transfer students.

Events and Activities
AARCC hosts speakers and performers to address issues related to Asian Americans. The center also coordinates workshops on a variety of topics. Past topics include getting along with parents, Asian American identity, generational differences, and career exploration.

Student Organizations and Leadership
AARCC works closely with Asian American student organizations at UIC through advising, funding, and support for leadership conferences. AARCC also provides year-round coordination of the Asian Student Organization Council as well as plans the Leadership Retreat each August.

Community Service
AARCC provides information and organizes programs for campus members to learn about, volunteer for, or participate in service activities with various Asian American community organizations within Chicago.

Asian American Awareness Month (AAAMonth)
April is AAAMonth at UIC, which is when AARCC, student organizations, and other campus groups sponsor a wide variety of activities to celebrate our heritage. If you are interested in helping, join the AAAMonth Planning Committee in the Fall.
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Elvin works with our Community Connections Coordinator to bring UIC students (as well as staff and faculty) and Chicago’s Asian communities together on campus. He also teams up with our Student Organization Outreach Coordinator to focus on UIC’s Asian-interest student organizations through a leadership retreat and council. During the summer, he is the manager of the UIC Pyro Paddlers dragon boat team, providing support to the captains and paddlers. Elvin is a second-generation Chinese American and grew up in suburban Western New York.
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Jeffrey oversees the Asian American Mentor Program, creates, implements, and assesses programming and workshops that focus on the Asian American experience, and advises student organizations. He comes to UIC from his alma mater, the University of Connecticut, where he worked at the Asian American Cultural Center focusing on alumni development and grantwriting. Prior to working at UConn, he was the Assistant Director of the Office of Multicultural Services and Programs at the University of Georgia. Jeffrey is a second generation multiracial Filipino American, who grew up in Connecticut.

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Imee is a current master's student in the School of Public Health, with a concentration in health policy and administration. She recently graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, with a bachelor's degree in Community Health, with a concentration in health planning and administration. As the graduate assistant, she assists Jeff with the Asian American Mentor Program. Outside of grad assistant duties, she enjoys watching Doctor Who, traveling and going on road trips, eating cupcakes and donuts, getting other people excited about public health issues in the Asian American community, and doing social activist work by serving the people with the Filipino organization Anakbayan Chicago.
Christina is a third year student at UIC, majoring in Biochemistry. At AARCC, she is responsible for creating marketing materials through videos, pictures and social media and working with the contributors to the AARCC blog. With this position, she hopes to bring awareness of the issues surrounding the Asian American community. Christina identifies as first generation Cambodian-American. She is most active in the Filipino American community at UIC through Filipinos in Alliance (FIA). She was a past cultural coordinator, where she choreographed and taught traditional Filipino dances. In the year of 2016-2017, she is serving as Vice President-Internal for FIA and as Marketing/Recruitment Chair for Culture Shock, a new organization at UIC. Her favorite activities are singing very loudly in the car and playing with her pet hedgehog.

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Lahney is a third year at UIC, majoring in Business Management. She is a liaison between AARCC and UIC's Asian American student organizations. She is most active in the Greek community, being a sister of Alpha Phi Gamma. Other than being a sister, the other half of her life is surrounded by the dancing community, Primo Dance Troupe & FIA Modern. Other than relaxing on her free time, she likes to be involved on campus and give back to the community.
Alexis is a second year undergraduate student at UIC. She is currently double majoring in Graphic Design and Industrial Design. Working under Doctor Mark Martell as the student graphic aide at AARCC she is responsible for creating brochures, books, and flyers. Alexis hopes to create designs that promote and expose UIC students to Asian American culture, identity, and issues. In her free time, she likes to travel, take photos, and try new food. Alexis is a second-generation Chinese American who grew up in Chicago, Illinois.

Henna received her bachelor’s degree from UIC in 2014. She double majored in English and Psychology as well as minored in Asian American Studies. She is currently pursuing her master’s in Secondary English Education.

As the College Day Graduate Assistant, Henna works with Jeffrey in organizing our semesterly on-campus visit for Chicago-area high school students to experience college life for a day and interact with current students, professors, and faculty. Although she is new to the position, Henna is not new to the AARCC community. She is a former AAMP mentee, mentor and AAAM Planning Committee member. If she can’t be found at AARCC, Henna enjoys visiting her friends at the Writing Center and spending long hours discussing literature, sports, and why Batman is the best superhero ever. If she’s not there either, then she’s definitely in the comfort of her home and company of her husband and cats binge-watching sci-fi movies or Doctor Who. Henna is a second-generation Asian Indian American and grew up in the midst of extended family in Harvey, Illinois.
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Elaine is a fourth year student majoring in Neuroscience with a minor in Disability and Human Development. At AARCC, she is responsible for assisting with the organization of events and programs that connect students with Asian American communities in the Chicagoland area. She hopes to strengthen the relationship between UIC students and the AAPI community. She is active as a mentor in the Asian American Mentor Program, as an outreach intern for the AANAPISI Initiative, and a research tutor in the Global Asian Studies department. Outside of school and work, she enjoys dancing with EVO Dance Troupe, scoping out coffee shops in the city, traveling (especially to San Francisco), and watching reruns of How I Met Your Mother.

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Mariam is a current master’s student in the School of Public Health, with a concentration in epidemiology. She has a B.A. in International Relations and minors in Community and Regional Development and Middle East/South Asia studies, from the University of California, Davis. As a graduate assistant in the AARCC, Mariam is in charge of special events programming, which will, to the delight of all students, often involve free food. She spends her free time catching up on reading and learning hands-on skills.
This initiative supports the recruitment, retention, and graduation of Asian American, Pacific Islander, and English language learner students at the University of Illinois at Chicago. It is fully funded by the U.S. Department of Education’s Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) Program. UIC is federally recognized as a Minority Serving Institution (MSI) through its status as a funded AANAPISI.

**2016 – 2017 AANAPISI Programs**
The following programs are currently supported by the Department of Education’s AANAPISI Grant Initiative (Part F) that will run from 2015-2020.

**The Academically Integrated Mentor Support (AIMS)**
The AIMS Initiative addresses retention of AAPI students through Summer College and First Year Experience programs. The initiative integrates mentor and academic services through embedded tutors and culturally relevant curriculum.

**Off-campus internships**
Students enroll in a 3-credit seminar in the spring focusing on Community Engagement in Asian American Communities as a prerequisite to an off-campus internship placement in the fall. Students enroll in a Practicum course during their internship in fall and/or spring. Students participate in an annual symposium that showcases their accomplishments with the units and organizations supporting them.

**Asian American Mentor Program (AAMP)**
The Asian American Resource and Cultural Center (AARCC) and Global Asian Studies (GLAS) will offer an integrated and enhanced Asian American Mentor Program (AAMP) that provides social and academic support through embedded peer mentors, writing, math, and library tutors, and culturally relevant curriculum.

**Summer AAMP**
A six-week program for summer college students in any program with an hour of tutoring for students in Summer Enrichment Writing and Math Workshops.

**Fall AAMP**
A fall semester mentor program for new students. Students will enroll in a 1-credit GLAS seminar and participate in small and large group activities with peer mentors. AAMP will provide Writing and Math tutors and an embedded counselor and other services and support.

**On- and Off-Campus Internship Opportunities**

**On-campus internships**
Students enroll in a 1-credit seminar in the spring focusing on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Higher Education as a prerequisite to an on-campus internship placement in the fall. Students enroll in a Practicum course during their internship in fall and/or spring.

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The Global Asian Studies Program (GLAS) explores the histories, identities, cultural expressions, social and community formations, and politics of people of Asian ancestry (including but not limited to those from East Asia, South Asia, Southwest and Southeast Asia) wherever they are found across the globe. The program has a particular focus on Asian American experiences, but we emphasize that Asian Americans as a racialized population are linked to other communities of color in the United States as well as to Asian diasporas globally. The GLAS Program offers courses that are interdisciplinary and comparative in approach and reflect the program’s thematic foci: Transnationalism and Diaspora, which examines Asian migrations and diasporic communities in relation to larger global processes of empire, nation-building, and globalization; Intersectional Race/Gender Studies, which investigates the interconnectedness of historical and contemporary relations of race, gender, class and other markers across social formations; and Community Engagement, Activism, and Social Justice, which works to foster the process and politics of bridging the academy and wider community, and engages with questions of movement building.

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Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Asian Americans

Mission
- Promote the academic, social, cultural, and professional welfare of UIC’s Asian American students, faculty, and staff.
- Advise the administration on university policy that affects Asian American constituencies.
- Encourage scholarship and practices that reflect and respond to the increasing diversity of our campus and surrounding community in a rapidly globalizing world.
- Anticipate the ongoing demographic trends that show the rapid growth of Asian Americans among the U.S.’s and Illinois’ ethnic constituencies.
- Foster professional opportunities for Asian Americans on campus.
- Cultivate relationships with alumni and Asian American communities in the Chicago metropolitan area.

History
The Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Asian Americans was the last of the ethnic Chancellor’s Status Committees to be established in 1999, which was largely brought about as a result of student demands.

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Meetings
Meetings are held once a month during the academic year (September–April) on both East and West Campus; all students, faculty, and staff are welcome to participate.

Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Asian Americans
c/o Office of Diversity
2731 University Hall (MC 103)
Chicago, IL 60607
Phone: (312) 355-1308

Email
ccsaa@uic.edu
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ccsaa-news@uic.edu
Asian American Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Below are some links to scholarship, internship, and fellowship opportunities targeted to Asian American students or focused on Asian/Asian American studies. Note that this is NOT an exhaustive list, there are MANY other scholarships, internships, and fellowships available from various agencies and organizations.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Asian Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund Scholarship
For details about APIASF’s scholarship programs or to apply, visit APIASF’s Website at www.apiasf.org

Asian Women in Business (AWIB) Scholarship
For details on the AWIB scholarship, please visit their website.

Everett and Florence Drumright Scholarships (UIC only)
Must be a UIC undergraduate student who is American-born of Chinese descent and have a GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale. Up to 10 scholarships in the amount of $1,000 are available. Students from all majors may apply. Contact the Office of International Affairs (312-996-5455), deadline is in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Kim Scholarship
For details about the Mr. and Mrs. Kim Scholarship, please visit the Korean American Community Services webpage at http://kacschicago.org/xe/index.php?document_srl=2418#0

OCA Chicagoland Scholarships
OCA offers a variety of national and Chicago-area scholarships for Asian Pacific American students posted at their national website. Must be a member to apply. http://www.ocachicago.org/scholar/

Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) offers scholarships and fellowships for incoming and current college students. Must be a member to apply.

Korean American Scholarship Foundation (KASF) offers a variety of scholarships for Korean students. Contact: Dr. Suk Hun Lee, Chair, Scholarship Committee, KASF Mid-Western Region; slee2@uic.edu.

South Asian Journalists Association (SAJA) Scholarship
SAJA and SAJA Group Inc offers scholarships to both undergraduate and graduate students. Applicants must be of South Asian descent OR demonstrate an interest in South Asia or the diaspora; and serious about pursuing journalism as a career.

Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) Scholarship
The Chicago chapter of AAJA offers scholarship/internships each year to college students or recent graduates interested in pursuing a career in journalism. Other opportunities are available at the national level.

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Law Foundation Scholarships are awarded each fall to law students who demonstrate a commitment to contribute to the Asian Pacific American community as future leaders. Deadline is September.

Scholarships for which U.S. citizenship or residency is not explicitly required

Scholarships information for International Students

The Office of International Services (OIS) maintains a page of scholarships for international students.
Asian American Scholarships

For High School Seniors Only
Asian Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund
Gates Millennium Scholars Program
OCA
U.S. Pan Asian Chamber of Commerce

Scholarships For Studying Abroad
UIC Office of International Affairs
509 University Hall,
(312) 355-3175 or afish@uic.edu.

Has various scholarships for undergraduates and graduates interested in study abroad programs in Asia.

UIC Study Abroad
502 University Hall
(312) 413-7662

UIC FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES
UIC Office of Special Scholarship Programs
2506 University Hall
(312) 355-2477

UIC Office of Student Financial Aid
1800 Student Services Building
(312) 996-3126
ASIAN AMERICAN INTERNSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS
Chicago Area
Asian American Institute Impact Fellows Program
The Impact Fellows Program is an intensive six-week summer leadership program seeking to develop young civic-minded leaders interested in working in the Asian Pacific American community in Chicago. The goal of IFP is to develop a pipeline of young leaders who will make an impact in the Asian Pacific American community by becoming aware of social issues and engaged in civic participation.

Asian American Journalists Association Scholarship/Internship
The Chicago chapter of AAJA offers scholarships/internships each year to college students interested in pursuing a career in journalism. Other opportunities are available at the national level.

Council on American-Islamic Relations
The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is the nation’s largest Muslim civil rights organization. The organization’s mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding. Internships at CAIR-Chicago offer students and activists a great opportunity to learn, interact, and grow in a friendly and diverse environment.

National
Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)
APAICS offers fellowships for graduate students in a range of fields. Programs are designed for individuals who are committed to Asian Pacific Islander American communities and who plan to pursue careers in public service. Application deadline: mid February. Summer Internship Program in Washington, DC.

Every summer, APAICS invites college students to experience working in Congress and federal agencies. Interns will receive a total stipend of $2,500. Application deadline: end of January

APIA VOTE
The APIAVote Internship Program strives to encourage and cultivate young AAPI student leaders to explore a career in the public sector or the political arena. This internship program will also provide hands on experience and training on how to organize and implement voter activities to increase the participation of AAPIs in the electoral process.

Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership
CAPAL’s scholarships are awarded to outstanding Asian Pacific American students committed to public service and community action. CAPAL Scholars are awarded $2,000 scholarships to support their successful completion of an internship in Washington, DC.

International Leadership Foundation
ILP awards internships to help Asian Pacific American college students who will be future leaders better understand the workings of American government. Each ILF Fellow spends eight weeks during the summer working for a federal government agency in Washington, DC. See website or call 202-531-5031.

OCA National
OCA Internships are in Washington DC at their National Office, Capitol Hill, federal agencies, and non-profits. Most are in the summer but there are some opportunities year-round to learn firsthand about national issues and policies that affect Asian Pacific Americans. See website or call 202-223-5500.
National Directory of Scholarships, Internships, and Fellowships for Asian American and Pacific Islander Students

An educational directory presented by the Asian American Studies Program at the University of Maryland, Japanese American Citizens League, and Organization for Chinese Americans; sponsored by State Farm.

UIC INTERNSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP RESOURCES

Office of Career Services
3050 Student Services Building
312-996-230

Business Career Center
(for CBA students)
1100 University Hall
312-996-2700

Engineering Career Center
818 Science and Engineering Offices
312-996-2311

Student Employment Office
3050 Student Services Building
312-996-3130

Office of Cooperative Education
(for LAS students)
350 University Hall
312-996-0425
University of Illinois Asian American Alumni Network

Vision
To create a supportive, global network of Asian and Asian American alumni and facilitate positive change worldwide.

Mission
We encourage and nurture meaningful relationships to create a supportive community of Asian and Asian American alumni and students by providing comprehensive programming and opportunities that illustrate University of Illinois pride.

Membership
Free, with member benefits including a job and career, community meals, service projects, and a mentoring program.

University of Illinois Asian American Alumni Network (UIAAAN)
A University of Illinois Alumni Association Affiliate Partner

We look forward to helping you stay connected to and involved with your alma mater, fellow graduates, new students, and broader communities. For more information, please visit us on the Web, through email, on Facebook and LinkedIn. Sign up at our website to receive our quarterly newsletter!

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The following pages describe some of the on-campus resources available to UIC students, faculty, and staff. These pages include resources for academic assistance, on-campus employment, mental health services, and the Centers for Cultural Understanding and Social Change.

**Provided Information**

- Academic Center for Excellence
- Campus Advocacy Network
- Centers for Cultural Understanding and Social Change
- Commuter Student Resource Center Counseling Center
- Disability Resource Center
- Gender and Sexuality Center
- Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy
- Office of Career Services
- Office of the Dean of Students
- Office of Diversity
- Student Employment Office
- Women’s Leadership and Resource Center
- Writing Center
The Academic Center for Excellence

Mission
The Academic Center for Excellence provides learning support services to enable UIC students to accomplish their academic goals by teaching them skills and strategies that improve their academic performance.

ACE is dedicated to providing programs and services that meet the needs of UIC’s diverse student community. We encourage students to visit ACE and speak with an academic skills specialist who can directly aid them in pursuing a course of action toward academic success.

ACE offers Academic Skills Program (ASP) courses, the Academic Achievement Program (AAP), other academic skills workshops, individual academic counseling and tutoring, and a library of academic guidance materials on its website.

The ASP course offerings are as follows:

ASP 050: Speaking, Reading, and Writing in English as a Second Language
Develop college-level reading, speaking, and writing skills (for undergraduates).

ASP 055: Communication Skills for International Graduate Students
Learn and practice skills to develop and increase listening and speaking fluency in formal and informal English (for graduate students and visiting scholars).

ASP 060: Study/Learning across Disciplines
Learn study strategies in areas, such as time management, test taking, and critical reading and thinking.

ASP 062: Semester Refresh: Strategies to Finish Strong
Learn and apply effective study techniques in a half-semester (8 week) course.

ASP 090: Critical Strategies for Reading and Writing Success
Learn how to understand and analyze college-level texts and write effective summaries, syntheses, analyses, and evaluations.

ASP 092: Vocabulary Enrichment
Learn and practice college-level vocabulary in a half-semester (8 week) course.

ASP 095: Academic and Professional Writing
Learn and practice graduate-level writing with a focus on formal, academic style, and advanced grammar (for graduate students and visiting scholars).
The Campus Advocacy Network is committed to ensuring that all members of the UIC community feel safe, listened to and valued. We strongly believe that understanding and respecting cultural and community differences are the first steps in to appreciating diversity at UIC.

To truly appreciate diversity, we must acknowledge and confront those existing forces that privilege some while denying or making it difficult for others to access needed resources.

As such, CAN’s work is part of a larger movement to safeguard human rights, promote social justice, and end interpersonal violence, particularly violence against women. To do so we must confront sexism, racism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, ageism, ethnocentrism, religious oppression, discrimination and classism in our work, educational and personal lives.

We believe that all people deserve safety from harm and that this safety can be achieved in multiple ways.

We provide advocacy for students, staff, and faculty who need help or information about sexual assault/harassment/abuse, domestic/dating violence and stalking. Our services are confidential, anonymous, and free. We are committed to working together with survivors of violence to realistically explore options open to them and support their attempts to access resources both on and off campus. We are also a place where a survivor can anonymously report a crime even if he or she does not want to take any further action.

CAN’s outreach and education team provides on campus training about interpersonal violence, prevention education, bystander intervention, social justice, men’s initiatives and other issues.
Centers for Cultural Understanding and Social Change

The centers affirm their commitment to social change grounded in the principles of inclusion, access, and equity. The name reflects the collective purpose of the centers at UIC: to expand the understanding of the value of cultural diversity and connect diverse assets to find creative solutions for common challenges. This collective purpose draws upon the centers’ expertise in scholarship and practice of providing relevant support to their specific populations on campus and opportunities for intercultural engagement among students, faculty, staff, and Chicago communities. The centers report to the Office of Diversity.

African-American Cultural Center
2nd Floor Addams Hall (MC 020)
Tel: 312-996-9549
Fax: 312-413-7639
Email: uicaacc@uic.edu
Website: http://www.aacc.uic.edu
Blog: http://www.uicaacc.wordpress.com

Founded in 1991, the African-American Cultural Center (AACC) at the University Illinois Chicago (UIC) is an interdisciplinary unit that supports the academic and diversity missions of the University through innovative programs and initiatives that relate particular African-American and African Diaspora traditions, creative practices, and experiences to broader frameworks of thought, feeling, and action. The Center connects campus and community partners who reflect Chicagoland's diverse intellectual and cultural life to promote intercultural understanding and social change.

Asian American Resource & Cultural Center (AARCC)
Room 101 Taft Hall (MC 203)
Phone: (312) 413-9569
Email: aarcc@uic.edu
Website: http://aarcc.uic.edu

AARCC opened in spring 2005 as a result of student efforts to ensure that UIC supports the needs of Asian Americans. Nineteen percent of the total UIC student body is Asian American while 14% of faculty and staff are Asian or Asian American. AARCC provides education and resources for and about Asian Americans in order to increase understanding of diverse Asian American issues, cultures, an communities. AARCC programs include Asian American Awareness Month, the Asian American Mentor Program, and Asian American Student Organizations Council.

Disability Resource Center (DRC)
Room 1190 Student Services Building (MC 321)
Phone: (312) 413-2183
Voice Video Phone: (312) 957-4822
Video Relay Service hearing persons can call: (312) 957-4822
Email: drc@uic.edu
Website: http://drc.uic.edu

The Disability Resource Center works with UIC students with disabilities to ensure their equal access to all campus programs and activities. Our main goal is to provide academic accommodations as well as facilitate accessibility and accommodations related to housing, transportation, parking, and classrooms as required. We work together with other campus units, committees and community organizations to create accessible learning, physical, and social environments on campus.
As part of this ongoing initiative, we organize and promote disability awareness events to celebrate disability art and culture on campus.

**Gender and Sexuality Center (GSC)**  
Room 181-183  
Behavioral Sciences Building (MC 369)  
Phone: (312) 413-8619  
Email: lgbtqa@uic.edu  
Website: http://gsc.uic.edu

The Gender and Sexuality Center at UIC creates a more inclusive campus and catalyzes positive social change by challenging heteronormativity and promoting deeply engaged and life affirming thinking, learning, and action. We work with students, faculty, and staff, through a variety of public programs, and intercultural exchanges. Our Safe Zone program offers a variety of interactive workshops that educate on the ways that gender and sexuality are constructed and support individuals to create more affirming environments. We also connect students, faculty, and staff with resources, referrals and opportunities.

**Rafael Cintrón Ortiz Latino Cultural Center (LCC)**  
Lecture Center B2 (MC 218)  
Phone: (312) 996-3095  
Email: lcc@uic.edu  
Website: http://latinocultural.uic.edu

Established in 1976, the Latino Cultural Center was the first cultural center at UIC. Its founding was the result of visionary Latino/a students, faculty, staff, and community members who fought tirelessly for a cultural center at the University to support the growing population of Latino/a students on campus.

The LCC works with the campus and neighboring communities to expand understanding of Latino cultures and help students shape a positive self-defined identity. We do our work through programs and initiatives that feature cultural and artistic expressions; intercultural and civic dialogues; scholarly presentations; and first-voice stories. Our work connects social and environmental sustainability, draw on cultural heritage to address contemporary issues, and build partnerships across diverse communities for positive social change.

**Women's Leadership and Resource Center (WLRC)**  
728 West Roosevelt Road (MC 363)  
Phone: (312) 413-1025  
Email: wlrc@uic.edu  
Website: http://wlrc.uic.edu

The WLRC strives to create an equitable environment in which women are able to pursue their educational and career aspirations. The Campus Advocacy Network is a program of WLRC that provides anti-violence education and confidential advocate services for students, faculty, and staff who have been victims of sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence and hate crimes. Together, WLRC and CAN create dynamic campus wide programs during Women’s History Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Get involved through our student groups, volunteering, or taking our peer educator class.
Mission
The three main goals of the Commuter Student Resource Center are to provide programs, services, and facilities that enhance student learning and result in student success for our diverse and demographically changing student body.

Events
The CSRC host programs that aim to provide useful information for commuters through workshops and activities as well as fun social opportunities, which allow students to meet other commuters throughout the semester. Some events include workshops on renter’s rights, self-defense, bike maintenance, as well as the annual Off-Campus Housing Fair, monthly movie and game days in the CSRC, and Commuter Appreciation Week.

Services
The CSRC aims to provide resources and information particular to commuter students’ needs. There is information online that can aid in transportation planning and off-campus housing assistance. The CSRC can provide one-on-one assistance through our trained student staff. Additionally, our staff is happy to aid in resource referral. We also offer the Commuter Assistance Program. This is a free program for all incoming freshmen and transfer students. By joining this program, participants are placed into a group of students similar to themselves (similar major, neighborhood, field of interests). They are assigned an upper-class group leader who serves as a peer-mentor for the group. As a group they partake in activities on and off-campus. This program is only available during the fall semester.
Mission
The UIC Counseling Center is a primary resource providing comprehensive mental health services that foster personal, interpersonal, academic, and professional thriving for UIC students.

We provide students with accessible and culturally sensitive mental health services to promote overall wellness and help them to make the most of their learning experience at UIC. Consistent with the University’s mission of preparing students for a life of engaged global citizenship, we are committed to social justice and to a campus culture of inclusiveness, respect, and enthusiasm for diversity. To this end, we engage the community through outreach and educational activities. We also provide rigorous training to future mental health clinicians, recognizing that the advancement of a socially just and inclusive culture demands the development of like-minded and committed professionals.

We warmly welcome our Asian and Asian American students to utilize our services.

Counseling Services
We provide counseling and psychotherapy (individuals, couples, and group), crisis intervention, assessment, consultation, referrals, psychiatric care, outreach programming, and case management. Services are confidential and free to enrolled students, and are provided by licensed psychologists, psychiatrists, advanced doctoral psychology trainees, and postdoctoral fellows.

Consultation
Furthermore, staff from the Counseling Center are available to consult with faculty, staff, or students about the mental health needs of students or employees.

Training and Outreach
The Counseling Center offers graduate and postgraduate psychology training programs. For more information, please visit the center’s website. We also train and supervise undergraduate paraprofessional volunteers to provide telephone crisis and support services to UIC students and the broader community via the InTouch Crisis Hotline.

InTouch Crisis Hotline
Website: http://counseling.uic.edu/hotline.shtml
Phone: (312) 996-5535
Sunday–Friday
6:00–10:30 PM
Contact: Luis Salas, M.S.W.
Email: lsalas2@uic.edu

Offices Hours
Monday – Friday
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Evening Hours*
Tuesday and Wednesday
5:00 – 7:00 PM
(*by appointment only)

Counseling Center
2010 Student Services Building
1200 West Harrison St. (MC 333)
Chicago, IL 60607
Phone: (312) 996-3490
Website: http://counseling.uic.edu
Mission
Our main goal is to provide academic accommodations as well as facilitate accessibility and accommodations related to housing, transportation, parking, and classrooms as required. We work together with other campus units, committees and community organizations to create accessible learning, physical, and social environments on campus. As part of this ongoing initiative, we organize and promote disability awareness events to celebrate disability art and culture on campus.

The Disability Resource Center works with UIC students with disabilities to ensure their equal access to all campus programs and activities.
The Gender and Sexuality Center at UIC creates a more inclusive campus and catalyzes positive social change by challenging heteronormativity and promoting deeply engaged and life affirming thinking, learning, and action.

We serve students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members throughout Chicago of all gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations through cultural events, scholarly lectures, public dialogues and interactive trainings. We also connect students, faculty, and staff at UIC with resources, referrals and opportunities.

The Community Lounge and FlexSpace (BSB Room 181 & 183) are open to all M-Th 10-5 and Fr 10-2. Get involved with the GSC to make your unit or org more inclusive, to share your story, and to participate in our public programs.
Mission

The Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) promotes and coordinates engaged research on racial and ethnic justice in the U.S. Our mission is to increase society’s understanding of the root causes of racial and ethnic inequality and to provide the public, organizers, practitioners, and policymakers with research-based policy solutions. To fulfill that mission, IRRPP funds research on race and ethnicity, trains scholars to participate in policy discussions, collaborates on social justice projects with community organizations, and holds events that explore the links between policy with racial and ethnic injustice.

Programs

Annual Phillip J. Bowman Lecture on Race, Ethnicity, and Public Policy

Race & Health Series

Lunchtime Lecture Series

Policy 101 Series

Race / Ethnicity Workshops

Summer Teacher Education Workshop

Legacies of Racism

Faculty and Graduate Student Funding Programs

WriteOut! Faculty & Graduate Student Writing Retreats
M"ission

Our mission is to empower students in their career development and job search by providing accessible resources and comprehensive services.

We can help with...
Career Exploration
Cover Letters and Resumes
Internship Information
On-Campus Interviewing
Employer Listings and Information
Interview and Career Preparation
Salary Information
Career Fairs
Networking and Job Search Tips
Drop-In Advising

Find jobs on UICcareers.com
Your online source to getting connected with employers!

Our Career Exploration Center has free magazines, resources, and books for Asian American students!

Social Media Sites
Facebook
facebook.com/UICCareerServices
Twitter
twitter.com/UICCareerSrvcs
Youtube
youtube.com/UICCareerServices
Pinterest
pinterest.com/uiccareersrvcs/

Office of Career Services
3050 Student Services Building
1200 West Harrison St.
Chicago, IL 60607
Phone: (312) 996-2300
Fax: (312) 413-0383
Email: ocs@uic.edu
Website: http://careers.uic.edu

Office Hours
Monday–Friday
8:30 AM–5:00 PM
Office of the Dean of Students

Mission
To provide a student-centered learning environment that offers support, advocacy, and resources that contribute to student success.

Vision
To be a campus leader in fostering a caring and supportive environment where all students matter.

What services are offered in the Dean of Students Office?
Campus Liaison for Religious Workers Association
Student Advocacy Services
Student Conduct Process
Student Legal Services
Student Mediation Center
Student Ombuds Services
Student Governance Advising
Student Veteran Affairs

Student Veterans Affairs
Student Veterans Affairs functions as an advocate for student veterans on UIC’s campus. The unit is responsible for the processing of educational benefits and is a resource to assist student veterans as they make the transition to campus life.

Filing an Incident Report
If you would like to report an academic, behavioral (non-academic), student organization, or sexual misconduct complaints, please submit at http://dos.uic.edu/conductIR. Also, please review the Student Disciplinary Policy on the DOS Website to learn more about the alleged violations and conduct procedures after an incident report is submitted.

What is “academic integrity”? Academic integrity is the cornerstone of higher education. It can be defined as taking on your academic pursuits honestly. It means, simply, that you complete your own work honestly and give credit to others when you need to reference their work.

What is considered cheating or plagiarism?
Presenting someone’s work as your own
Not properly citing references
Using your own work from a previous class or project without the professor’s permission
Looking at someone else’s test during test taking
Working in groups on projects when the instructions do not call for teamwork

What are the consequences of violating the academic integrity policy? Sanctions include immediately failing the class, and a possible dismissal from the university and notation on your transcripts.

What if I’m experiencing academic difficulty?
The best way to avoid these issues is to ASK for help and utilize the resources offered by the university. In particular, talk to your professors and T.A.s as they are always prepared to assist you when you have problems with assignments and course material.
Office of Diversity

Mission
Promote an organizational culture and structure that honors diversity through integration of the principles of access, equity, and inclusion into all aspects of university processes and practices.

Vision
UIC will be nationally recognized as a leading diverse learning community where human differences are embraced, and where neither difference nor disadvantage stands in the way of intellectual and professional achievement.

Diversity Chairpersons Committee
This committee consists of the chairperson(s) of each college and administrative unit’s diversity committee. Its role is to ensure that initiatives are underway and progress is being made as it relates to each unit's diversity strategic plan. Specifically, its emphasis is on identifying areas for improvement, setting measurable goals, and monitoring progress toward those goals as it relates to advancing the principles of access, equity, and inclusion. It is a vehicle for facilitating communication, cooperation, and sharing of ideas across divisions of the university related to diversity efforts.

University Diversity Committees
Chancellor’s Status Committees
The Chancellor’s Status Committees function as advisory bodies to the Chancellor. They consist of staff, students, and faculty who collaboratively monitor the needs of underrepresented and underserved groups on campus, and proactively make policy recommendations that improve the climate for these groups on campus. There are six Chancellor's Status Committees:
• Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Asian Americans (CCSAA)
• Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Blacks (CCSB)
• Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Latinos (CCSL)
• Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer People, and Allies (CCS-LGBTQPA)
• Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities (CCSPD)
• Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Women (CCSW)

Diversity Advisory Committee
An advisory group to the Provost and Vice Provost for Diversity, it consists of staff, students, and faculty that represent campus diversity-related units. It advises on matters pertinent to enhancing the positive impact of diversity at UIC. Specifically, the DAC provides counsel on diversity policy, procedures, and strategy.

Office of Diversity: Advancing Access, Equity, & Inclusion
2731 University Hall
601 S. Morgan St. (MC 103)
Chicago IL 60607
Phone: (312) 355-1308
Website: http://diversity.uic.edu
Units Reporting to the Office of Diversity

Centers for Cultural Understanding and Social Change

The Centers for Cultural Understanding and Social Change (CCUSC) are a collaborative group of six centers with distinct histories, missions, and locations that promote the well being of and cultural awareness about underrepresented and underserved groups at UIC. Collectively the Centers expand cultural understanding by providing opportunities for intercultural engagement among students, faculty, and staff.

The African American Cultural Center (AACC) supports the academic and diversity missions of UIC through innovative programs and initiatives that relate African American and African Diaspora traditions, practices, and experiences to broader frameworks of thought, feeling, and action. The Center connects campus and community partners who reflect the diverse intellectual and cultural life of UIC and the greater Chicago area to promote intercultural understanding and social change.

The Asian American Resource and Cultural Center (AARCC) offers social, cultural, and educational programs that promote knowledge of and foster engagement with issues related to Asian Americans and Asian American studies. Their co-curricular programs and collaborations with other campus units ensure that the needs of Asian American students are met. AARCC also serves as a resource for the campus to engage with Chicago’s Asian American communities and organizations.

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) provides services to undergraduate and graduate students with diverse disabilities to ensure equal access on campus in accordance with State and Federal Law so that they may fully participate in campus life. The DRC collaborates with various academic units in order to provide services including, but not limited to, academic accommodations, access to classrooms, housing, recreation programs, and parking services. The DRC is also committed to promoting disability arts and culture.

The Gender and Sexuality Center (GSC) facilitates educational and cultural programs related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and allied (LGBTQA) people and issues. The GSC hosts events throughout the year including the Rainbow Social, heritage programs, Lavender Research Forum, and Lavender Graduation. The GSC also provides Safe Zone training to campus and community members. The GSC’s work, in collaboration with many other campus units, has resulted in UIC being named one of the Top 25 LGBTQ-friendliest campuses in the country.

The Latino Cultural Center (LCC) works to expand the understanding of Latino cultures as well as to ensure that Latino/a students have a positive self-defined identity. The LCC also provides students with practical tools to help them graduate, join the workforce, and become the next generation of leaders, through cultural and artistic programs, intercultural dialogues, and educational workshops. The LCC collaborates with other units on campus and community organizations to improve the lives of Latinos at UIC and in local communities.

The Women’s Leadership and Resource Center (WLRC) facilitates women’s advancement, growth, and development through programming, advocacy, policy development, and institutional interventions. WLRC also oversees the Campus Advocacy Network (CAN) that provides advocacy for UIC students, staff, and faculty who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and hate crimes. WLRC/CAN collaborates with various campus units and advises several student groups, including Men Against Sexual Violence and UIC Pride, among others.
Dialogue Initiative
The UIC Dialogue Initiative actively seeks to build an inclusive campus community where students, faculty, and staff feel welcomed in their identities, valued for their contributions, and feel their identities can be openly expressed. Through credit-bearing courses and co-curricular workshops, students learn from the experiences of their peers by engaging in dialogue on sensitive topics, such as inclusion, power, bias, privilege, and multiple social identities. These learning opportunities equip students with skills to break down communication barriers and increase interaction with individuals who have different life experiences. The Office of Diversity developed the UIC Dialogue Initiative in partnership with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Urban Health Program
The Urban Health Program (UHP) recruits underrepresented minority students into the health professions. Throughout Illinois, UHP works to bring undergraduate students to UIC’s health science colleges and degree programs. UHP helps to connect students to opportunities within academia and within surrounding communities. Students are provided with the resources they need in order to bolster their future careers as professionals, faculty, or researchers with a focus on the elimination of health disparities and advancement of health equity. UHP strives to cultivate a commitment to underserved urban areas, creating a lasting relationship between new health professionals and the people they serve.

Early Outreach Program
The Early Outreach Program (EOP) offers summer and academic year learning and research experiences to K-12 students. The purpose of the program is to enhance K-12 minority students’ awareness of health promotion and urban health issues. The curriculum is structured to promote interest and inquisitiveness in health sciences through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) coursework. By exposing young learners to the health sciences, EOP seeks to increase the number of minority students who are motivated and academically prepared to pursue STEM fields upon enrolling in college. In addition, the program enhances the confidence and capability of students to succeed on performance-based assessments.

Campus Strategic Diversity Priorities

Priority 1: Strengthen Diversity Infrastructure
Build and sustain a structure that reflects diversity as a fundamental institutional value, realized through shared responsibility.

Priority 2: Promote Equity and Inclusion
Advance existing efforts and create new avenues to promote a climate of equity and inclusion in which all UIC members feel a sense of belonging.

Priority 3: Expand Frontiers of Knowledge
Encourage disciplines to draw upon diverse perspectives and become a national leader in the dissemination of innovative diversity scholarship.

Priority 4: Enhance Community Engagement
Cultivate mutually beneficial partnerships with diverse communities within and beyond Chicago.
Student Employment Office

Mission
We are a centralized service that offers assistance to students who are looking to find a part-time job either on or off campus. We assist both, university departments and off-campus employers that want to hire students for part-time job openings. In addition, we sponsor various job fairs throughout the year and of course, many more events.

UICCareers.com
UICCareers.com, a job board used by the Student Employment Office along with The Office of Career Services, Business Career Center, the LAS Internship Program and Engineering Career Center, has made job-searching easier for our students and job-posting easier for potential employers. The site lists hundreds of positions including part-time, local jobs, Federal Work Study and Regular Student on-campus jobs, and career-related employment!

First-time users can register for UICCareers.com by contacting the Student Employment Office at (312) 996-3130 or emailing studentjobs@uic.edu. Registration requires the student to provide their full name, UIC email address, and University Identification Number (UIN).

Job Location and Development (JLD) Program
The Job Location and Development (JLD) Program is a service through the Student Employment Office that assists employers in connecting with enrolled students who are seeking off-campus career-related employment that is part-time year-round employment or full-time summer employment. The program is centered on creating real world experiences and helping students of all majors increase self-knowledge and develop marketable skills that provide a solid foundation for securing career-related options beyond graduation. JLD is a federally funded program, which operates year-round. Employers post their ob opportunities through uiccareers.com.

Student Temporary Service
The Student Temporary Service is geared toward students who are interested in short-term assignments around campus. Most positions last at least one to two days and up to two to three weeks. Students complete an application for the program and meet with the STS coordinator to review opportunities.

Services

On-Campus Jobs
Work in a part-time position that fits around your class schedule. Over 90 job categories ranging from clerical, computer, research to student patrol are available!

General Off-Campus/Part-Time Local Jobs
The Student Employment Office works hand in hand with businesses around the Chicagoland to provide students with employment opportunities outside of campus. Employers place part-time and full-time positions on UICCareers.com, both throughout the school year and during break periods. For positions listed as “Part-Time Local” on UICCareers, all students need to do is contact the company directly. There are no applications at Student Employment unless explicitly specified on the job description.

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Phone (312) 996-3130
Email studentjobs@uic.edu
Website studentemployment.uic.edu

Office Hours
Monday–Friday
8:30 AM–5:00 PM
Walk-in Hours
For general information, resume assistance, job searching tips, and resources.
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00–4:00 PM;
Wednesdays, 8:30–10:00 AM
Wellness Center

Mission
The Wellness Center is your place on the UIC campus to gain valuable health and wellness information.

You have heard about the large variety of condoms we offer, but did you know that we also offer the following:

• A food pantry, called the Pop-Up Pantry, is exclusively for UIC students. This pantry is for any student whose financial constraints are preventing them from getting groceries. If you need food, snacks, or personal hygiene items at any time, come to the Food-Pantry!
• Health education workshops, free to students and student organizations and are presented across campus. They cover topics that support your academic success, such as: stress, safety, safe sex, alcohol, and more.
• Individual consultations with health educators to address topics such as stress management, nutrition, peer pressure, and sexual health.
• Customized referrals to services both on and off campus like the Counseling Center, The Family Medicine Center, and Planned Parenthood.
• Smart Living is a tabling event that introduces students to new health topics pertinent to college students and offers topic related free giveaways.
• Wellness on Wheels: Wellness Center staff get out and move around campus to meet, greet, and introduce students to new health topics. They are also always giving away a free health goodie.
• A resources center with brochures covering all ranges of wellness, and website that will answer many of your need to know needs.
• Volunteer opportunities to help with major events such as: The Pop-Up Pantry and Safer Sex Fest.

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E-mail wellness@uic.edu
The Women’s Leadership and Resource Center serves as a resource for the entire campus community while placing the experiences of diverse women at its center. We work to promote gender equity through programming that raises awareness of women’s and gender issues, develops women’s leadership, and celebrates women’s accomplishments and contributions.

We provide resources as well as individual consultation on issues such as sexual harassment and sexual assault. The WLRC provides a welcoming, safe and inclusive space for all genders that encourages dialogue and diversity. Come study, relax and chat with us.
Mission

We are here to help you learn more about writing—one of the most important things you can learn in college. We welcome all UIC students, whether you are working on personal statements, lab reports, or classroom writing assignments. We can help you become more confident, give you options for improving and revising your writing, and help you find the process of writing more interesting and meaningful.

You can make an appointment by going to our website, writingcenter.uic.edu, and using our online scheduler. Appointments are 45 minutes. Although we encourage students to make appointments in advance, if you need help last minute, it is worth dropping in. We cannot guarantee that there will be a tutor available, but we will do our best to find a tutor to help you.

How to Become a Tutor

The Writing Center offers full-credit courses for students who would like to be tutors. The courses help tutors advance as writers while developing a broad range of communication skills and a fuller understanding of academic literacy.

It is important to us to have tutors from all majors and language backgrounds. About half of our tutors are future teachers, but half are planning careers in other fields such as medicine, psychology, law, engineering, and business. Many of our tutors are bilingual and some of the best have learned English as a second language.

Support for Students in English 070

If you are taking (or have taken) English 070, we can have the same tutor work with you every week. Working with the same tutor has many advantages: the tutor will become familiar with your assignments as well your instructor’s feedback. To find out more, please contact Vainis Aleksa at vainisuic.edu.
There are many opportunities to get involved on campus. There are over 25 Asian or Asian American-related student organizations who would love to have you join them! Some have provided their information to be listed here while others can be found at the Asian American Resource and Cultural Center’s website: http://aarcc.uic.edu/studentorgs

**Listed Organizations**
- alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority
- Alpha Phi Gamma Sorority
- Asian American Students in Alliance
- Asian Pharmacists Association
- Chi Sigma Tau National Fraternity
- Delta Phi Omega Sorority
- Filipinos in Alliance
- The Japan Karate Association Central Region
- Kappa Pi Beta Fraternity
- Korean American Student Association
- Sigma Beta Rho Fraternity
- Theta Lambda Beta Fraternity
- Vietnamese Student Association
alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority, Inc.

About

alpha Kappa Delta Phi is an international Asian-interest sorority with 52 chapters located at numerous universities across the United States and in Canada. Thousands of undergraduate and alumnae sisters support the rapidly growing network of strong and successful women in the organization. We strive to maintain the highest levels of integrity and innovation in the promotion of sisterhood, philanthropy, scholastic excellence, and Asian-Awareness in the community while creating lifelong relationships. Our philanthropic focus is the fight against breast cancer; we work hard to raise awareness for this disease, by hosting events, and raise funds for our national partner, the Avon Foundation for Women.

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Major Events

Fall and Spring Recruitment
Triple S for the Breast (Stroll, Step, Salute)
Breast Cancer Awareness Week
Founders Week
Violence Awareness Day
Founders Week
Mr. and Ms. Asian Sensation Co-Hosted with Chi Sigma Tau National Fraternity Inc.

Links

Website
http://uicakdphi.wix.com/uicakdphi

Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/uicakdphis/?-fref=ts

Instagram
https://www.instagram.com/uicakdphi/

Orgsync
https://orgsync.com/95878/chapter
Alpha Phi Gamma was established on February 1, 1994, as the first Asian American Interest Sorority on the campus of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. The Founding Sisters wanted to bring together all women of different nationalities through the bonds of friendship and Sisterhood. The sorority was established to promote service and Asian Awareness to the University and to the community, allowing for different nationalities to discover what other cultures had to offer. Alpha Phi Gamma’s basis is its pride in being open to new ideas and the understanding of the lifestyle of an Asian American woman. Alpha Phi Gamma at the University of Illinois at Chicago was chartered on February 26, 2012 and became Lambda Chapter on June 27, 2015. Sisters continue to work hard while holding this Authentic and Real Sisterhood close to their hearts.

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Major Events
Fall Recruitment (September 6-16)
A Sky Full of Stars (Domestic Violence Awareness Philanthropic Event)
Valentine’s Day Fundraiser
NEW EVENTS TO COME!

Links
Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/Aphig-Uic-1634526820114549/?fref=ts
Twitter
https://twitter.com/APHiG_UIC
Instagram
https://www.instagram.com/aphig_lambdachapter/
Youtube
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw8-LlgVCt-Mn2FRpbSA-2rw
Website
http://alphaphigamma.org/

1994
About
Asian American Students in Alliance is the oldest pan-Asian American organization at UIC, founded as a Pan-Asian organization in 1987. We aim to increase Asian American awareness and address issues surrounding the Asian American community through our cultural workshops, events, performances, services, and social gatherings. AASIA provides a place where you can learn more about Asian American identity and awareness. AASIA also encourage and reward academic excellence for our members. Whether you are Asian, Asian American, or just curious about Asian American culture, all are welcome to join! We hold general body meetings almost every Wednesday at 4pm.

AASIA has a modern dance group called EVO. There are no try outs to become a part of EVO, and people of all dance levels (and even no dance experience) are welcome to join!

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Major Events
Fall – Grand Ball
AASIA along with the other Asian American Organizations host a formal at a hall with entertainment, dinner, and dancing in a star-studded night!

Spring- ImaginAsian
(AASIA’s Spring Variety Showcase)
is a variety showcase where student led variety acts (plays), along with variety acts from various UIC students and groups and a famous YouTube Headliner perform! If interested in being a performer or variety act director, please email aasia.vpexternal@gmail.com.

Links
Facebook
https://facebook.com/groups/aasia.uic
Website
http://uicaasia.com

GENERAL MEETINGS EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 4-6PM
Asian Pharmacists Association

About
APA provides an environment for those of Asian background as well as those interested in Asian culture to grow academically, professionally, and socially within the College of Pharmacy at UIC. Our goals are to provide activities promoting scholarship, community outreach, and professionalism, to promote activism of Asian issues and culture, to display a positive presence within the healthcare community and to the public, and to raise awareness about hepatitis.

Major Events
We hold many professional events and provide point-of-care services such as blood glucose, blood pressure, and cholesterol screenings for the Asian population at Chinatown, Argyle, and Korean health airs. Additionally, we hold medical terminology language workshops in Mandarin Chinese. Our APA family also has fun at social events such as ice skating, barbecues, and hot pot! Our special project chair promotes awareness about hepatitis through vaccination clinics, fundraising and education during Awareness Hepatitis Month.

Links
Facebook
https://facebook.com/uicapa/
Website
https://sites.google.com/site/uiccopapa/
Chi Sigma Tau Fraternity, Inc.

About
Chi Sigma Tau is the first Asian American interest fraternity to have been founded in the Midwest. We establish lifelong brotherhood, develop leadership skills, institute a mentor program for the younger members, and promote Asian awareness by bringing a voice to the Asian American community on campus. With seven universities and counting, we work to expand our unique style of brotherhood to other campuses. We also strive to bring awareness to the Alzheimer’s disease, which is our national philanthropy. Although we were founded as an Asian interest fraternity, Chi Sigma Tau is non-exclusive and openly welcomes potential members from all walks of life. We are all like-minded people and strive to achieve the same goals: graduate, expand the fraternity, and develop our leadership capabilities - in essence, to become better rounded men with honor, integrity and selflessness.

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Major Events
Fall
Fall Recruitment (9/7-9/17)
Spring
Mr. & Mrs. Asian Sensation Co-hosted with aKDphi

Links
National Website
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Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/uic.chisigs/
Instagram
@cst_uic
Twitter: @CST_UIC
About
The purpose of Delta Phi Omega shall be to foster unity among South Asian women, build community awareness, and gain a greater understanding of oneself and others. The sorority aspires to instill leadership traits, excel in all academic endeavors, to encourage an active relationship between the sorority and its respective university, and shall do so with the utmost compassion, dignity, and fortitude. Delta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc. is the strongest, largest, and fastest growing South Asian sorority in the nation. Our philanthropy is Children’s Education and Literacy which involves three beneficiaries, Pratham, Asha for Education, and Care. We center our organization around service to our community. Contact us for more information about our organization and learn about what more we have to offer!

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Major Events
Recruitment week
Be The Change (Ghandi Week)
Lassi Toss (India Week)
Literacy through Unity Week

Links
Facebook
Delta Phi Omega Mu Chapter- UIC
Website
http://deltaphiomega.org
Filipinos in Alliance

About
Filipinos in Alliance strives to educate others in the hopes that one may gain a sense of knowledge of self by realizing their own heritage, as well as the hardships of their ancestors before them, all in a friendly environment with people like themselves. With that goal in mind, we believe in building a sense of belonging and unity with other Filipinos by working together through numerous events and activities to reach as many members in our community that we possibly could. We strongly believe that by creating a combined effort and through dedicated teamwork, we can make a difference – as Filipinos in Alliance. Filipinos in Alliance is not an organization that is exclusive to only Filipino-Americans.

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Links
Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/groups/2200691330/
Website
http://fiauic.org

Major events
Battle of the Bamboo
Uproot: Believe
About

We teach karate for UIC students. Karate is a traditional Japanese martial art focusing on empty-hand self-defense. It is a great exercise for people who want to learn self-defense, develop competitive spirit, and stay physically and mentally fit. Our experienced instructor will teach students form, technique, and performance step by step. Our regular practice will also help to increase students’ self-discipline, self-confidence and develop a positive attitude. No previous experience is required For a FREE trial, please contact us at info@uickarate.com.

Major Events

We have weekly practice on Monday and Wednesday night at UIC Student Recreation Facility.

Links

Website
http://uickarate.com/

Watch our video
http://uickarate.com/video_online.html
Kappa Pi Beta Fraternity, Inc.

About
The Kappa Pi Beta Fraternity is an Asian American-founded service and social fraternity dedicated to the needs of the community alongside a commitment of higher learning, the promotion of the traditional Asian values of respect and discipline, and the overall essence of unity among all people of different background.

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https://www.facebook.com/kpibetachapter/

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Instagram
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Major Events
Fall
“Resonance”

Spring
“Are You Doctor Yet?”
“Penny Wars”
About

KASA stands for the Korean American Student Association, founded in 2008. We are here to promote and expand the interest of Korean culture at UIC and to help establish the understanding of diversity between American and Korean cultures. We bond with one another while watching Korean movies, learn Korean language together, celebrate Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving), have traditional drum workshops (Pungmul), and more! We also have a dance group, called Elite Kontent Crew. It is a non-audition team that teaches about Korean music at major events throughout the year. Our contingent goals include activism of Korean and Asian American issues and advocacy against discrimination. Our philanthropy is Liberty in North Korea (LiNK) at UIC.

Major Events

Fall
Pungmul Workshop, which is traditional Korean drums.
Annual Winter Trip, where KASA takes members and eboard on our annual trip to help bond and have fun for a few days and nights! More information will be given throughout the semester.

Spring
My Sassy Korea, which is our annual cultural showcase, in which we spread culture through food, music, dance, and performances. Also we bring national Korean talent to perform at our showcase.

Links
Facebook
http://facebook.com/groups/uickasa
Tumblr
http://uickasa.tumblr.com/
Phone
(224) 601-4572
Sigma Beta Rho Fraternity, Inc.

About
Our vision applies not just to accepting and celebrating the cultural, racial, sexual, and other differences that characterize our membership, but to an understanding of brotherhood beyond the ranks of our own organization – not just Greek unity, but humanity as a whole. This is imagined as an ideal for which we strive – to make a positive impact in and on the lives of others irrespective of difference. Our mission is to cultivate a global leadership network, founded in brotherhood, and impassioned by service to each other and our world.

Links
Facebook
Find us on Facebook!
Website
http://uic.sigrho.com
About
We, the brothers of Theta Lambda Beta, vow to uphold the principles that represent this fraternity. We shall advocate the growth and respectability of each member. Our goals are to demonstrate high performance in the classroom and increased involvement in campus, community, and nation. We strive for the values of Truth, Leadership, and Brotherhood, as well as acknowledge cultural awareness within the Asian American community. The skills we acquire will be vital for our experiences beyond the years of higher learning. Respect is among our greatest values; therefore any resolutions and judgments shall not take religion, nor race into account.

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Major Events
Step Competition
H.E.R.O.E.S

Links
Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/ThLBSharks
Website
https://thetalambdabeta.org/
Vietnamese Student Association

About
Vietnamese Student Association is an organization that provides members with an opportunity to explore the Vietnamese culture through a variety of activities throughout the year: community service, philanthropic work, cultural dances, and regional conferences. We also aim to provide our members with the chance to grow as leaders through holding positions or becoming interns as well as allowing them to network with others not just within the community and the university, but outside to the Midwest region and beyond as well.

Major Events
Fall
Leadership Summit
Spring
Night Vision
Service Auction Charity Event
VIA-1 Conference

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Links
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Like our page
https://www.facebook.com/UICxVSA/
Chicagoland has a number of organizations to get involved with and learn more about Asian American issues. For a more comprehensive listing of Asian American organizations visit http://advancingjustice-chicago.org/
Community Resources

Advocacy, Community Organizing And Research

Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment
http://afirechicago.org
To build the capacity of the Filipino American community to effect transformative social change through grassroots education, action, research, and services.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice Chicago
http://advancingjustice-chicago.org
To empower the Asian Pacific American community through advocacy by utilizing research, education, and coalition building.

Asian Health Coalition
http://asianhealth.org
To improve the health and well-being of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Illinois through advocacy, technical assistance, education, and community-based research.

Invisible to Invincible: Asian & Pacific Islander Pride of Chicago
http://chicagoli2i.org
Celebrate and affirm Asian/Pacific Islanders who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning or Queer in the Chicago area.

Council on American-Islamic Relations
http://cairchicago.org
CAIR is the nation’s largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy group. CAIR-Chicago is the main office of the Illinois chapter serving the neighboring Midwest.

Japanese American Citizens League – Chicago Chapter
http://jaclichicago.org
To secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and prejudice.

Korean Adoptees of Chicago
http://katchicago.com
Build and support the adult Korean adoptee community in the Chicagoland area. Promote education and awareness about issues surrounding transracial international adoption and multiculturalism.

Korean American Resource & Cultural Center
http://chicagokrcc.org
Empower the Korean American community through education, social service, organizing/advocacy and culture. KRCC serves the Korean American community of greater Chicago, now estimated at 100,000.

National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum – Chicago
http://napawf.org/
Focuses on advancing women’s and girls’ rights through public education, bringing a gender and ethnic lens to issues, and creating a space for progressive APA women in the Chicagoland area.

OCA – Greater Chicago Chapter
http://ocachicago.org
Dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of all Asian Pacific Americans in the United States.

South Asian American Policy & Research Institute
http://saapri.org
Facilitate the formulation of equitable and socially responsible policy affecting South Asian Americans through the use of cutting edge research and education.

Trikone Chicago
http://trikonechicago.org
To create a supportive and non-judgemental environment, where LGBT South Asians can meet, make connections and proudly promote awareness and acceptance of their sexuality in society.
Community Resources

Arts & Culture

Asian Improv Arts Midwest
http://aimw.org/
Build a vital, self-empowered Asian American community in the Chicago area by advancing the understanding and profile of Asian and Asian American cultures through traditional and contemporary cultural arts.

A-Squared Theatre Workshop
http://a-stw.org
Create an artistic environment of risk taking and growth for Asian American theater artists by dynamically bringing Asian American stories to the stage for general theater-going audiences.

Chinese-American Museum of Chicago
http://ccamuseum.org
Maintain a museum in Chicago to promote exhibitions, education, and research relating to Chinese American culture and history in the Midwestern United States.

CIRCA Pintig
http://circapintig.com/
Develop community arts that speak of the immigrant experience within the changing multicultural landscape of America.

Foundation for Asian American Independent Media
http://faaim.org
Promote film, video, and other media by and about Asian Americans, and to support the artists who create them.

Silk Road Rising
http://silkroadrising.org
Creates live theatre and online videos telling stories through primarily Asian and Middle Eastern American lenses.

Stir-Friday Night!
http://stirfridaynight.org
Using comedy as a tool to attempt to dispel stereotypes and bridge understanding among the various social, racial and intergenerational groups within the community.

Chambers of Commerce

Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce
http://www.chicagochinatown.org
To facilitate the economic development and welfare of Chicago’s Chinese community.

West Ridge Chamber of Commerce
http://www.westridgechamber.org
To attract shoppers and increase business, improve the physical appearance of the area, and increase the safety of business owners and shoppers.

Human Services

Apna Ghar
http://apnaghar.org
Provide free, holistic services to women and children across immigrant communities in the Chicago area to end the cycle of domestic violence.

Asian Human Services
http://ahschicago.org
Provide quality, compassionate, and culturally-appropriate services to meet the needs of low-income Asian American, immigrant, and refugee communities in metropolitan Chicago.

Cambodian Association of Illinois
http://cai-nationalmuseum.org
Find the Cambodian Association of Illinois on Facebook! Enable refugees and immigrants from Cambodia in Illinois to become self-sufficient, productive participants in American society while preserving and enhancing their cultural heritage and community.
Chinese American Service League  
http://caslservice.org
Serve the needs of Chinese Americans through child education and development, employment, counseling, health, and elderly services.

Chinese Mutual Aid Association  
http://chinesemutualaid.org
To serve the needs, promote the interests, and enhance the well-being of Chinese and other immigrants and refugees in Chicagoland, and to foster their participation in American society.

Hamdard Center  
http://hamdardcenter.org/
A multilingual, multicultural social and health service agency dedicated to serving the South Asian, Middle Eastern, and the Bosnian communities in Illinois.

Hanul Family Alliance  
http://hanulusa.org
Provide a broad range of community services to meet the needs of Koreans of all ages and other members of the community.

Indo-American Center  
http://indoamerican.org
Promote the well-being of South Asian immigrants through services that facilitate adjustment, integration, connections with the broader society, and nurture a sense of community.

Japanese American Service Committee  
http://jasc-chicago.org
Preserve and raise awareness of Japanese American culture and heritage, and promote the physical and spiritual well-being of Japanese Americans and the greater multicultural community in the Midwest.

KAN-WIN  
http://kanwin.org
Provide comprehensive services to women and children affected by domestic violence and work within the broader community towards women's empowerment and social change.

Korean American Community Services  
http://kacschicago.org
To empower all members of the community by providing educational, legal, health, and social services.

Korean American Resource & Cultural Center  
http://chicagokrcc.org
Empower the Korean American community through education, social service, organizing/advocacy and culture. KRCC serves the Korean American community of greater Chicago, now estimated at 100,000.

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Muslim Women Resource Center  
http://mwrcnfp.org
Assist immigrant and refugee Muslim women overcome cultural and language barriers, and prepare them with skills to become self-sufficient and to enter the job market.
Project: VISION
http://projectvisionchicago.org/
Provide youth in the Bridgeport/Chinatown areas of Chicago with tools for educational, professional, interpersonal, and civic development.

Pui Tak Center
http://puitak.org
Established by the Chinese Christian Union Church to be a Christian witness to Chinese in Chicago through educational, family, and community services.

Vietnamese Association of Illinois
http://hnvi.org
To foster the development and strength of the Vietnamese community and provide free bilingual social services that address the unique needs of its constituency.

Events and News

Ascene Chicago
http://ascenechicago.com
Ascene aims to educate, inform, and connect the Asian American community

Professional Associations

Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Chicago Area
http://aabachicago.com
Increase awareness among elected officials on Asian American issues, document the need and urge for increased representation in all areas of the profession, and to serve the community through pro bono legal clinics.

Asian American Journalists Association – Chicago Chapter
http://aajachicago.wordpress.com/
Help prepare young journalists for a successful career in the news media and offer diversity programs, career advising, and networking with AAJA members worldwide.

Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy – Chicago Chapter
http://aapip.org
Engages AAPI communities and philanthropy to address needs; serves as a resource for and about AAPI communities; facilitates giving by and to AAPI communities; and incubates ideas for social justice philanthropy.

The Filipino American Network
http://fan-chicago.org
Creates unique opportunities that foster Filipino and Filipino American identity and culture.

Korean American Coalition - Chicago
http://kac-chicago.org
Creates unique opportunities that foster Filipino and Filipino American identity and culture.

National Association of Asian American Professionals - Chicago
http://naaapchicago.org
Engages leaders of all levels and backgrounds in professional, cultural, and community development through networking, workshops, seminars, and events.

Network of Indian American Professionals - Chicago
http://facebook.com/netipchicago
Dedicated to the achievement and advancement of South Asian professionals through programs on networking/professional development, cultural awareness, community service, and political awareness.

TAP-Chicago: Chicago Taiwanese American Professionals
http://tapchicago.org
Strengthen and unite Taiwanese American community in Chicagoland through cultural awareness, professional development, community service, and leadership opportunities.
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The Center for Cultural Understanding and Social Change decided on the theme of ‘remedy’ for this academic year in response to the recent violent affecting communities in the United States and internationally. During my research for the resource book, I found the lotus and loose leaf teas as common motifs of Asian remedies. The resource book cover design consists of a lotus flower with petals as hands to represent communities coming together and overcoming recent adversities.