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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.

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

Cinema Grill
13682 E. Alameda Avenue, Aurora; (303) 344-5565
www.cinemagrill.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/udenverpavilions15_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/](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](http://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](http://www.hindutempleofcolorado.org)

**Logos Central Chapel**  
5300 E Florida Ave, Denver, 80222; (303)  
Senior Pastor: Reverend Youngbin Kim  

**Simpson United Methodist Church**  
6001 Wolff St. Arvada, 80003; (303)428-7963  
Senior Pastor: Reverend Tezenlo Thong  

**Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple**  
1947 Lawrence St. Denver, 80202; (303)295-1844  
Head Minister: Reverend E.D. Fujii  
[http://www.tsdbt.org/web/](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@cacenetwork.org
www.cacenetwork.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.csci.org

Denver Chinese School
P.O. Box 631175, Highlands Ranch, 80163
E-mail: dcsc00@yahoogroups.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/
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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.