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Mission Statement

AASIA is designed to assist Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) students who are new to University Park with their adjustment. In AASIA, first-year, transfer, or change-of-assignment students are provided with upper-class mentors who are high-achieving and actively engaged. AASIA strives to cultivate meaningful mentoring relationships that foster the holistic development of our participants.

Core Values

- We believe in serving the needs of the APIA population that are overlooked by many traditional institutional programs and services as a result of being labeled the “model minority.”

- We embrace the cultural diversity within the APIA community. In recruiting students and developing programs, we strive to include all subgroups who identify as APIA.

- We believe the social, intellectual, and emotional development of APIA students is of equal importance to the pursuit of academic excellence. The individual attention provided by the mentors is critical in meeting these developmental needs.

- We believe in the importance of promoting a culture of mentoring in the entire APIA community. The benefits that APIA students reap from positive mentoring relationships at Penn State will motivate them to seek mentoring relationships with others as they move beyond the University.

Benefits of Joining AASIA

- Development of leadership skills through professional development events and relationship management

- Development of networking and mentoring skills

- Improved knowledge and awareness of multicultural issues

- Establishment of a sense of community

- Establishment of relationships among students, faculty, staff, alumni, administrators, and the University community

Primary Mentoring Duties

- Reach out to mentees on a weekly basis through in-person contact, e-mail, or phone

- Meet with coordinators on a monthly basis

- Attend program events with mentees

“As a freshman mentee, I enjoyed getting to know my mentor and maintained a positive relationship with her even after she graduated. I, in turn, built strong relationships with my two mentees during both my sophomore and junior years, helping them in whatever way possible.”

-Janice Yap, senior majoring in Marketing

“Last year when I became a mentor for the AASIA organization, I assumed I would be helping others to grow as individuals. What I didn't realize was that I myself would also grow vastly as a person. I quickly realized that I had just as much to learn from my mentees as they did from me.”

-Scott Pandya, junior majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology