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HOLDING BOTH: Heaviness & Joy

This month we honor the fullness of our histories—struggle, resistance, culture, and joy.



HEAVINESS / GRIEF



THE HEARTWORK

Writing the grants.
Getting projects
off the ground.



WHAT WAS LOST

Staff support.
Fiscal support.
Additional resources.



WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN

Strengthening
our community.

**BOMBA CARRIED
ANGER, GRIEF,
CELEBRATION AND
RESISTANCE UNDER
SLAVERY.**



ANCESTRAL INTELLIGENCE

**HULA IS LIFE:
BEYOND THE DANCE.
AN ANCIENT,
SACRED RESISTANCE.**



**SALSA PUT MIGRATION,
INEQUALITY AND
BARRIO LIFE OVER
RHYTHMS THAT FILLED
DANCE FLOORS.**



JOY



WHAT WE HAVE DONE

Impact worth celebrating.
Milestones that matter.



WHAT WE HAVE

People.
Programs.
Relationships.
Momentum.



WHAT WE CAN STILL DO

Carry the work forward.
Continue making a difference
together.

HAPPY LATINE HERITAGE MONTH & HAWAIIAN HISTORY MONTH

DIFFERENT ROOTS. DISTINCT MOVEMENTS. RESILIENT TOGETHER.

Our ancestors didn't stop dancing. Neither should we.

TESTIMONIALS

The People Behind the Impact

Standing on their shoulders...



and becoming shoulders for others



“The faculty commitment to equity in the STEM Center gave me hope that I’d not only transfer but thrive. I’m proof that investing in students of color works.”
– STEM Scholarship Recipient

“Student support programs showed me that Mesa was going to offer me more than just a degree. I found my mentors here.”
– Biology Major

“There wasn’t much when I got here but it’s beautiful to see what’s happening with what you and the AANAPISI Team are doing in these past few years.”
– Professor Jaye Van Kirk

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A FEW HIGHLIGHTS



AANAPISI



Became San Diego County's **first federal AANAPISI** grantee.



Increased enrollment among AANAPISI target students by approximately **21%**.



Established and expanded **AAPI Ethnic Studies**, counseling, KUP Unity Village, AAPI Men of Color support, mentorship, and **Communities of Practice**.



Exceeded **career based learning** and **professional development** goals.



Strengthened disaggregated AANHPI data, **culturally responsive practices**, **student belonging**, and **community partnerships**.



HSI STEM



Increased Hispanic and low income STEM enrollment by **44%**, exceeding the five year goal.



Engaged more than **2,000 students** through the STEM Center and expanded peer mentoring and academic support.



Reduced **financial barriers** through free online homework resources.



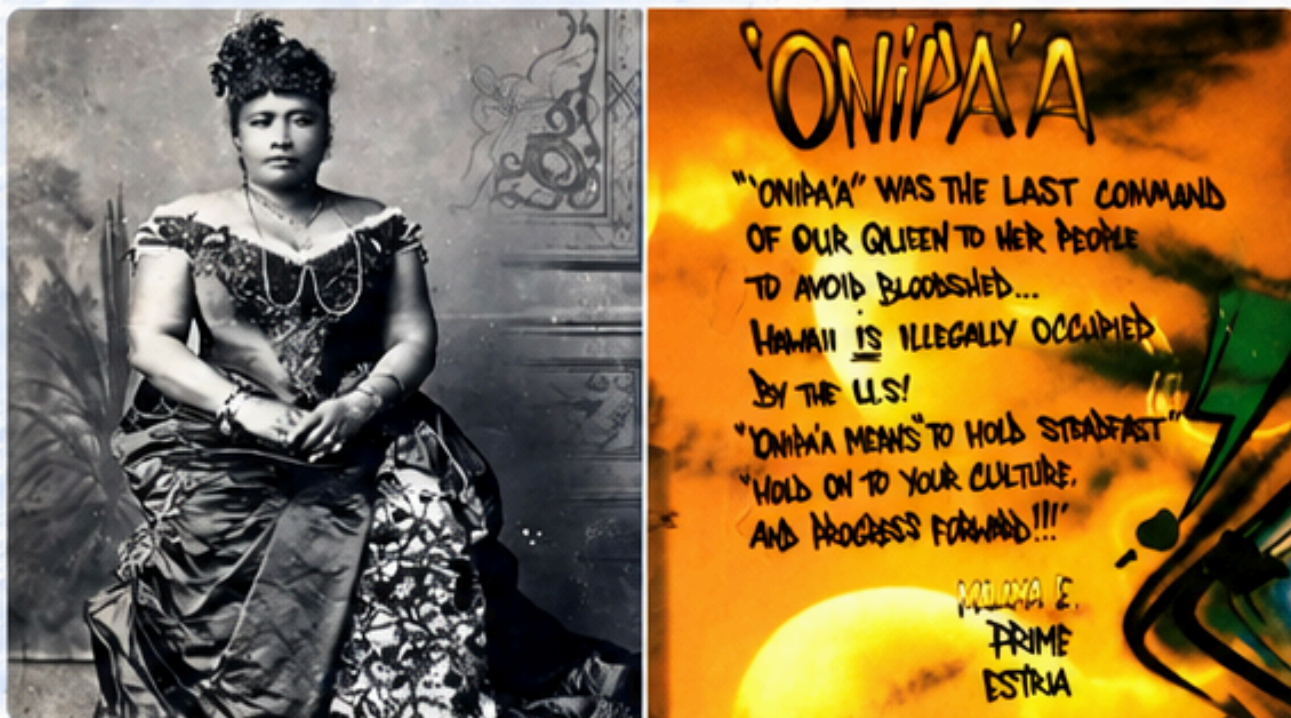
Integrated STEM orientation into CRUISE and strengthened **degree and transfer pathways**.



Expanded **culturally responsive STEM teaching** and **faculty development**.

A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE

History doesn't move in a straight line.



Queen Lili'uokalani

'Onipa'a — to hold steadfast. A reminder that even in challenging times, we can ground ourselves in our values, our people, and our shared commitment to a better tomorrow.

“

The news projects that our time is uniquely discouraging and tough.

But if you study a little bit of history, I do think it gives you perspective. Things go up and down. History doesn't move in a straight line. The thing you control is how you react to it—the values you've got.

There are always good people out there. There is always common ground to be found.

And it is up to you: How much responsibility do you have to bring that to the table?

How do you show up? Being helpful, setting a good example, and lifting folks up within whatever circle of influence you have.

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FROM DESIGNATION TO SERVINGNESS

What does it mean to serve?



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When we talk about being a ‘servingness institution,’ it shouldn’t fall solely on the AANAPISI or HSI team.

**TO TRULY BE A SERVING
INSTITUTION,
WE EACH HAVE A ROLE IN
WHAT IT MEANS TO SERVE.”**

— *Dr. Toni Parsons*

———— **It starts** with each of us. ————



Our individual contributions...



Become collective effort.



Together, we build something greater.



A community of service.



A culture of servingness.



More than a grant or designation.

**Asian
American and
Native American
Pacific Islander
Serving
Institution**

We are a **serving institution.**

Asian
American and
Native American
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— And the **work** continues. —

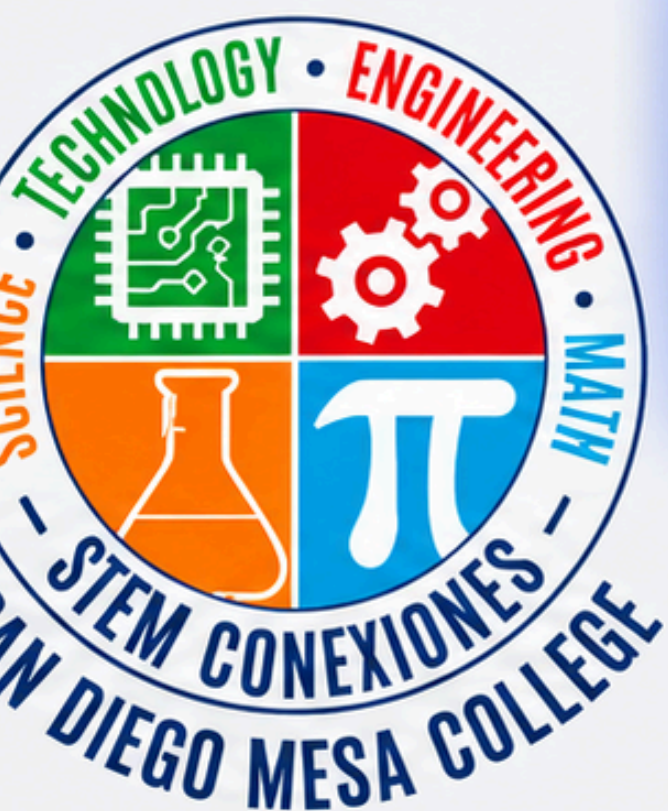
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Across **programs**, people, and communities.



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Different contributions. Shared purpose.



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AANAPISI TAKEAWAYS



AAPI Courses



Kapwa Learning Community



AAPI Student Organizations



AAPI Canvas Shell



Join APIAC

WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER



Take care of yourselves and don't stop dancing!



Visit our Websites



Partake in:
AAPI/Latine
Campus & Community
Events



HSI TAKEAWAYS



Peer Mentorship Program



STEM Lab



Utilize Open Education Resources



Latine Student Organizations



Join ALMA



Chicana/o Studies Program

AANAPISI and HSI aren't where the funding lives.
They're where our people stand.



Thank you!

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