

Lifting Up Asian American and Pacific Islander Staff Voices



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"Growing up in Thailand, education was an important privilege that was not available to everyone. Even public education required paying a tuition and the opportunity to attend school was an experience that was not to be taken for granted. My mother was a schoolteacher and ingrained both the value and importance of education in me. It was not only important to excel in academic studies—extracurricular activities were encouraged by my parents. I practiced and performed traditional Thai dance throughout primary school and middle school. Thai culture is very much a part of my identity."