

LEGACIES in Action: COURAGE & RESILIENCE

APAHE 2026

Post Conference Report Highlights

April 12-14, 2026

Anaheim, CA



CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) is dedicated to enhancing the educational opportunities for Asian and Pacific American students; promoting and supporting the hiring, retention, and advancement of qualified Asian and Pacific American faculty, staff, and administrators; and creating a better understanding of issues in the public affecting Asian and Pacific Americans in higher education.

Guided by our theme "Legacies in Action: Courage & Resilience," 1,300 of our community gathered April 12-14, 2026, for APAHE 2026. The inaugural location of Anaheim, California proved popular as registration needed to be capped as ballroom capacity of the hotel was exceeded. In the current tumultuous time of budget cuts, program elimination, personnel reductions, and attacks on race/ethnic/community programs, our AANHPI family coming together to reflect, rejuvenate, educate, learn, strategize, and implement was the manifestation of our theme.

OVERALL

Nearly
1300
registrants



Largest number of **exhibitors and sponsors** in APAHE history

51%
First Time Attendees

20
pre-con sessions

for the first time with over
500
registrants



Re-instated Silent Auction to **support student scholarships**

ATTENDEES



38% Mid-Level



27% Undergraduate & Graduate Students



19% SSAOs



12% New Professionals

INSTITUTIONS



58%
2-Year/
Community
Colleges

38%
Public
4-Year

EVALUATION RESPONSES

94% Strongly Agree/Agree

The conference was well-organized.

94%

Communication regarding the conference was informative and helpful.

90%

Overall, the conference met my expectations.

QUALITATIVE FEEDBACK

“This is my first time attending APAHE, and it heals my soul to be with like-minded professionals.”

“I really enjoyed attending this event and wanted to thank you for all the work behind the scenes to make it such a success. Everything felt seamless, from the sessions to the logistics.”

“Amazing.”

“Best conference ever!”

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DEEP APPRECIATION FOR OUR SPONSORS

- Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics
- Foundation for California Community Colleges
- The California State University, Chancellor’s Office and The California State University Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Student Achievement Program
- Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo: A Professional Law Corporation
- Coast Community Colleges District
- California State University of Fullerton
- Los Angeles Community College District
- Long Beach City College
- Mt. San Antonio College Human Resources
- North Orange County Community College District
- Sodexo Campus
- University of California, Irvine - The Division of Student Affairs & University of California, Irvine - The Office of Inclusive Excellence
- California State University of Los Angeles
- Chabot Las Positas Community College District
- Common App
- Piper Sandler
- Contra Costa Community College District
- Irvine Valley College
- Mira Costa College
- Ohlone College
- University of California, Berkeley
- San Jose Evergreen Community College District

