

NAPA MMAC Chapter Celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month



Audience member receives a high five during the colorful Lion Dance.

The Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebration thrilled attendees on May 29. The event capped off the month of May, which is designated as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month to celebrate the traditions and contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans. National Asian and Pacific American Association (NAPA) Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center (MMAC) Chapter hosted the event. Due to inclement weather, the activities took place entirely indoors this year. However, this did not hinder the event. In addition to the cuisine typically offered at the Blue Sky Café, Asian food was also served in honor of the observance. Captivating performances took place on the stage, filling the MMAC Auditorium with vivid color and non-stop action.

After the performances, the activities moved to Headquarters room 148A/148B where there were artifacts on display along with cultural appetizers and desserts. Despite the rainy weather, the event was well attended. Attendees were treated to a thrilling martial arts demonstration. Performers leapt on and off the stage in a high-energy lion dance and paraded the vibrant lion costumes up and down the aisles to a pounding beat of drums. There were Indian, Chinese, and Vietnamese cultural dances ranging from elegant to whimsical, in addition to a stirring, rhythmic Indian drumming performance.

Viewers were able to learn about many different countries and appreciate the cultural and historical significance of artifacts which were on display. The large selection of appetizers and desserts allowed attendees to enjoy flavors from around the world.

The May celebration is an opportunity for all people to celebrate Asian/Pacific heritage. Thank you to NAPA MMAC Chapter for hosting another successful occasion. In addition, thank you to all the performers and all those who brought artifacts and food for sharing Asian/Pacific culture with all people in the community.



Martial Arts students performed thrilling kicks during the event.



Indian dancers perform traditional moves.



Many artifacts were on display in HQ room 148A/B.



Brightly colored dancers captivated the audience.

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