



Fall Welcome Highlights

The P.R.I.S.E. (Pacific Islander/Asian American Resilience, Integrity, and Self-Empowerment through Education) learning community held the Fall Welcome on Monday, September 10, 2024 in the Unite Center. There were over 40 students who attended the in-person event. A follow-up Zoom Fall Welcome was on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 with 15 students in attendance. Both events engaged students with a game of Jeopardy that tested their knowledge on Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander histories and pop culture. Jeopardy winners won some amazing prizes, and P.R.I.S.E. students were gifted with tote bags, pencils, pens, and notebooks. In addition to these big events, the learning community also hosted study halls and other personal and educational enrichment workshops throughout the Fall 2024 semester.

September 11, 2024 ; UNITE CENTER

Mid-Autumn Festival

The P.R.I.S.E. learning community celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival on October 22, 2024, at the Unite Center. The Moon Festival and Diwali are vibrant cultural celebrations that symbolize unity, light, and hope, both emphasizing the importance of gathering with loved ones and sharing joy. During the event, P.R.I.S.E. students and staff watched the movie, *Over the Moon*, which follows the story of Fei Fei, a young girl who builds a rocket ship to meet a mythical moon goddess. Attendees also enjoyed traditional Moon Festival and Diwali snacks, adding to the festive atmosphere.

October 22, 2024 ; UNITE Center



Winter Celebration &

Hmong New Year Highlights

Over 50 students gathered on December 5th at the UNITE Center to celebrate the winter season and the Hmong New Year. The event focused on supporting Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander students, with a speech that featured Koue Vang, Vice President of Administrative Services at ARC. Following Koue was a presentation focused on Hmong culture and traditions presented by an ARC Hmong student. This student presented on the cultural significance of the Hmong New Year, its evolving traditions, and the importance of food and family in the celebration. Additionally, students were recognized for their involvement, and a slideshow previewed next semester's events. Participants took part in cultural activities, enjoyed a meal reflecting Hmong New Year traditions, and played Winter Bingo. The day ended with reflections on the cultural insights gained.

December 5, 2024 ; UNITE CENTER