

# Lifting Up Asian American and Pacific Islander Staff Voices



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Berkeley Arts Magnet  
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**Favorite Book:** Zen and the Art of Motorcycle

**Favorite TV Show:** Stranger Things

**What do you love to do when not working?:** I love reading, hiking, playing basketball and golf, and cooking.



What are 2-3 important things that you want people to know about your cultural heritage being Asian American/ Pacific Islander?

"I am half Japanese and half white. It is awesome to be able to be a part of two different cultures! It was a little confusing when I was younger but now I couldn't be a happier Hapa."

What do you love most about being in Berkeley/working at BUSD?

"I love being able to teach in the same city and school district where I grew up!"