Lasting Impact: Supporting Brandeis Asian American Task Force

"Not Your Model Minority," 'DEIS Impact event, Mon 1/30/17

Brandeis Asian American Task Force is an advocacy group that allows Asian American students at Brandeis to advocate for their own concerns and needs.

It was founded in fall 2015, beginning with a campus protest that established our ongoing work toward an Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies minor.

We are an open student group; any student who would like to learn more and join our work to alleviate AAPI issues is welcome to join!

To support us:
- **Reject the idea that Asian Americans are hard-working and quiet, and this is the way to the American Dream. This Model Minority Myth is rooted in racism, shaming Black/Latinx folks, dividing POC, and depriving AAPIs of attention to needs.**
- **Like our Facebook page!** You’ll get notifications of our upcoming events, meetings, projects, and calls for support.
- **Tell other people about BAATF and what we do.** Spreading awareness is key.
- **Come to one of our meetings** to see what we’re about and learn more! For meeting times, request access to our private FB group or join our email list.
  - Email Danni Tang at daniellatang@gmail.com for either of those things.
- **Take action to learn more about Asian American history and issues.** Asian American history is absolutely fascinating:
  - AAPIs have been in America since the 1800s, were enslaved alongside & to replace Black slaves, suffered extreme segregation, economic warfare, immigration bans, and violence, were brought to America to be paraded at “ethnic fairs,” organized through it all to fight back, participated in the Civil Rights movement, were friends of Malcolm X, ran with the Panthers, and so on.
  - **Challenge the Model Minority Myth and stereotypes in your daily life**
    - Generalizations: “Asians are so hardworking and polite / Asians are ____”
    - “Go back to Asia!”: statements that imply that Asians are never true Americans
    - Instances of discrimination, harassment, teasing, jokes, etc.

To learn more about AAPI issues:
- Follow and read Asian American activist groups like Reappropriate on social media
- "The Asian Advantage is a Myth, Plain and Simple": how does data show that Asians are not truly successful and well off?  [http://bit.ly/2kJ0KGO](http://bit.ly/2kJ0KGO)