



ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH



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AAPI Heritage Month

- The celebration of AAPI heritage happens throughout the month of May
- May was chosen to commemorate the mass immigration of Japanese to the US on May 7, 1843
- Alongside with the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, where a majority of workers were Chinese immigrants



Tammy Duckworth

- Tammy is an Iraq War Veteran.
- She is a former Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.
- She is a U.S. Senator of Illinois, who advocates for rebuilding collapsing buildings, protecting individuals from lead poisoning, and much more.



Yuri Kochiyama

- Kochiyama was a political activist, who participated in ethnic studies and human rights movements.
- She wanted more support for schools in Harlem.
- In the 1960s, she became friends with Malcom X and joined his group called Organization for Afro-American Unity.



"I didn't wake up and decide to become an activist. But you couldn't help notice the inequities, the injustices. It was all around you."

Larry Itliong

- In the 1930s, he co-founded Alaska Canneries Workers Union
- In the 1960s, he led a strike in Coachella, California.
- This helped farm workers in California to protest against awful working conditions and low wages.
- In 1965, many filipino farm workers went on strike in Delano, California with Itliong in charge.
- This strike, known as the Delano Grape Strike, lasted for a total of five years.



Esther Lim

- She is an operations director of a surfwear company.
- With her own money, she decided to create pamphlets in Chinese and English to help individuals report hate crimes.
- She spent thousands of dollars to create a website to help people with reporting hate crimes.
- She was donated thousands of dollars, and she used the money to add more languages to the website.



Tammy Tran Nguyen

- She founded KNOWautism to help individuals pay for the costs of diagnostic tests.
- She created the foundation due to her son being diagnosed with autism.
- Tammy helped multiple families after Hurricane Harvey caused flooding and major impact to Texas and Louisiana.



KNOWAutism 
A Foundation for Children with Autism

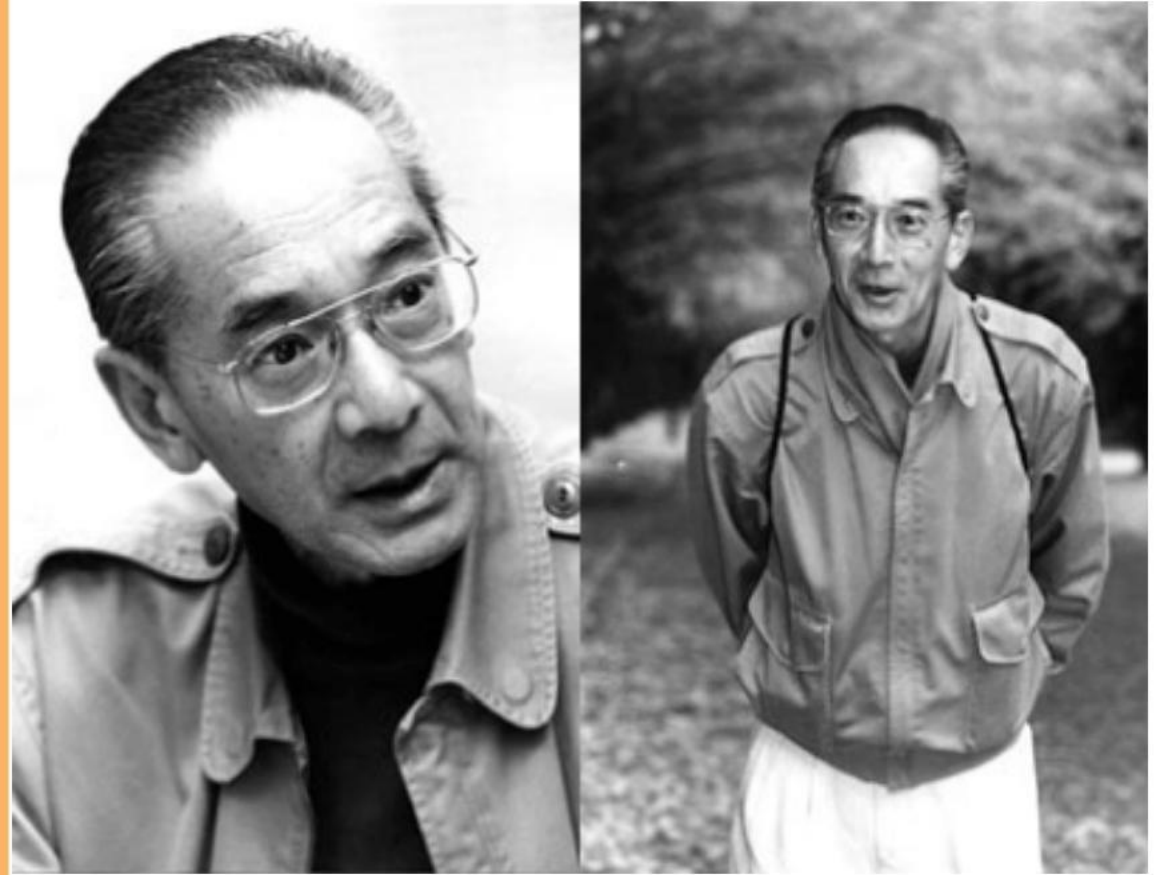
PHILIP VERA CRUZ

- Cruz supported labor rights for agricultural workers.
- When he moved to America, he experienced the harsh working conditions.
- He worked in California picking grapes.
- He did not have many benefits, such as healthcare and employee rights.
- This caused him to join Agricultural Worker Organizing Committee (AWOC). He became a leader advocating for farmers' rights.



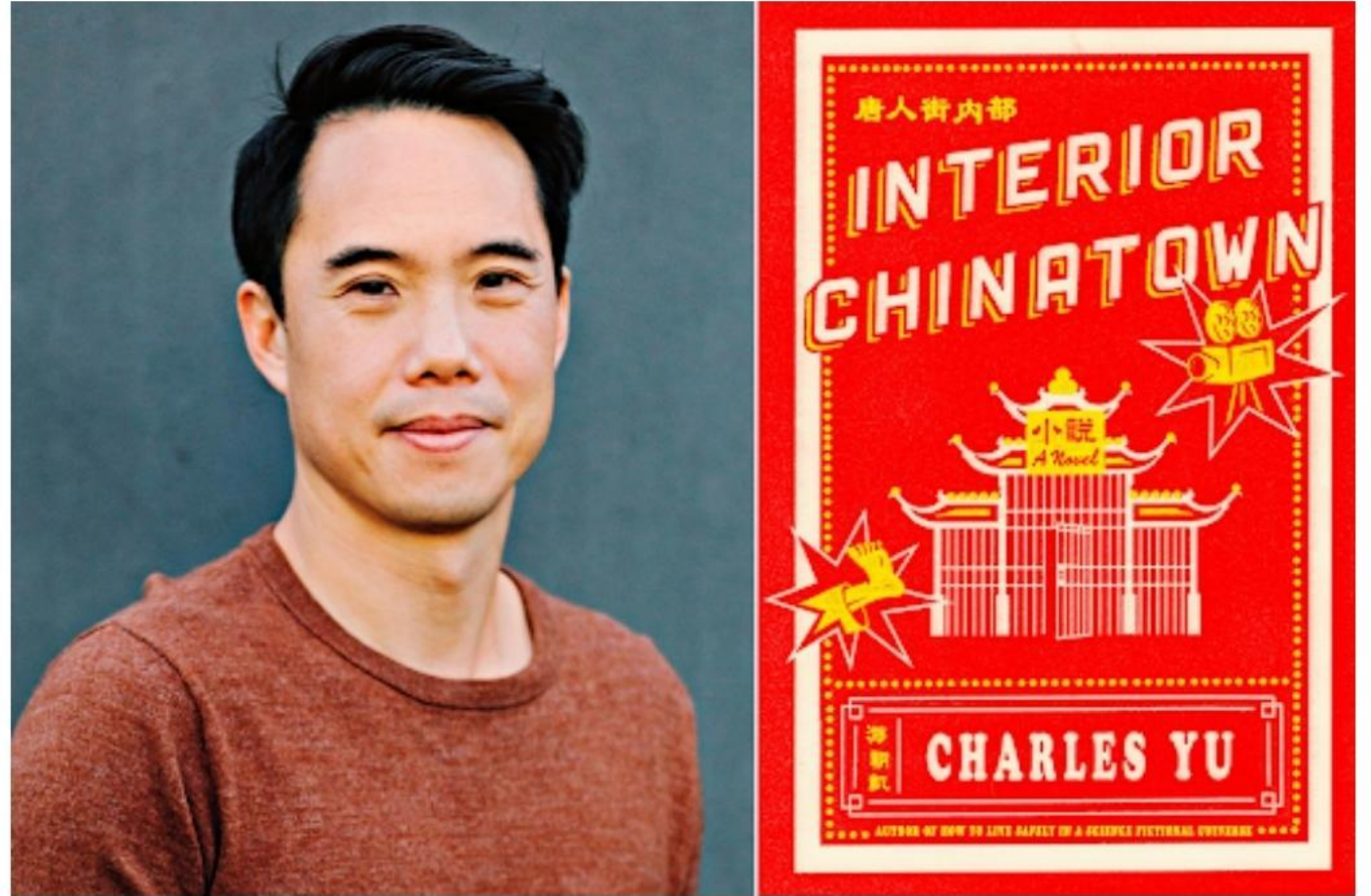
YUJI ICHIOKA

- Ichioka established the UCLA Asian American Studies Center.
- He and his wife created Asian American Political Alliance, which united Korean, Japanese, and Filipino Americans to combat social and political action.



Charles Yu

- Charles Yu is a writer and author.
- He is known for his fictional novel called Interior Chinatown.
- He was recognized as a “2020 National Book Award Winner.”
- His novel is about an Asian-American actor.
- He is also known for his work on the show “Westworld” on HBO.



GRACE LEE BOGGS

- Boggs was an activist, feminist, and author.
- She moved to the Midwest, and got a job in the University of Chicago's philosophy department. Boggs was only paid \$10 per week, and she was forced to move into free housing.
- A couple years later, she moved to Detroit and met an activist named James Boggs.
- Together, they confronted issues dealing with feminism, labor and civil rights, and Black Power.
- James and Grace Boggs wrote *Revolution And Evolution In The Twentieth Century*.



“As I've grown older, I've realized that philosophy has to do with how we value ourselves as human beings, and how we look at ourselves, and how we relate to reality.”

Maya Lin

- Lin is a sculptor and architect, who is known for the design of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
- In the 1980s, she earned a bachelor's degree in architecture and sculpture at Yale University.
- In her senior year of college, she decided to enter competition through the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.
- She won the competition with her v-shaped wall design.



Dolores Huerta

- She was known for her kindness with the community.
- She owned a hotel where she offered hotel rooms for low wage workers.
- She would sometimes waive the fee.
- She established the Agricultural Workers Association.



- She was a major part in the Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975.
- This act helped workers bargain to get better pay.

Chloe Kim

- She is a two-time Olympian with two gold medals.
- One gold medal at the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 and one at Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.
- She speaks Korean and French.
- She has six Winter X titles, all in SuperPipe



"Just give everything a shot. You don't want to live in regret."

Naomi Osaka

- Naomi Osaka is known for being ranked number #1, according to the Women's Tennis Association.
- Four Time Grand Slam Champion
- First Japanese player to with a Grand Slam Title
- First Asian tennis player to be ranked #1



"You just gotta keep going and fighting for everything, and one day you'll get to where you want."

CHRIS NAOKI LEE

- Along with an acting career, he writes, produces, and directs, and has been working in the industry for 25 years.
- He is working on a live film about a young Asian American in modern society.
- He is also creating an animation about the legends of his family's history.
- His movies include Dinner Party (2021), Asakusa (2021), Perfect Game (2000), and The Summit of the Gods (2021).



Madeline Park

- Park created a fundraiser called Cafe Mady Cab to help pay for cab rides.
- She wanted to help Asian members of LGBTQ and Asian women.
- The fundraiser has collected over 100,000 dollars.
- Her famous video is making lactose-free cheese at home



- Known as CafeMaddy on Tiktok, she has 500,000 followers and 13 million likes on the platform

Samantha Tan

- Samantha Tan is known for her ascendant racing career in motorsports.
- She made history by becoming the first Asian female winner in the Dubai 24H race.
- She decided to chase her dreams of doing motorsports at the age of 16.



Ruby Ibarra

- While at UC Davis, she majored in biochemistry.
- In 2021, she was working on developing a vaccine.
- On top of being a scientist, she is also a rapper.
- She can rap in three different languages.
- In her music, she mentions her racial experiences while being in the U.S.



Simon Kim

- Simon Kim, who is the owner of COTE, decided to help people in his community during the pandemic.
- COTE is a Korean Steakhouse in New York.
- He collected money for Asian American charities.
- Last summer, his restaurant raised money for Black-owned businesses.





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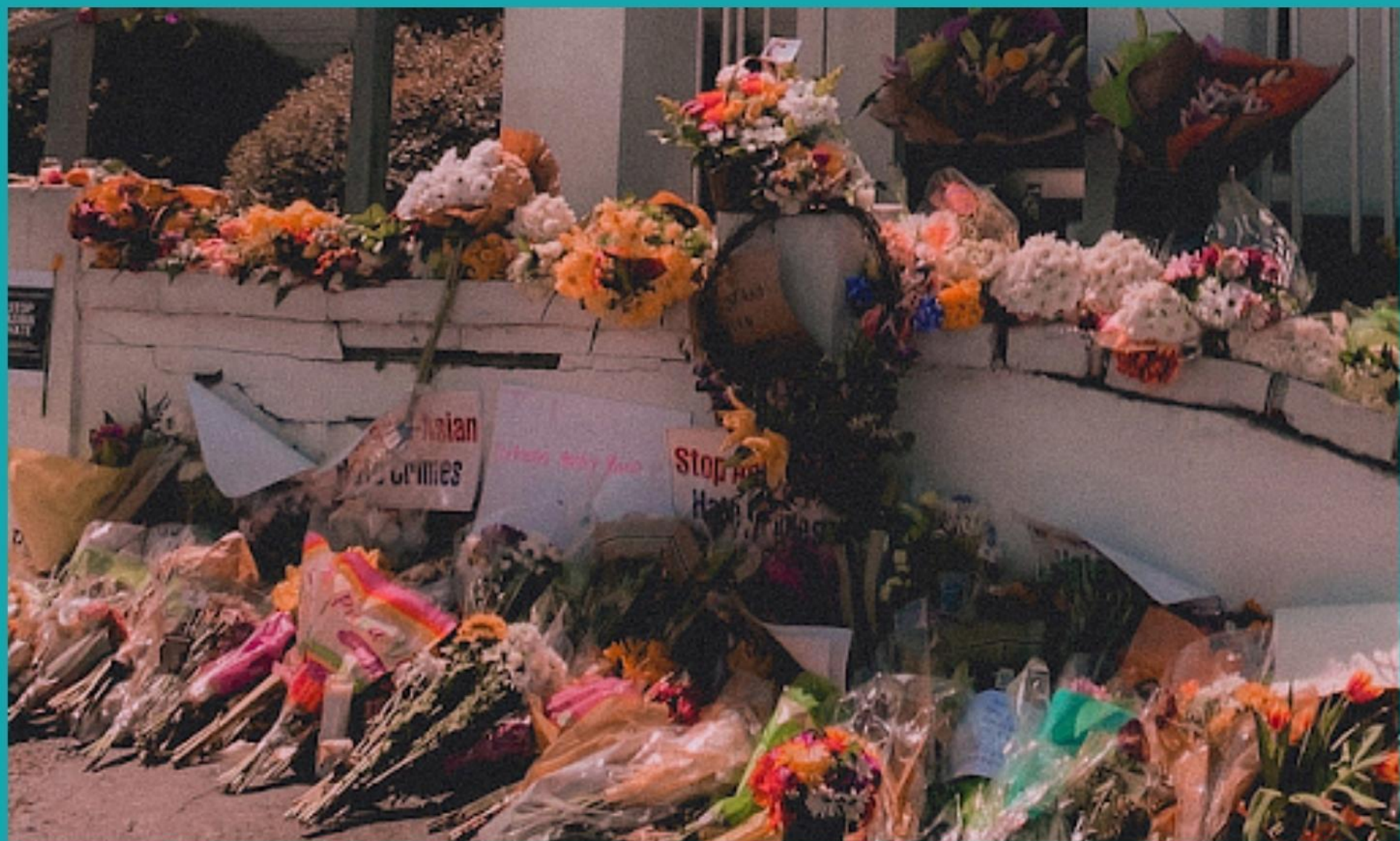
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Washington**



***National Park celebrated AAPI Heritage Month**

**STOP
AAPI
HATE**





Asian and Pacific Islander Population in the United States

