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Asian Student Organizations

Asian Student Alliance



Mission Statement: The University of Denver Asian Student Alliance focuses on the academic, political, and social aspects pertaining to the Asian Pacific American population on the DU campus through community events aimed at promoting political awareness and education, volunteering in the local community, and networking on campus whether it is with other student organization leaders or with staff and/or faculty. As one of the few Asian political student organizations in the state, ASA seeks to bring awareness and education to the community as a whole on the significant issues affecting Asian Americans from the past, present, and in the future. Not only does ASA support the Asian American students on campus, but it also offers its support to all ethnicities and strives to promote inclusive excellence. ASA encourages active support in its fellow organizations both on campus and off whether it is attending or sponsoring their events. To show support for ASA as well as the many efforts of other organizations making a change in the community is support for a stronger voice in the community and one more step in the progressive movement and building of a legacy.

Website: <http://du.orgsync.com/org/asianstudentalliance/home>



Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority



Website: <https://www.facebook.com/denverkpl>

Vietnamese Student Association

Mission Statement: The Vietnamese Student Association is an organization dedicated to increasing *cultural awareness* and *diversity* on campus and in the community. We continue to strive to create a supportive and cooperative community for those of Vietnamese and non-Vietnamese descent. Through numerous activities focusing on the celebration and exposure of Vietnamese culture, VSA hopes to provide the necessary interaction between those of different backgrounds to build cross-cultural bridges and *foster acceptance* and *awareness*. A dynamic and open organization, VSA prides itself on its diverse and unified membership, and persistent dedication to decreasing cultural tension on campus.

Website: <http://www.du.edu/orgs/vsa/index.html>



Attractions

Colorado State Capitol

The building's gold-plated dome is situated 272 feet above the ground. A balcony, reached by 93 steps beginning on the third floor, offers a panoramic view of Denver and the Front Range. A granite step on the west side of the building is exactly one mile above sea level. Watch Colorado's legislators in action. Free tours are available.

200 E. Colfax Avenue, Denver; (303) 866-2604

www.colorado.gov

Denver Botanic Gardens

Stroll through 23 acres of gardens bursting with colorful flowers and exotic plants from around the world. Special gardens include the traditional Japanese Garden, the Herb Garden, the Romantic Gardens, the Rock Alpine Garden, the Water Gardens, and more. Other features include the Tropical Botanica exhibit and the outdoor amphitheater.

1007 York Street, Denver; (303) 331-4000

www.botanicgardens.org

Denver's Downtown Aquarium

Housing 500 different species of animals, this aquarium features an interactive Stingray Reef touch tank, an aquarium restaurant, a lounge area, and a ballroom. The aquarium's exhibits include North America, In the Desert, Under the Sea, At the Wharf, The Rainforest, Coral Lagoon, Sunken Temple, Shipwreck, and At the Beach. It offers special programs for guests, such as opportunities to swim with the fish!

700 Water Street, Denver; (303) 561-4450

www.aquariumrestaurants.com/downtownaquariumdenver

Elitch Gardens Theme Park

This 50-acre thrill park offers more than 45 rides, shows, and attractions. The park is open from May 1 through October 31. The park also hosts annual concerts and live entertainment, such as OctoberFest and Halloween Frightfest.

2000 Elitch Circle, Denver; (303) 595-4FUN

www.elitchgardens.com

Pepsi Center

The Pepsi Center is home to sporting and entertainment events annually. The state-of-the-art arena, home of the Colorado Avalanche and the Denver Nuggets, also hosts concerts, ice shows, family shows, amateur competitions, circuses, and more.

1000 Chopper Circle, Denver; (303) 405-1100

www.pepsicenter.com

United States Mint

The mint which opened in Denver in 1862 produces more than 40 million coins a day. It is the second largest storehouse of gold bullion in the U.S. after Fort Knox. Observe the process of making, sorting, and bagging new pennies, dimes, and quarters.

320 W. Colfax Avenue, Denver; For Tours: (303) 405-4761

www.usmint.gov



Water World

This 64-acre water park, which offers a wide variety of rides for all ages, is currently in its 30th year of operation. Water World features 46 water rides and attractions. It is conveniently located only 15 minutes away from downtown Denver.

1800 W. 89th Avenue, Federal Heights; (303) 427-SURF

www.waterworldcolorado.com

Museums/Exhibits

Colorado History Center

The new History Colorado Center tells the stories of colorful Coloradans with fun, family-friendly activities inside a beautiful new building in Denver's Golden Triangle Museum District. The new space gave the state's historical society the opportunity to start from scratch — to create new ways to experience Colorado's history. The exhibits highlight the courage, persistence, triumphs, tragedies and character of the men and women who created Colorado.

1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203; (303-447-8679)

<http://www.historycolorado.org/>

Denver Museum of Nature and Science

One of the largest of its kind in the nation, this museum features educational and entertaining exhibitions such as Egyptian Mummies, Space Odyssey, Gems and Minerals, Prehistoric Journey, North American Indian Cultures, the Discovery Zone and more.

2001 Colorado Boulevard, Denver; (303) 370-6000

www.dmns.org

Denver Zoo

Home to nearly 4,000 animals, the 80-acre zoo is located in City Park. Special exhibits include Asian Tropics, Bear Mountain, Predator Ridge, the Tropical Discovery rain forest, Primate Panorama, Pachyderm Habitats, and Bird World.

2300 Steele Street, Denver; (303) 376-4800

www.denverzoo.org

Denver Art Museum – Asian Art Exhibit

The Denver Art Museum's Asian art collection originated in 1915 with a donation of Chinese and Japanese art objects from a single passionate collector and has broadened to include works from the entire Asian continent. Spanning a period from the fourth millennium B.C. to the present, these objects illustrate the wide-ranging achievements of Asian artists and artisans.

100 W 14th Ave Pkwy, Denver, 80204; (720)865-5000

<http://www.denverartmuseum.org/>

Wings Over the Rockies Aviation & Space Museum

Located on the former Lowry Air Force Base, the museum preserves air and space artifacts pertaining to the Rocky Mountain region.

7711 E. Academy Boulevard, Denver; (303) 360-5360

www.wingsmuseum.org



Asian American Annual Events

Colorado Dragon Boat Festival

3000 Youngfield St, Wheat Ridge, CO (303) 953-7277

<http://www.cdbf.org/>

Cherry Blossom Festival

Celebration of Japanese American Culture

<http://cherryblossomdenver.org/>

Miss Asian American Colorado Leadership Program

P.O. Box 221748, Denver, 80222

E-mail: info@missaaco.com

www.missaaco.com

Movie Theatres

Chez Artiste Cinema

2800 S. Colorado Boulevard, Denver; (303) 352-1992

<https://tickets.landmarktheatres.com/ticketing.aspx?theatreid=227&aspxautodetectcookiesupport=1>

Cinema Grill

13682 E. Alameda Avenue, Aurora; (303) 344-5565

www.cinmagrill.com

Elvis Cinemas Kipling 6

6014 S. Kipling Street, Littleton; (303) 948-5555

www.elviscinemas.com/pages/home.htm

Harkins Northfield 18

8300 E. Northfield Boulevard, Denver; (720) 374-3118

www.harkinstheatres.com/theatreDetails.aspx?theatreId=9967

Movie Tavern

18605 E. Hampden Avenue, Aurora; (303) 680-9915

www.movietavern.com

River Point Stadium 14

3565 S. Plate River Drive, Sheridan; (303) 761-6651

www.fandango.com/regalriverpointstadium14_aavkz/theaterpage

United Artists Colorado Center 9 & IMAX

2000 S. Colorado Boulevard, Denver; (303) 757-3700

www.fandango.com/uacoloradocenterstadium926imax_aafxw/theaterpage



United Artists Pavilions 15

500 16th Street, Suite 310, Denver; (303) 454-9086

www.fandango.com/uadenverpavilions15_aajjg/theaterpage

Banks

Chase Bank

2040 S. University Boulevard, Denver; (720) 570-0751

www.chase.com

DU Community Credit Union

2027 S. University Boulevard, Denver; (303) 639-2300

www.du.edu/creditunion/

First Bank

1316 E. Evans, Denver; (303) 778-8300

www.efirstbank.com

TCF Bank

2090 S. University Boulevard, Denver; (720) 570-0595

www.tcfbank.com

US Bank

1100 S. Broadway, Denver; (303) 758-0856

www.usbank.com

Wells Fargo (two locations)

2150 S. Downing Street, Denver (in-store); (303) 733-3560

OR

2043 S. Colorado Boulevard, Denver; (303) 584-6530

www.wellsfargo.com

Barber Shops/Beauty Salons

Lilac Salon

781 S Federal Blvd, Denver, (303) 935-7756

Lee Kaja Hair Bis

2751 S Parker Road, #A, Aurora, 80014; (303)37-6222

Juno Salon

118 E. 8th Ave, Denver, (720) 542-8892

<http://junodenver.com/>



Beauty Supplies

H-Mart Online Asian Grocery

2751 S Parker Rd, Aurora, 80014; (303)745-4592

<https://www.hmart.com/>

Sally Beauty Supply

2560 S. Colorado Blvd, Denver; 80222

(303) 757-5723

Worship Centers

Avalokiteshvara Buddhist Center

1081 Marion St, Denver 80218; (303) 813-9551

Meditationincolorado.org

Chinese Evangelical Church of Denver (CECD)

1099 Newark St, Aurora 80010; (303)366-0303

Senior Pastor: Pastor Gideon Ling

www.cecd.net

Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies

8375 Wadsworth Blvd, Littleton 80128 (303) 948-9693

Priest: Acharya K.C. Upadhyay

<http://www.hindutempleofcolorado.org>

Logos Central Chapel

5300 E Florida Ave, Denver, 80222; (303)

Senior Pastor: Reverend Youngbin Kim

<http://www.logoscentralchapel.org/>

Simpson United Methodist Church

6001 Wolff St. Arvada, 80003; (303)428-7963

Senior Pastor: Reverend Tezenlo Thong

<http://www.simpsonumc.com/>

Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple

1947 Lawrence St. Denver, 80202; (303)295-1844

Head Minister: Reverend E.D. Fujii

<http://www.tsdbt.org/web/>



Community Resources

Asian American Journalists Association – Denver

Contact: Joe Nguyen, President

www.aajadenver.org

Asian Chamber of Commerce

924 W. Colfax Ave, Denver, 80204; (303)595-9737

Contact: Clancy Wells, ACC Executive Director

www.asianchambercommerce.org

Asian Pacific Development Center

1825 York St, Denver, 80206; (303)393-0304

www.apdc.org

Boulder Asian Pacific Alliance

P.O. Box 21406, Boulder, 80308; (303)499-0108

Web: www.bapaweb.org

Colorado Asian Culture and Education Network

P.O. Box 221748, Denver, 80222

E-mail: info@cacenet.org

www.cacenet.org

Colorado Dragon Boat Festival

11049 W. 44th Ave. #110, Wheat Ridge, 80033; (303)953-7277

Contact: Erin Yoshimura, Executive Director

Email: info@cdbf.org

www.cdbf.org

Miss Asian American Colorado Leadership Program

P.O. Box 221748, Denver, 80222

E-mail: info@missaaco.com

www.missaaco.com

National Association of Asian American Professionals – Colorado

P.O. Box 181664, Denver, 80218

Contact: Tim Higashide, President

E-mail: info@naaapcolorado.org

www.naaapcolorado.org

Theatre Esprit Asia

E-mail: infotheatreespritasia@gmail.com

www.theatre-esprit-asia.org

The Cambodian Organization of Colorado

14383 N. 83rd St, Longmont, 80503; (303)678-8879

Contact: Chanrith Oum



Colorado Springs Chinese Cultural Institute

P.O. Box 2625, Colorado Springs, 80901; (719)287-7624

Contact: Mali Hsu, CSCCI founder and chairwoman

E-mail: Mali.cscci@gmail.com

www.cscci.org

Denver Chinese School

P.O. Box 631175, Highlands Ranch, 80163

E-mail: dcsc00@yahogroups.com

www.denverchineseschool.org

Filipino American Community of Colorado

1900 Harlan St., Edgewater, 80214; (303)233-6817

E-mail: facc@filam-colo.org

www.filam-colo.org

Philippine American Society of Colorado

www.coloradopasco.org

Hmong American Association of Colorado

Contact: Kong Xee Xiong, President

www.hmongcolorado.org

Hmong Student Association of Colorado

PO BOX 352111, Westminster, 80035

E-mail: president.denver.hsac@gmail.com

www.hmongstudent.org

Lao-Hmong American Coalition

7051 Beacon Way, Westminster, 80030; (303)429-8724

Contact: Yang Chee

E-mail: yang.chee@comcast.net

Mile Hi Japanese American Citizens League

333 East 16th Ave. #613, Denver, 80203; (303)831-7625

Contact: Harry Budisidharta, President

www.milehijacl.org

Japan-America Society of Southern Colorado

2 North Cascade, Suite 760, Colorado Springs, 80903

Contact: Paul Maruyama, president

E-mail: pmaruyama@earthlink.net

Vietnamese-American Cultural Alliance

986 South Ventura Way, Aurora, 80017; (303)368-0657

Contact: Henry Pham

Vietnamese Friendship Association of Colorado Springs

4720 Jenson Lane, Colorado Springs, 80922; (719)574-9818

Contact: Huan Tran



Literature

Asian Avenue Magazine

P.O. Box 221748 Denver, CO 80222, (303).937.6888

<http://asianavenuemagazine.com/>

Tattered Cover Bookstore (two locations)

1628 16th Street, Denver; (303) 436-1070

OR

2526 E. Colfax Avenue, Denver; (303) 322-7727

www.tatteredcover.com

Music

Second Spin

1485 S. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 100, Denver; (303) 753-8822

www.secondspin.com

Twist & Shout Records

2508 E. Colfax Avenue, Denver; (303) 722-1943

www.twistandshout.com

Wax Trax Records

638 E. 13th Avenue, Denver; (303) 831-7246

www.waxtraxrecords.com

Arts & Leisure

Food & Restaurants

Jason's Thai

2022 S. University Blvd, Denver, (303) 777-8388

<http://www.jasonsthai.com/>

Ling & Louie's Asian Bar and Grille

8354 Northfield Blvd., Denver, (303) 371-4644

<http://northfield.lingandlouies.com/>



Pacific Mercantile Company

1925 Lawrence Street, Denver (303) 295-0293
<http://www.pacificwest.com/>

Pei Wei

3970 Buchtel Blvd., Denver, (303) 942-3445
<http://www.peiwei.com/index.aspx>

Saigon Bowl

333 S Federal Blvd, Denver Suite 134, (303) 935-2427
<http://www.saigonbowldenver.com/>

Sushi Katsu

2222 S. Havana Street #H, Aurora, CO 80014
[\(303\) 368-8778](tel:3033688778)
<http://www.denver-sushi.com/>

Kiki's Japanese Casual Dining

2440 S Colorado Blvd (303) 504-4043
<http://www.kikisjapaneserestaurant.com/>

Wasabi Roll N' Go

2076 S. University Blvd. (303)-282-6400
<http://www.wasabirollandgo.com/>

H-Mart Online Asian Grocery

2751 S Parker Rd, Aurora, 80014; (303)745-4592
<https://www.hmart.com/>

Far East Oriental Supermarket

333 S. Federal Blvd. (303) 742-8635

Seoul BBQ

2080 South Havana Street (Aurora), (303) 632-7576
311 West 104th Avenue (Denver), (303) 280-3888
<http://www.seoulkoreanbbq.com/>

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Transportation

Call

Dial 303.299.6000 with information on your nearest major cross streets and with the address or cross streets of your destination. You must also know when you want to leave or arrive at your destination. For example, “I would like leave from Evans and University and arrive at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, located at 2001 Colorado Boulevard, by 3 pm. Would you help me plan this trip?” Write down the directions you are given—and ask questions about what you do not understand. The staff at the RTD Information Line is very friendly and helpful. The telephone help line is available from 6 am until 8pm on weekdays and from 9 am until 6 on weekends.

Online

Visit www.rtd-denver.com , click on “Trip Planner” and put in the cross streets for your starting point and the address of your destination. Enter your “Leave at” time or use the drop down menu to select “Arrive at” and enter the time you want to arrive at your destination. After clicking the “Submit” button, the system will generate an itinerary for your trip, showing you where to catch a bus and/or light-rail line to reach your destination.

Final Note

For your safety, you should always tell someone where you are going and your expected return time. This could be important in the case of an emergency, and could ensure your safety. Also, be careful to plan ahead to prevent any unnecessary hiccups while travelling.

