

# API CAUCUS

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## FOLLOW-UP TO ASCCC WEBINAR 'RECOGNIZING THE FULL HUMANITY OF OUR ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER STUDENT COMMUNITIES IN THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES'

The follow-up to the first webinar in February was fantastic! We had great conversations around data and the need to disaggregate it for our API communities, something the API Caucus addressed in a Sp22 resolution.

We also had a great opportunity to discuss the lack of representation for our Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) communities. There are few NHPI faculty and employees in the CCC system, resulting in many of them becoming "the one." This often means they are put on the spot to speak for their entire community, despite having few or no NHPI colleagues at their institution. We would like to encourage ASCCC to look for ways to increase representation for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander voices and stories, and to ask that local senates do the same. We need to find ways to empower these voices as advocates without making them tokens.

I saw many familiar faces in the virtual audience. Thank you to all who attended. We appreciate the opportunity to discuss issues related to the API communities and ways to better support each other.

### BEST OF LUCK!

We want to wish Ginni May the very best of luck! Thank you for your willingness to listen to our concerns and work towards solutions. We appreciate all you've done to give voice to our caucus.

THANK YOU!

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*THANK YOU SO MUCH!*

### CONTINUING WORK

We are continuing discussions around affirmative action and its impact on our communities. How do we grow the caucus and support more API faculty across the state?