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Who Are and What Are Higher Educational Issues Facing Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in the U.S.?

Panel: Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders: Building Community in US Higher Education

In the 10 years between 2000 and 2010 U.S. censuses, the Asian American (AA) population grew faster than any other major race group. They now represent 5% or 15 million people. More than 48 different groups are included in the term Asian American and Pacific Islanders (PI). By the year 2050, the AAPI population in the U.S. is expected to more than double. Recent reports indicate that more Southeast Asian, refugee, immigrant, and low-income AAPI students are underserved and experiencing difficulties attaining academic success in colleges and universities than in the past. As a consequence, these groups and specific subgroups are largely invisible on campuses and excluded from research, conversations, and policies related to diversity and equity in U.S. higher education