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Happy Finals Week! 🌻

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Hello friends, and Happy Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month!!!

It has been quite a rollercoaster year for all of us. Yet, without a doubt, our stellar team at the Office for Diversity and Inclusion have been feeling the effects of our tumultuous year while consistently showing up to do the work. As we say 'see you later' to all 3 of our graduate student staff, we are so deeply thankful and proud of all the effort and dedication they put into their work and into our students this year.

I would like to thank Hilary McCabe for all of the work she has done with the Intersectional Feminist Resource Center. She has proven to be an excellent support and leader to the students in the IFRC and the ODI. She has earned the trust and respect of the students she advocates for and leads. We congratulate her on graduating with a Masters in Higher Education. We wish her all the best as she embarks on this new and exciting chapter of her life.

I want to thank Antonio Rocha for his work within the Multicultural Student Center. He has proven to be an exceptional leader to the four work study student workers in that space. He has shown innovation by creating a culture of care and support for students of color on campus and helping to launch the Solidarity Support Group with the Counseling Center. While we will miss Antonio, we sincerely wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Of course, we owe a HUGE thank you and so much gratitude to Liz Hogan, who interned with the Rainbow Resource Center last semester, then agreed to stay on as a staff member to ensure our LGBTQ+ support group and programming continued to

receive the attention it deserves. Anybody who knows Liz benefits from the incredible energy and enthusiasm she brings to all she does. She was a light and source of joy to us all whenever we needed a laugh or a smile. As she graduates and moves on to her next adventure, we are absolutely certain that she will have a massive impact on the students she will work with, and we can't wait to see it!

We would also like to thank our work-study students! Your presence has cheered us, your creativity has humbled us and your commitment to your peers has inspired us.

Friends, rest well this summer. Be safe and take care of yourselves and your community. We look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Sincerely,

Anila Karunakar and Rob Jackson
Office for Diversity and Inclusion



**ODI Events
Grand
Prize!**

**Attend any event put on
by The Office for
Diversity and Inclusion
and get entered to win a
brand new smart TV!**

**The more events you
attend the more times
you are entered to win!**

The Office for Diversity
and Inclusion includes:
The Multicultural Student
Center, The Intersectional
Feminist Resource Center,
and The Rainbow Resource
Center!

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The Intersectional Feminist Resource Center
presents...

STUDY SLIME!

Stop by the IFRC during
finals week to make some
custom study slime and get
a self care bag!

GOING ON ALL FINALS WEEK
5/3: 9AM-12PM
5/4: 8AM-12PM
5/5: 8AM-2PM
5/6: 9AM-1:30PM
5/7: 9AM-2PM
OR UNTIL SUPPLIES RUN OUT
ROOM 227 MEMORIAL UNION!

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MSC GIVES YOU

FINALS WEEK GOODIES

Come to the Multicultural Student Center, **Third Floor of the Union**, to receive some small affirmation goodie bags to encourage the rest or even the end of your finals week.

We have goodie bags full of twizzlers, sourpatch kids, gummy bears and hershey's kisses and more!

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May 5

[Homegrown: Samoan Studies Institute Students' Association for Faasamoa](#)

The Students' Association for Faasamoa has been active in performing the Siva Samoa (traditional Samoan dance), and in teaching and practicing ancient Samoan customs. The dancers, under the direction of Molitogi Lemana, will be performing a 30-minute program of traditional dances.

This presentation will premiere on both [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). The presentation will be available for viewing afterwards at those sites and in the Library's [Event Videos](#) collection.

[CULINASIA: The Future of Asian Food in America: Saving Chinatown and Our Legacies](#)

Join a panel of chefs, advocates, and activists who discuss the future of Chinatowns across the country. CULINASIA is a dynamic, free series of virtual conversations that explore food legacies and the ways in which Asian Diaspora cuisine continues to change and enrich our lives. Panel members' experiences span the complex spectrum of Asian Diaspora identities in the U.S. as they discuss the successes, challenges, and future of Asian food in America.

[Program on Zoom, Registration required](#)

May 6

[Jim Lee and Asian American Superheroes](#)

This event celebrates the life work of DC Chief Creative Officer and Publisher Jim Lee. He will appear in conversation with illustrator Bernard Chang ("Generations Forged") and writers Sarah Kuhn ("Shadow of the Batgirl") and Minh Lê ("Green Lantern: Legacy"). Moderated by former National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Gene Luen Yang ("Superman Smashes the Klan"). This presentation will premiere on both [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

May 19**[CULINASIA: The Future of Asian Food in America:
Southeast Asia Got Something to Say](#)**

Hear from celebrity chefs and restaurateurs Jet Tila, Food Network star and chef partner in Pei Wei Restaurant Group, and Christina Hà, the first blind contestant of "MasterChef" and winner of its third season in 2012, and owner of The Blind Goat and Xin Chảo in Houston. Then, follow along as Genevieve Villamora, co-owner of the award-winning restaurant Bad Saint and Vilailuck "Pepper" Teigen, author of the forthcoming The Pepper Thai Cookbook: Family Recipes from Everyone's Favorite Thai Mom, demonstrate a recipe from the new cookbook.

[Program on Zoom, Registration required](#)

May 20**[Youth in Action: Ecological Knowledge in Pacific Coastal Communities](#)**

How can traditional knowledge inform responses to current environmental challenges? Join us in conversation with young Indigenous activists from across the Pacific who are using traditional ecological practices to combat threats to the ocean resources their communities have protected and thrived on for thousands of years. Moderated by Gabbi Lee (Kanaka 'Ōiwi). Panelists include Franceska De Oro (Chamoru/Taotao Tāno Ginen Guåhan), Kammie Tavares (Kanaka 'Ōiwi) and 'Qátuwás (Gahtuwos) Brown (Hałtzaqv [Heiltsuk] and Nuučaañuł [Nuu-chah-nulth]).



Wednesday, April 28th was Maine Day, and the ODI team got into the spirit by working together to clean up the grassy spaces in front of Hannibal Hamlin Hall! We raked, bagged leaves, and picked up litter in the area a part of a campus-wide effort

to clean up our campus after a long cold winter. Make sure to check out our handywork if you find yourself in that corner of campus!



Our neighbors and elected leaders on Orono town council are seeking input on the best ways to implement policy and structural change to allow for the town to address inequity within town policy and procedure. Our neighbors in Bangor have recently assembled an advisory committee, and town leadership here in Orono would like input on what kind of group or committee might be most helpful in providing feedback and insight from a diversity, equity, and inclusion perspective here in Orono.

If you would like to be part of this conversation (all members of the Orono/University community are welcome, including students, staff, and faculty), please reach out to council member Meg Gardner (mgardner@orono.org) or Staff Associate for Diversity and Inclusion Rob Jackson (robert.jackson@maine.edu) to be included. We welcome all voices with suggestions and input, but want to be particularly mindful to engage with marginalized folks specifically, including BIPOC, immigrants/new Mainers, LGBTQ+ folks, and our neighbors with disabilities.

By taking part in these conversations, you are not bound to any kind of ongoing commitment to this work, and you are free to engage as much or as little as your energy, interest, and comfort will allow. Please feel free to share this call for input with other members of the broader Orono community who may be interested as well!

**#STOP
ASIAN
HATE**



ASA is starting a raffle- this could be your chance to win some awesome prizes. We are raffling 3 different baskets, so please indicate which basket you would like to have your tickets go towards. The first basket is full of Asian snacks, the second basket is a \$50 gift card from Thai Orchid, and the last basket is a pool of gift cards from different restaurants like Yoshi, Oriental Jade, etc. (This basket has multiple winners). \$3 for 1 ticket and \$5 for 3 tickets (Can venmo @Asian-Association or cash in-person, if you need to use cash, please contact one of the [ASA officers](#)).

The Asian Student Association is seeking new members! Our current meeting time is **every other week Fridays at 6pm-7pm** and we meet via Zoom. Check out some of the fun things we've been doing and reach out to our leaders Kelly and Anna at qianyi.xiao@maine.edu, or anna.bishop@maine.edu for more information or if you'd like the Zoom link for our meetings!

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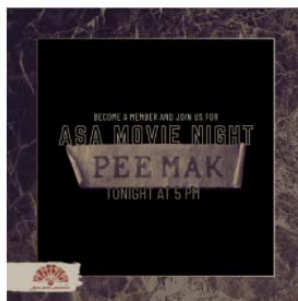
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Website: <https://umaine.edu/shac/asian-student-association/>

Instagram: @asa_umaine

This year we have...

- Hosted Asian Movie Nights
- Played online games together (Among Us, scribbly, kahoot, Scattergories)
- Provided our members with Asian snacks delivered based on COVID guidelines
- Regularly scheduled zoom general member meetings



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