

MAASU NEWSBITES

~ Happy February ~

WOW look at that, we're already into the second month of the year! We hope you're doing well -- staying safe and healthy. Below you'll find some important announcements from MAASU!



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✧ SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS ✧

A reminder of the deadline dates for Scholarships and Awards!

Below there are 3 Scholarship and Award Opportunities that we have in place for YOU to apply to!

Midwestern Star Award

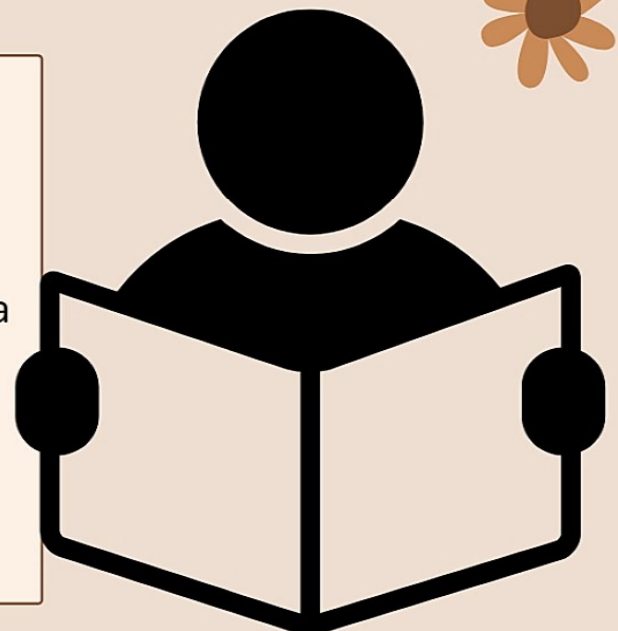
- Awarded to undergraduate students who attend a university in the midwest
- Outstanding students who commit on a daily basis to fostering and cultivating positive change within the APIDA community

Deadline: March 6th, 2022

Charles Chang Scholarship

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Board of Advisors Award

Apida student organizations that have accomplished greatness on their campus and in the midwest community by:

- demonstrating strong apida awareness
- organizes quality programming
- exemplifies apida advocacy, empowerment, and social justice

Deadline: April 22nd, 2022

Want more information?

Click on the link below! All applications must be emailed to Lillie Lee at chair@maasu.org

MAASU AWARDS 2022

Want to expand your leadership experience?

MAASU is opening up its Executive Coordinating Committee for the 2022-2023 Academic Year on February 8th, 2022!

Opening Positions

- Executive Chair
- Secretary
- Public Relations (2)
- Programming (2)
- Communications (2)
- Advocacy (2)
- Membership Outreach (2)
- Technical Networking

In addition... Conference Bidding!

It's time to discuss with your school to see if you would like to host a MAASU Conference Bid for the 2022-2023 academic year! Conference bids are only open to MAASU Member Schools --> check out our website to see if your school is a member school.

[CLICK HERE](#)

◇ LUNAR NEW YEAR ◇



Happy Lunar New Year!

Every year, Lunar New Year is celebrated all over the world. With many different traditions and customs, this popular holiday can be celebrated in different ways in Asia.

Happy year of the Tiger! Wishing you a year full of prosperity and happiness!

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CHINA

新年快乐!

The celebration starts on the 31st of January this year reuniting families from across the country. The festive period lasts for 2 weeks and ends with the Lantern Festival (元宵节) on February 15. It's a custom to wear new clothes specifically red and/or gold as it brings luck to the family.

On New Year's Day, you will see elders hand out red envelopes (红包) that contain money to children as a practice to ward off evil spirits. There are several superstitions such as cleaning your house before the holiday so that you don't wash the good luck at the start of the new year that is widely believed.



VIETNAM

Chúc Mừng Năm Mới!

Vietnam celebrates Tet, short for Tết Nguyên Đán. Similar to other countries, Vietnam has its own traditional clothing that they wear called the áo dài which is a silk tunic with slits on both sides and worn over pants.

Some popular foods like bánh tét (log-like cylinder), bánh chưng (square) sticky rice cakes, củ kiệu (pickled scallion), tom kho (dried shrimp) and mut tet (candied fruits) are eaten during the Lunar New Year dinner.

Families will also gather to the temple together to pray for good health, luck, and fortune.



PHILLIPINES



Manigong Bagong Taon sa Inyong Lahat!

Also known as Media Noche where Filipino families would come together for a feast to celebrate the prosperity of the new year.

Round-shaped foods are typically seen at the dinner table as it represents good fortune. Some common food eaten during the Lunar New Year are biko, bibingka, and nian gao (sticky rice dishes) with the belief that eating them will help bind families together. Pancit (long noodles) are also eaten to bring you long life and luck.



SOUTH KOREA



설날

Lasting only three days, Seollal is one of the most celebrated holidays in South Korea. Seollal is focused on celebrating with family (similar to Chuseok) as many students and relatives travel back home to their family's.

In South Korea, Tteokguk is a savory soup made with beef, green onion, eggs, and thin disk-shaped rice cakes (resembling coins) which are eaten to symbolize prosperity within the new year. There's a saying where you get one year older after eating a bowl of rice cake soup.



SINGAPORE

新年快乐!

Singapore is known for its Chingay Parade - a giant float to lion dance parade that occurs each year for Lunar New Year. Similar to China, red envelopes with an engraving of "Fú" on it meaning good luck are handed out to children. It's a tradition to also go to the temple during this time to light incense and pay respect to Buddha.

From pineapple tarts to rice cakes and yusheng - traditional salad only served during holiday- these are the commonly eaten foods that people have during Lunar New Year.



LNy Greetings to say to your friends/family

" Wishing you lots of luck and happiness in the year ahead"

"May this new year bring you good health and good fortune"

"Happy New Year! Hope this new year bring you fortune, peace, and prosperity"

"Thinking of you and your family and wishing you all a year of that outshines the rest"