

AACD: Bridging the Gap

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With the growing Asian American population on the UNC Chapel Hill campus, it is time for UNC to take the initiative to foster Asian American dialogue within the campus community and beyond. Back in 1994 two individuals founded the Asian American Resource Center with a vision for unifying all Asian Americans on campus. This vision was rekindled in 1998 with the establishment of the Asian and Asian American Center for Development (AACD). AACD has since focused on implementing academic and resource-focused programs at UNC. AACD is inclusive of all

regions of Asia, including South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia, and the Pacific Islands.

Our main mission is to bridge the gap between the predominantly Asian cultural organizations at UNC by providing an educational and intellectual center of Asian and Asian American issues. We strive to work closely with these organizations to promote unity, awareness, and activism on Asian and Asian American issues amongst students of Asian descent and with people of all races.

AACD serves to provide a venue for Asians and non-Asians to educate themselves about social, economic, and political issues concerning Asian and Asian-American history, identity, and heritage. AACD serves to promote unity, awareness, and activism amongst students of Asian descent and people of all races.