



**White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI)
Educate, Engage, Empower (E3!)**

Education



Secretary of Education Arne Duncan speaking with students on July 30, 2013. (Photo courtesy of the Department of Education)

E3! is a youth engagement program that discovers, develops, and defines a new generation of young leaders committed to advocating for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs). The [E3! Ambassadors Program](#) affords young leaders the opportunity to brainstorm and implement their own unique ideas to help improve the overall quality of life for AAPIs across the country.

The mission of E3! is to **Educate, Engage, and Empower** young leaders to increase awareness around critical issues facing the AAPI community and to highlight key federal programs and resources in which AAPIs may be underserved.

The inaugural class of 31 E3! Ambassadors came from 29 different cities and hosted more than 55 events during the 2014-2015 year. Whether it was setting up a table to share resources at a campus fair, facilitating a workshop during a conference, or even utilizing social media, E3! Ambassadors and other young leaders conducted outreach within their campuses and communities.

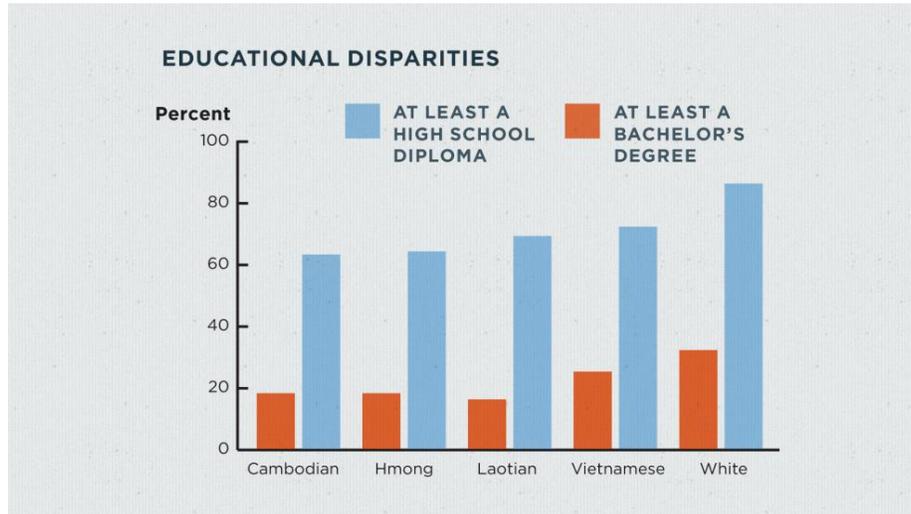
The E3! Ambassadors are focused on raising awareness around **four** major issues.



To help you get started, we have created a toolkit that caters to each specific area! These toolkits are to help you get started – do not feel limited to the ideas and resources we have compiled for you! Let this be a starting point for you and let your creativity take off from here. This toolkit is focused on **Education**.

EDUCATION: The Issue

While many continue to view AAPIs as “model minorities” who have achieved educational and economic success, in reality, AAPI communities are much more disparate and complex in terms of educational attainment. Only [14.4%](#)¹ of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders 25 years of age and older have a bachelor’s degree or higher.



Educational Disparities Among Southeast Asian Ethnic Groups

AAPI students often face many challenges, especially recent immigrants who must learn English as a second language. Many AAPIs are first-generation college students and have trouble navigating their way through the college experience. Some also struggle with the high costs of tuition, lack of information about scholarships and financial aid, and lack of career guidance on their campuses. In addition, AAPIs – especially Muslim, Sikh, or LGBT youth – are often the subject of bullying within the classroom. According to the [U.S. Department of Education's Student Bullying Report](#)², 9.2% of AAPI students ages 12 through 18 reported being bullied in the classroom.

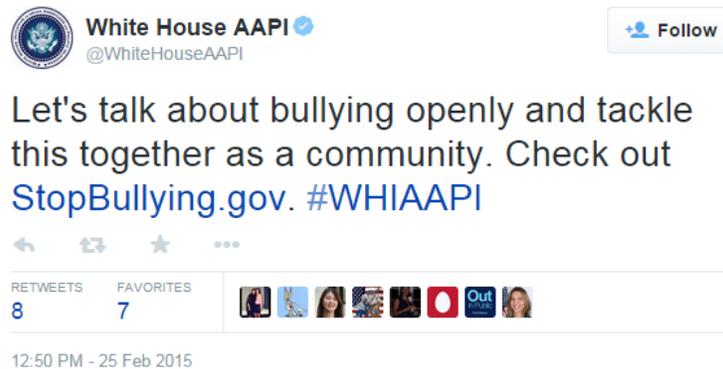
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² <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2015/2015056.pdf>

Outreach Ideas

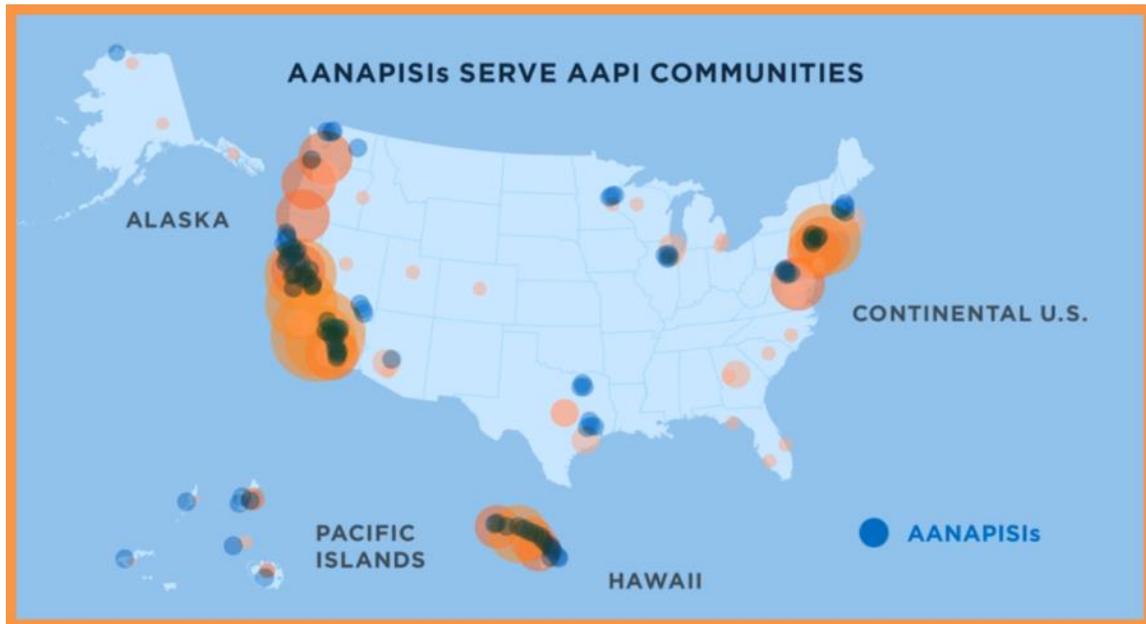
Use the ideas below to get an idea of the activities you can host during these months.

- Reach out to student organizations and ask them to join you in raising awareness on **Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), student loans, and bullying** within the AAPI community.
- Lead events and workshops on preventing bullying or managing student loans.
- Host lectures about data disaggregation with students at your school and why it is a major issue.
- If your school has AANAPISI eligibility, ask your school administrators to apply for the designation during Fall/ Winter 2015!
- Host presentations at local high schools about these topics.
- Include resources and information about each of these topics on student organization websites.
- Use social media! Check out [@WhiteHouseAAPI](#) on Twitter and Facebook for examples.



- Create a PSA on YouTube to spread awareness about AANAPISIs, student loans, or bullying!
- Get creative... the possibilities are endless!

AANAPISIs Materials



2014 AANAPISI Map

What are AANAPISIs?

- Learn more about AANAPISIs [here](#)¹
- Video: [Be Part of the #AANAPISistory](#)²

How does a school get AANAPISI designation?

- The U.S. Department of Education has a description and guidelines for the [AANAPISI Program](#)³
- Here is a list of [AANAPISI Eligible Institutions for FY 2014](#)⁴
- [Guide to Designation as an Eligible Institution](#)⁵
- Learn more about [Eligibility Requirements](#)⁶

What is the #AANAPISistory?

- Learn more about the #AANAPISistory [here](#)⁷

Resources for AANAPISIs

- [AANAPISI Newsletter Archive](#)⁸

¹ <http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/aapi/asian-american-and-native-american-pacific-islander-serving-institution-aanapisi>

² <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNeOn7Yb4ZQ>

³ <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/aanapi/index.html>

⁴ <http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/aapi/files/2015/06/AANAPISI-CRS-Report-2014.pdf>

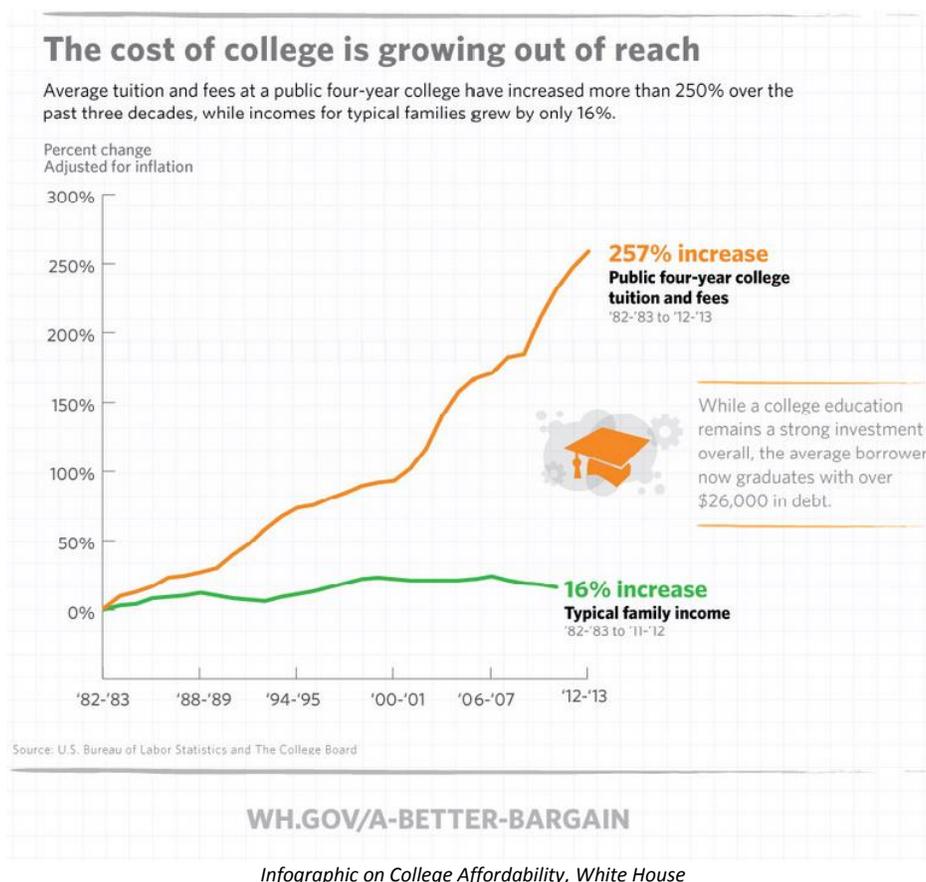
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⁷ <http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/aapi/be-part-of-the-aanapistory>

⁸ <http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/aapi/aanapisi-newsletter-archive>

College Affordability Materials



What is being done to make college more affordable?

- How the Administration is [making student loans more affordable](#)¹
- How the [Bipartisan Student Loan Deal](#)² affects students
- Video: [A Win for Students: Signing the Bipartisan Loan Certainty Act of 2013](#)³
- Read more about [Community College Affordability](#)⁴

What is income based repayment?

- An introduction to [income based repayment](#)⁵ on student loans
- The U.S. Department of Education's guide to [making student loan payments based on your income](#)⁶

Planning tools:

- [College Scorecard](#)⁷
- [College Affordability and Transparency Center](#)⁸
- [College Cost Shopping Sheet](#)⁹

¹ <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/06/09/factsheet-making-student-loans-more-affordable>

² <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/07/23/fact-sheet-bipartisan-student-loan-deal-win-students>

³ <http://www.whitehouse.gov/share/big-win-for-students>

⁴ <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/cclo/index.html>

⁵ <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2012/06/07/income-based-repayment-everything-you-need-know>

⁶ <http://www.ed.gov/blog/2014/05/income-driven-repayment>

⁷ <http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/education/higher-education/college-score-card>

⁸ <http://collegecost.ed.gov/catc>

⁹ http://collegecost.ed.gov/shopping_sheet.pdf

Bullying Prevention Materials

What is bullying?

- Factsheet: [Understanding Bullying](#)¹
- Factsheet: [Electronic Aggression: Technology and Youth Violence](#)²
- Video: [Stand Up to Cyberbullying](#)³

How does it affect the AAPI community?

- Information on [student reports of bullying and cyber-bullying](#)⁴
- [Bullying/Harassment Issues in the AAPI Community](#)⁵

Who can students speak to for help?

- Consult the StopBullying.gov guide to [getting help](#)⁶
- The [Natural Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)⁷ is available 24/7 at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

How do I support students that are being bullied?

- [Be a mentor!](#)⁸

Who can I report bullying to if schools are not adequately addressing it?

- Complaints regarding a school's failure to respond to bullying or harassment based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability can be filed with the U.S. Department of Education's [Office for Civil Rights](#)⁹ or U.S. Department of Justice's [Educational Opportunities Section](#)¹⁰. The U.S. Department of Justice also evaluates complaints based on a school's failure to respond to bullying or harassment based on religion.
- More information about a school's obligation to respond to bullying and harassment can be found at:
 - [OCR Fact Sheet on Harassment](#)¹¹
 - [Bullying Dear Colleague Letter](#)¹²
 - [OCR Bullying of Students with Disabilities Dear Colleague Letter](#)¹³
 - [DOJ Harassment Fact Sheet](#)¹⁴

Other resources:

- [StopBullying.Gov Resources](#)¹⁵
- Video: [NY Regional Interagency Working Group Anti-Bullying Google Hangout](#)¹⁶
- Interactive Feature: [Be More Than a Bystander](#)¹⁷
- Videos: [White House: It Gets Better](#)¹⁸
- [AAPI Bullying Prevention Task Force](#)¹⁹
- Flyer on [Student Problem Identification and Resolution of Issues Together](#)²⁰
- [Know Bullying App](#)²¹

¹ <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/bullyingfactsheet2014-a.pdf.pdf>

² <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/youthviolence/electronicaggression>

³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IN2fuKPDzHA>

⁴ <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2015/2015056.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/aapi/files/2014/04/School-Administrator-Webinar-FINAL.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.stopbullying.gov/get-help-now/index.html>

⁷ <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

⁸ http://www.stopbullying.gov/prevention/training-center/hrsa_guide_youth_professionals_mentors_508v2.pdf

⁹ <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html>

¹⁰ <http://www.justice.gov/crt/complaint/#three>

¹¹ <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-factsheet-201010.pdf>

¹² <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201405.pdf>

¹³ <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-factsheet-bullying-201410.pdf>

¹⁴ http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/opa/press-releases/attachments/2014/11/18/eos_fact_sheet_aapi_massa.pdf

¹⁵ <http://www.stopbullying.gov/resources/index.html>

¹⁶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szID04HJT9Q>

¹⁷ <http://www.stopbullying.gov/respond/be-more-than-a-bystander/index.html>

¹⁸ <http://www.itgetsbetter.org/video/entry/2610>

¹⁹ [http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/aapi/aapi-bullying/#AAPI%20Bullying Prevention Task Force](http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/aapi/aapi-bullying/#AAPI%20Bullying%20Prevention%20Task%20Force)

²⁰ <http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crs/legacy/2012/12/17/spirit.pdf>

²¹ <http://store.samhsa.gov/apps/knowbullying/index.html>