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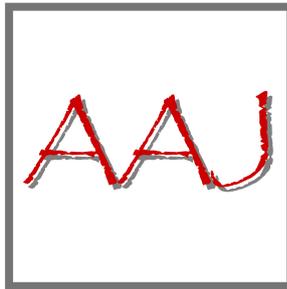
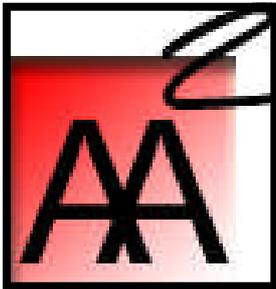
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STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Where possible, clubs submit their own listings about their activities. They are then edited for space and format. All clubs and organizations are given free web space by the University. Some use it and their sites are current. Others are extremely outdated. Some use Facebook as their website because it allows them to also contact their members easily. Still others use off-campus sites. That is part of the reason for this Guide - nothing is in one place.

Clubs and organizations using Facebook's SB network are only accessible with an SBU .edu address. Rather than list a long url that cannot be used by all, clubs with Facebook accounts are noted with three stars, ***.

Most clubs and organizations have weekly meetings. They must apply for meeting space annually through Student Activities so the days and times can change each year. Rather than list them and be outdated, please check their websites, join their Facebook group, check the University calendar, or check the AA E-Zine calendar. Unfortunately again, no one source has them all, even us.

Anyone can start a new club. The initial process is simple but very bureaucratic. It is described later in this Guide. Obtaining funding is not that simple. Undergraduates apply through USG, Undergraduate Student Government. Graduate students through GSO, Graduate Student Organization. Unlike USG, GSO does not have millions to distribute but is much easier to obtain. While the USG process takes longer, clubs can get thousands rather than hundreds. Clubs must show staying power for initial USG funding, then apply each Spring for annual funding.

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AA E-ZINE CALENDAR

Anyone can list an event or meeting on the calendar.

It can only be edited or deleted with a password
and one is given to each club and organization.

www.aasquared.org/calendar/calendar.pl

aKDPHI : ALPHA KAPPA DELTA PHI SORORITY

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www.xanga.com/Stonyakdphi

The purpose of this Asian American interest sorority is to promote sisterhood, scholarship, leadership, and Asian American awareness in the University and in the community, while encouraging the expression of the individual. The sorority is composed of highly motivated women with diverse



backgrounds, interests, and fields of study. Each woman, however, shares a strong bond of love, friendship, and sisterhood. With a supportive network of sisters, each woman can strive to fulfill her personal, academic, and career goals. Campus sororities are part of the Inter Fraternity Sorority Council and take part in joint activities including rush each semester.

ANIMATED PERSPECTIVES ***

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www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/anime

Office: Union Club Alley

Do you love anime? Do you love video games? Do you want to have fun and make tons of friends? Animated Perspectives has a library system that lends out anime VHS to its members with hundreds of titles to watch. AP also provides tons of manga for members to read and puts together constant anime showings of the latest animes. Some AP members are volunteers at I-Con, the largest science fiction convention on the East Coast, held in the Sports Complex each spring. AP also has its own gaming area for gamers in Club Alley, in the basement of the Student Union, that is open daily.

ASIAN AMERICAN E-ZINE ***

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Office: Union 071, 632-1395

AA E-Zine / SBU AA E-Zine is a bi-weekly online newspaper established in 2002 as an outlet for news and information by, for, and about the SBU Asian American community, and it has since expanded to

cover LI and metro NY. It has a photo gallery where organizations and clubs have their own albums, a video gallery of major campus events (e.g. Asian Night, China Night,



Sholay), and a calendar that can be updated by all. Excerpts are published in the SB Press bi-weekly and in an hard copy review. It hosts the annual Cabinet to Cabinet Social of all AA clubs to introduce them to each other. It is the oldest continuously published campus 'newspaper' for the AA community in the USA. Students can volunteer or get academic credit and internships.

AAJ : ASIAN AMERICAN JOURNAL ***

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Office: Union 071, 632-1395

AAJ was created in the mid-1990's to provide an outlet for discussion of Asian American issues and to highlight the creativity of the SBU campus community. It is a high quality journal of essays (fiction and non-fiction), poetry, art, and photography, printed each semester and online, and the *Guide to Asian and Asian American Resources at SBU*. AAJ welcomes submissions from all, Asian and non-Asian, though works that bear relevance to Asian American issues or the theme of an upcoming issue will have priority. Please submit work in digital format as an attachment to aajsbu@gmail.com.

**APAMSA : ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN
MEDICAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**

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www.apamsa.org



APAMSA is national and local. It creates a sense of community for APA students on the isolated HSC side. Each year at its annual cultural fest, students not only show off their own cultures, their non-Asian peers

are taught who perform too! On a more serious side, they hold workshops / lectures and go to conferences to talk about issues in medicine and the medical community that are APA specific.

ASA : ASIAN STUDENTS ALLIANCE ***

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www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/asa

ASA was formed by Asian American students whose native language was English and who wanted a supportive pan-Asian community. Each Fall they hold the largest Asian interest cultural show, Asian Night, featuring modern and traditional performances. With other clubs doing their major shows in Spring, ASA takes on the role of multi-club events organizer for events such as Nations of Asia Semi-Formal. Other ASA events include game nights, talent shows, dance-a-thons, and food tastings. It leads workshops on serious topics, e.g., stereotypes, and provides leadership training. See Club Spotlight.

ASC : ASIAN STUDENTS COALITION ***

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ASC was created in Fall 2007 to bring together the leaders of Asian interest clubs to help each other on producing their events, to help to promote them, and to create new events to make the campus more aware of the multi-varied heritage of Asian and Asian American students. For the 2008 Lunar New Year of the Rat they created Asian Awareness Week with daily events.

BU : BENGALIS UNITE ***

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Bengalis Unite represents the interests and needs of students from Bangladesh and West Bengal. It only began in 2005 but a year later was able to hold its first



successful, and now annual cultural show, Eid Celebration, and by the second year Bengali TV carried it. BU meetings throughout the year are used for socializing and playing games while enjoying traditional foods and snacks.

BSPG : BUDDHISM STUDY & PRACTICE GROUP ***

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BSPG serves as an outlet for those who are interested in

practicing Buddhism and for those who want to know more about Buddhism. Weekly meetings include meditation sessions and discussion groups. Guest speakers are invited monthly



to give talks related to various topics of interest. They take trips to temples and monasteries and sometimes multi-day retreats.

CHINA BLUE RADIO SHOW ***

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This WUSB 90.1FM radio show is geared to the Chinese speaking community, alternating between Mandarin and Cantonese. Listeners are encouraged to call in to request songs or join the discussions on

weekly topics. Discussions range from serious subjects and include guest faculty members to pop culture and local news. China Blue's events include an annual Lunar New Year Fest, especially important for a sense of family to those who cannot go home, and an annual Singing Contest.

CASB : CHINESE ASSOCIATION AT STONY BROOK ***

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CASB is the oldest cultural organization on campus and is dedicated to promoting Chinese and Chinese American cultures by a variety of activities, events, and programs. It's major annual event, held each Spring, is China Night - filled with modern and traditional performances. CASB has a dance team that performs in other campus shows. Other events include Chinese poker and mah jong tournaments, annual singing contest with Cantonese, English and Mandarin crooners, and participation in multi-club events such as the Lunar New Year Fest, Nations of Asian Semi-Formal, and Asian Awareness Week. See Club Spotlight.

CCF : CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ***

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CCF is affiliated with the Baptist Campus Ministry and started in the early 80's as a way for its members to study and learn Christianity. It has small group Bible study meetings in Cantonese and Mandarin, general fellowship meetings, and special events including a BBQ, teahouses, and an annual off-campus Gospel Camp in a rural Northeast retreat.

CLC : CHINESE LITERATURE CLUB ***

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www.sbu-clc.com/BBS

CLC focuses on the exploration and analysis of Chinese literature. Members learn how to compose and critically analyze different forms of literature such as poetry, essays, and short stories. CLC has several events each year including a welcome party, reading groups, and literary competitions.

CLUB DSA : DESI STUDENT ASSOCIATION ***

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Club DSA is a socio-cultural organizations that believes in the diffusion of all customs, traditions, and contemporary as well as classical pop culture throughout the campus and beyond. It began as

Club Om, an offshoot of SASA with a focus on the Hindu aspects of India, but in 2007 became DSA to better reflect its membership. Desi is the term used for Indian



Americans who embrace both their Indian and American bi-cultural dimensions. It has cultural shows, formals, and other events and works with other South Asian groups on joint events.

CULINARY CLUB ***

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www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/culinary

The purpose of Culinary Club is to promote food appreciation including food culture, food history, and culinary arts; and various culinary techniques involving different types of cooking. The members of the club discuss topics related to food and culinary arts and present and exchange their own cooking at a monthly cooking demonstration and potluck dinner for club participants.

DDKY : DUNG DUK KOONG YEE ***

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DDKY is a traditional Korean drumming group that teaches beginners on up as well as performs both on-campus and off. They meet to study and practice their cultural instruments and music.



GO CLUB ***

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The Go Club's objective is the promotion and recognition of the ancient board game Go. Based on mutually convenient times, members arrange weekly meetings in the Library Commuter Lounge. This allows those passing to watch and get involved.

IGSA : INDIAN GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION ***

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The aim of IGSA is to foster a sense of belonging for the Indian community. Its major events include celebrations of important Indian festivals like Ganesh, Utsav, Diwali, and Holi as well as organizing social gatherings to welcome new students into the graduate community.

ICE : INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE BUDDY ***

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www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/icebuddy



ICE Buddy helps both international and SBU students get to know each other, to "Break the ICE" between diverse groups. Some programs ICE provides to make NY memorable are trips to Broadway shows, museums, sporting events, touring historic sites, concerts, and clubbing.

IND : IOTA NU DELTA FRATERNITY ***

Contact IFSC in Student Activities

www.studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/studentactivities/frat_desc.shtml

IND Fraternity was founded by South Asians with a vision to bridge the gaps between people of different backgrounds, ethnicities, and cultures by having them interact with their respective communities, and to encourage cultural awareness through affiliation with a fraternal organization. Its goal is to give each brother an opportunity to develop the essential skills to contribute to this ever changing and diverse society - to pursue not only personal ambitions but provide a challenge to become the leaders of today's world.

JCA : JAPANESE CULTURAL ASSOCIATION ***

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JCA provides a friendly environment for students who are interested in Japanese and Japanese American cultures. It has events and workshops and performs at pan-Asian events. JCA members folded the 6' golden crane and 1022 small cranes for the Wang Center grand opening on 10/22/2002.

KCF : KOREAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ***

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The Korean Christian Fellowship exists to support students through the difficulties and challenges of college life, to affirm one another in their Christian faith, and to discover together the eternal truth of the Gospel. Meetings are filled with the sounds of vibrant live contemporary Christian music.

KPL : KAPPA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY

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A SB Kappa Phi Lambda chapter was established in 1996. Its goals are to provide inspiration and education for its members and the community. KPL seeks to gather women together and teach them to find their own voices. United by the bonds of



KPL at Club Fair 2007

sisterhood, they strive to educate each other about their Asian cultures while also teaching each other about strength, which helps them to learn about their true identities. KPL reaches out to the community through charitable works while teaching about the beauty and complexity of pan-Asian cultures.

KGSA : KOREAN GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/kgsa

KGSA's goals are to promote better understanding and friendship between not only its members but all graduate students. It holds several socializing events and its online bulletin board is widely utilized.

KOREAN LIFE : RADIO SHOW & NEWSPAPER

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www.wusb.fm/website/index.shtml

Korean Life is a media club. Its purpose is to give information and entertainment for the Korean speaking campus community. It has a weekly radio show in Korean on WUSB FM 90.1 and publishes an occasional Korean language newspaper each semester.

KSA : KOREAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION ***

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www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/ksa

KSA was started in 1997 as KASA and changed to KSA in 2002 as a means for Korean American students to get together and meet new people while enjoying and experiencing Korean and Korean American culture. It immediately had its first major



KSA K Night 2007
Cabinet and Crew

cultural fest, Korean Night, that has become one of the major Asian fests each spring. In addition to K Night, KSA holds events throughout the year including movie nights and food socials.

KUMDO CLUB ***

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www.studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/rec/kumdo.shtml

Kumdo is an intercollegiate sports club open to all students. It meets three times weekly to teach the ancient Korean art of sword fighting, taught by a 6th



degree black belt in Kumdo. Students learn the traditional forms and compete against each other as well as in college-run tournaments. Kumdo offers a unique martial art in a college setting with opportunities to better oneself through training.

LPE : LAMBDA PHI EPSILON FRATERNITY

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www.lamdaphiepsilon.com

LPE is the only national Asian interest fraternity at SBU. Locally it is a reemerging fraternity that was approved by SBU in 1998, lost its approval for a few years, and is currently going through the IFSC approval process again. Unlike other Asian interest frats it truly is pan-Asian with brothers from East and South Asia. It prides itself on the high academic standards of its members.

MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION ***

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www.stonybrookmsa.com

MSA stands for Muslim students and their rights as students. MSA tries to provide better services for Muslim students in terms of food, places to pray, etc. There is now a prayer room and halal food is served in two places. MSA tries to educate non-Muslims about Islam, primarily with its annual Fast-a-thon, and to help Muslims get better acquainted and learn more about Islam.

NATIONS OF ASIA SEMI-FORMAL

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Nations of Asia is the annual dinner dance semi-formal, begun in 1997, co-sponsored by most East and Southeast Asian clubs and now arranged by ASA. It is generally held off-campus and is, in essence, the senior prom for graduating students, as well as one of the few events that allows students to be seen in more than jeans and sweats!

**PDP : PI DELTA PSI FRATERNITY**

Contact IFSC in Student Activities

www.stonypdpsi.com

In the mid-1990s a group of students, believing the low amount of Asian representation on campus was not acceptable, formed a chapter of a pan-Asian fraternity. They wanted to form an organization that would represent Asian students in a more positive way through empowerment and unity and would help break down negative stereotypes by educating themselves and others about their heritage and culture.

PUSO : PHILIPPINE UNITED STUDENT ORG. ***

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PUSO focuses on empowering its member's through workshops, classes, and performances. Its events include Open Mic Night, Halo-Halloween, Gawad Kalinga Fundraiser, Simbang Gabi and its big cultural show, PUSO Fest. Its dance team performs in on and off-campus cultural shows. PUSO members attend the FIND regional conference each semester. See Club Spotlight.

SIGMA BETA RHO FRATERNITY ***

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www.stonysigrho.com

Sigma Beta was established to foster the ideals of society and brotherhood amongst its members and through that brotherhood they would instill unity amongst its members, promote South Asian culture, and aid the greater community. They want to serve as role models and mentors, break down barriers between ethnic groups, and use their leadership to aid their communities.

SSA : SIKH STUDENT ASSOCIATION ***

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SSA was formed in 2005 and works towards raising awareness about Punjab culture in the Sikh student body and c a m p u s community. SSA hosts



an annual Sikh Day Banquet with a well known guest speaker, bhangra performances and after party, an annual 1984 Remembrance Day celebration, and bhangra dance lessons.

SASA : SOUTH ASIAN STUDENT ALLIANCE ***

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www.crimsonlab.com/sasastonybrook

SASA is the second oldest Asian club at SB, beginning as Club India but now reflective of all South Asian Americans. It is a socio-cultural club that promotes awareness of South Asian culture. SASA puts on two large shows each year, the Charity Show, and SHOLAY, its annual cultural show. It also has movie nights and an off-campus semi-formal. See Club Spotlight.

SB AIKIDO AND JUDO ***

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www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/aikido

Aikido and Judo are Japanese originated martial arts. Aikido is primarily used for self-defense and to teach meditation and control. Judo is also for self-defense but well known for its throwing techniques and locks and holds. The club meets weekly in the racquetball courts.

SB BHANGRA TEAM ***

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[Facebook](#)



Sholay
2008

The Bhangra Team performs the cultural dancing rooted in the local village scene of India. It relies upon graceful movements of the body with the electrifying music that accompanies it. The team performs at many of the cultural shows on campus. Practices are open to anyone interested in learning.

SBCSSA : SB CHINESE STUDENTS & SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION

www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/sbcssa

Use BBS on url

SBCSSA promotes cultural, intellectual and social activities for Chinese graduate students, scholars, and interested members of the campus community. It meets grad students at the airport upon their arrival and helps them feel welcome at SB. Its online bulletin board is widely read. It has socializing events



石溪春晚 2006

Lunar New Year Fest

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throughout the year, a soccer team that plays in P-Lot, and annual Harvest Moon and Lunar New Year Fests to provide a sense of home for students who cannot go home.

SB CRICKET CLUB ***

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[Facebook](#)

The SB Cricket Club gets together to watch international matches throughout the year and to play when the weather is warm. It used to play in the old Staller Pit but with its renovation to a lawn, uses P-Lot. Alumni often get together to play too.



Cricket_batman waiting to hit ball from bowler

SB DI SHAAN BHANGRA ***

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[Facebook](#)

SB Di Shaan is a female Bhangra dance group that performs the local community cultural dancing of India. Like that done by the Bhangra Team, it relies upon graceful movements of the body with the electrifying music that accompanies it. The team is a year old but has been performing at many campus shows.

SB LION DANCE TEAM

sbu.liondance@gmail.com

www.studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/rec/lion_dance.shtml

The Lion Dance team was put together to teach and perform traditional lion dance styles and techniques for those interested in its competitive and cultural aspects. To the surprise and enjoyment of its audiences, it has updated the style by performing to competitive ballroom dance music or doing more acrobatic routines and it's a hit! The team can be seen at many events on campus.



SB TABLE TENNIS : UNDERGRAD CLUB ***

Undergraduate: sb.tabletennis@gmail.com

www.studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/rec/table_tennis.shtml

Using friendly competition, SB Table Tennis helps promote this sport and foster good relations between students. Meets after grad student club so all can practice together.

TABLE TENNIS : GRADUATE

Graduate: sunysbpingpong@gmail.com

www.cs.sunysb.edu/~gk/pingpong/

The grad Table Tennis club, like the undergrad club, uses friendly competition to promote this sport and foster good relations not just between students but also between students and faculty/staff. Meets before undergrad student club so all can practice together later if desired.

TGSA : TAIWANESE GRAD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/tgsa

Use Forum on url

TSA provides a community where students can learn, share and discuss Taiwanese culture, and provides an interface to promote the cultural and traditional beauties of Taiwan on campus and through inter-university events. Its socializing events provide a caring community for students who identify as Taiwanese.

TSA : TAIWANESE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

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www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/tsa

TSA provides a socializing community for undergrads from Taiwan or who identify as Taiwanese. Newly rejuvenated, it is part of ASC to involve itself in pan-Asian events across campus.

THAI SA : THAI STUDENTS ASSOCIATION ***

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www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/thaiclub

Thai SA was established to contribute to an appreciation of Thai culture and heritage. Its goals are to provide an awareness of Thai culture and heritage and to promote an appreciation of it; and to provide a network of support for Thai students. It hosts events like food tastings, cultural shows, dance and instrumental performances, martial arts exhibitions, and movie nights.



Club Spotlight

ASA : Asian Students Alliance

ASA was formed in the mid-90's by Asian American students of all ethnicities whose native language was English and who wanted a supportive pan-Asian cultural community. Until then most clubs held their meetings in their native languages and their events were geared for immigrant students.



Asian Night

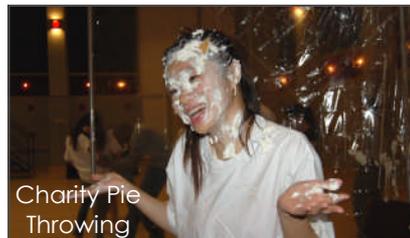
Each Fall ASA holds the largest Asian interest cultural show, Asian Night, featuring modern and traditional performances. It was at the first Asian Night that the first SBU Asian American student rock band performed.



Cabinets in multi-club Food Tasting

With all the other clubs doing their major shows in the Spring, ASA has taken over the role of organizer of multi-club events like the Nations of Asia Semi-formal and promoting attendance at the annual ECAASU conferences. ASA's other events include food tastings, game nights, Sudoku tournaments, talent shows, dance-a-thons, and more.

In tune with more serious issues brought up at ECAASU, the East Coast Asian American Student Union. ASA also leads workshops of importance to Asian American students like dealing with stereotypes, discrimination, and providing leadership opportunities.



Charity Pie Throwing



Asian Night

Club Spotlight

CASB : Chinese Association at Stony Brook

CASB is the oldest Asian interest club with the oldest annual cultural show, China Night, that was over 25 years old in 2001. That gives continuity. In 2003 when Distinguished Alumni Award winner Wai Lam was a speaker, he joked how the last time he was on the Union stage was as a performer in China Night - and he graduated in 1982! China Night has



Mah Jong



China Night



China Night Cabinet & Crew



China Night



China Night

morphed into a different show from its first days in Cantonese - now in English. It has a story line that showcases traditional and modern acts but now favors dance and step routines and a sizzling fashion show.

CASB holds many events including a singing contest, game nights, and mah jong and poker tournaments. It does not have weekly meetings but events during many of its block-booked times. Events are on the AA E-Zine and SBU calendars and sent out on Facebook.

The most successful event of the first Asian Awareness Week was CASB's first mah jong tournament in the Wang Center. It also co-sponsors the Nations of Asia Semi-Formal, sends a contingent of its members to ECAASU, and its dance team performs at other campus shows.

Club Spotlight

PUSO : Philippine United Student Organization



PUSO shares the Filipino culture with the student body through performances, workshops, meetings, and events. It provides a friendly network for students of similar backgrounds and interests to bond and interact. PUSO discusses contemporary and

historical issues dealing with the Philippines, stereotypes, and the clash between liberal Americanism and conservative Filipino culture. One can call an Asian Filipino,



Chinese, Korean, and many other specific nationalities but what PUSO members strive together to do is to discover what it means to be Asian American.

PUSO's logo is the word for 'love' in Tagalog, the native Filipino language.

PUSO holds many events. In the Fall is Open Mic Night, Halo-Halloween, Simbang Gabi, and Gawad Kalinga Fundraiser. In the Spring is PUSOFest. PUSO takes part in joint activities like Asian Awareness Week and the Nations of Asia Semi-Formal. Its members attend the regional FIND conferences each semester. PUSO's dance team performs in campus shows and Battle of the Barrios, a regional colleges dance competition.



Club Spotlight

SASA : South Asian Student Alliance



Charity Show



Sholay



Sholay



Sholay

SASA, the South Asian Student Alliance, began as Club India and is the second oldest Asian cultural club on campus. It changed its name in 2000 to reflect the number of students of South Asian descent who are not Indian but share many of the same cultural traditions, such as Guyanese students, and those of surrounding South Asian countries such as Bangladesh and Pakistan. SASA 's pressure on SBU helped lead to the formation of the Center for India Studies in 1997.

SASA works in conjunction with offshoots that have formed such as BU (Bengalis Unite), Club Om/DSA (Desi Student Association, which began as a more religious club but became DSA to better reflect Indian American students), Sikh SA, WISO (West Asian Student Association), the Indian interest frats Iota Nu Delta and Sigma Beta Rho, and dance groups Thillana, SB Bhangra Team, and SB Di Shaan Bhangra.

SASA puts on two large shows each year, the Charity Show to raise funds for scholarships and humanitarian aid, and SHOLAY, its annual cultural show. SHOLAY is so popular its tickets sell out within the first hour they go on sale! It also has a fashion show, weekly meetings for socializing, and an off-campus semi-formal. To check out SASA's latest happenings, use Facebook.

THILLANA : SOUTH ASIAN DANCE ***

thillana@ic.sunysb.edu

[Facebook](#)

Thillana is a dance troupe specializing in all South Asian dance styles. It infuses modern techniques to the classical forms to create a bond between the many cultures of South



Asia and their lives as Americans. It performs at pan-Asian events on campus and holds its own, like the Thillana Banquet.

**VSA :
VIETNAMESE STUDENT
ASSOCIATION *****

sbvsa@yahogroups.com

www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/vsa

VSA's purpose is to create a social community for the small Vietnamese population on campus and to show Vietnamese culture to the campus community. Its weekly meetings include traditional food and its events include an annual BBQ, movie nights, cultural workshops, and taking part in pan-Asian cultural events like Asian Night.



WISO : WEST INDIAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION ***

[Facebook](#)

WISO, newly formed in 2008, plans to provide an outlet for students to take part in cultural activities and social gatherings and promote West Indian awareness. Unlike traditional Asian clubs, the WISO students backgrounds include steel pan drums and the Trinidad carnival along with their Asian traditions. Their multicultural, not just bicultural heritage, will be represented.

HOW TO START A STUDENT CLUB

The process for starting a club is extremely bureaucratic but relatively simple. Funding is not. To start a club all that is needed is interested people willing to take it on, finding a faculty or staff advisor, writing a constitution, submitting the required paperwork to Student Activities, and upon tentative approval, going through their new club workshops. It is Student Activities that determines if you can have University approval to exist. They rarely say no unless you are in violation of some regulation (e.g. you openly discriminate). And once they do approve you, they are the ones who approve space for you to meet.

To find out all of the procedure, go to the Student Activities website. It contains downloadable forms, a sample constitution, and everything you need.

http://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/sac/club_start.shtml

HOW TO FUND A STUDENT CLUB

Funding is only available from one of the two student governments, USG, the Undergraduate Student Government, and GSO, the Graduate Student Organization. They distribute the Student Activity Fee that all students pay for clubs and events. It is far easier to get GSO funding but they also have very little to distribute. USG distributes millions annually. Once obtained, funding must be reapplied for annually.

GSO : GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION

www.sbgso.org

Office: 632-6492 / SAC 227 - open a few hours each day; changes each semester

Clubs can receive \$250-\$500 depending on the number of members. For special cultural and social events, or guest speakers and conferences, there is event funding. In special cases, the GSO Senate can make an additional allocation.

USG : UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

www.stonybrookusg.org

Office: 632-6460 / SAC 202 - Mon-Fri 9 - 5

USG funds over 200 clubs with a budget of over \$2million. It funded this guide. New clubs approved by Student Activities can get small funding allocations from USG for things like food at meetings. For a budget allocation for an upcoming year, clubs must apply during the budget application process in the Spring and attend a budget hearing before (if) granted any funding.

OFF CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS



[AA]² : AA SQUARED

aasquared@gmail.com

www.aasquared.org

[AA]² is a non-profit started by SBU alumni student leaders to work with young Asian Americans in the metro NY-LI community. It maintains its ties to SBU by holding conferences and events on campus, provides student internships to SBU AA E-Zine, gives it web space for photos and videos of campus events, and holds an annual Student Leaders Awards Ceremony and reception at graduation.



APIA VOTE

info@apiavote.org

www.apiavote.org

APIA Vote is a national non-partisan organization to encourage and promote civic participation of Asian Americans in the electoral and public policy processes at the national, state and local levels. It envisions a society in which APIA's fully participate in and have access to the democratic process and are not, as they have been, discriminated against due to race or language.

ECAASU :

EAST COAST ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENT UNION

www.ecaasunational.org

Thirty year old coalition of schools throughout East Coast who join together to work on issues of importance to APA students. ECAASU holds an annual conference every February rotating between member schools and in 2008 more than 1200 students attended. It sends out an issues newsletter to its listserve. At SBU, many Asian interest clubs attend the conference with the larger ones handling coordination and transportation for all.

NAASCON : NATIONAL ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENT CONFERENCE

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NAASCon_Updates/

NAASCon was created in 2001 to serve as a forum for APA student activists nationwide to compile resources, coordinate campaigns, and build community around shared values of justice, human rights, and collective decision-making. It has a biannual conference and sends out issues emails to its listserve.

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ACADEMICS, ALUMNI, & SBU RESOURCES

ACADEMICS, ALUMNI, CENTERS & SCHOOLS

AAAS : ASIAN AND ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

Contact and Web Info on Previous Page

AAAS has language tracks as well as history and culture tracks in four minors, China, Japan, Korea, and South Asia. As a new department, created in 2002, it has become one of SB's fastest growing, corresponding to Asia becoming the world's fastest growing economy. Still pending funding from Albany for faculty are Asian American and Southeast Asian minors and increased courses in South Asia beyond India. The four existing minors, however, are excellent, and all have a study abroad component.

AAFSA : ASIAN AMERICAN FACULTY STAFF ASSOCIATION

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<http://ws.cc.stonybrook.edu/diversity/aafsa.html>

Mission of AAFSA is to promote and enhance the well being of Asian American faculty, academic professionals, and staff members through active representation and participation in the affairs of SBU and the community at large.

CCL : CENTER FOR CHINESE LEARNING AT SB

info@stonybrookchineseschool.com

www.stonybrookchineseschool.com/

Classes: Physics 1st Fl., Saturdays, 10-2:50pm

CCL is a member-run non-profit. Its aims are to teach Chinese language, culture and tradition, primarily to children, and to nurture a community among members by involving them in its running. Faculty and grad students with children use it and anyone can take non-credit classes or teach classes themselves.

CENTER FOR INDIA STUDIES

indiastudies@stonybrook.edu

<http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/CAS/india.nsf/>

E-5350 Library, 632-9742

CIS, begun in 1997, is a multi-faceted resource. It has a library and multimedia center, non-credit courses, community outreach, study abroad, and scholarships. It also sponsors performances, films, lectures, conferences, and more.



Kamal & S.N. Sridhar, SBU faculty & CIS founders, with 2006 Distinguished Alumnus Kedar Gupta & his wife Renu
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ACADEMICS, ALUMNI, CENTERS & SCHOOLS

CHINESE STUDIES LIBRARY

Melville Library 4th Floor, across from N4055, 632-7685

Hours change each semester with interns schedules

<http://ws.cc.stonybrook.edu/chinastudies/lib.html>

Contains many books in Chinese, from novels to great literature, dictionaries, and social studies material; limited books in English, primarily non-fiction; and Hong Kong movie videos. Library is used as a study center and for language tutoring. Students get 1-3 internship credits.

IEC : INTENSIVE ENGLISH CENTER

iec@sunysb.edu

Melville Library E-5320 / 632-7031

<http://naples.cc.stonybrook.edu/CAS/iec.nsf/>

IEC is a pre-University program to increase international students ability to speak English well enough to pass the TOEFL exam for admittance to American colleges and universities, and to understand their academic classes. Most IEC students continue at SBU as freshmen or graduate students.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

<http://ws.cc.stonybrook.edu/studyabroad/studyabroad.shtml>

Office: E 5340 Library, 632-7030, Mon-Fri : 8:30-4:30

Harvard requires ALL students to study abroad. SBU should do the same! For Asian Americans it is also a chance to live in the country of their heritage. SB has programs in China, India, Japan, and Korea. The url below, to articles on two student's study abroad experiences, one in summer, one for a semester, shows how it good it can be.

www.aezine.org/articles/vol17/17N12ChrisCataldiAlumniUpdate.shtml

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

InternationalServices@notes.cc.sunysb.edu

632-INTL / 632-4685

2401 Computer Sciences Building, Mon-Fri : 9:30-4:30

www.grad.sunysb.edu/International/

International Services is the primary resource for international students and faculty. It provides immigration and support services including visas, new student orientation, host families, tax and employment workshops, green cards, and spouse workshops, green cards, spouse program, and more.

ACADEMICS, ALUMNI, CENTERS & SCHOOLS

JAPAN CENTER & JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Japan_Center@notes.cc.sunysb.edu

1123 Humanities, 632-9477

<http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/CAS/japanese.nsf>

Japan Center tries to create a bridge between SBU and the community. It promotes education and research about Japan, its culture and society, and the lives of Japanese and Japanese Americans. It has symposia, lectures, workshops, performances, film fests, outreach programs, and a pre-college language school and holds an annual cherry blossom Sakura Matsuri Festival.

WARD MELVILLE LIBRARY RESOURCES

Main library has a large collection of books on Asia and Asian America including many in a wide range of languages - Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Sanskrit, Urdu and others. There are also online resources from both the library world and specifically designed by SBU librarians.

Stars: Find Anything in Chinese, Japanese, Korean

www.stonybrook.edu/library/research/cjk.html

Asian American Online Resources

<http://ws.cc.stonybrook.edu/library/eresources/www/asian.html>

East Asian Online Resources

<http://ws.cc.stonybrook.edu/library/eresources/www/ea.html>

South Asia Online Resources

<http://ws.cc.stonybrook.edu/library/eresources/www/southasia.html>

SB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/STO/homepage.cgi

SB CHINA ALUMNI www.aa2sbu.org/chinaalumni

SBAA membership is free. It keeps graduates connected or lets them find each other years after they lost touch. On career days alumni give first hand advice to current students, and reunions and networking sessions are for graduates in all stages of their lives. Distinguished Alumni Awards honor the best and brightest.



2007 Distinguished Alumni Award winner Wai Lam of FalconStor with students and alumni from [AA]2, AA E-Zine, CASB, and SBAA China Chapter.



This award-winning, market leader software data protection company, started in 2002, is not only already profitable, in January 2008 it was named #5 on Forbes list of fastest growing IT companies in the US! Best of all is its relationship to SBU. CEO and primary founder Reijane Huai got his M.S. at SBU, and CTO and VP Wai Lam got his B.S. at SBU (and performed in China Night as a student!) FalconStor is a major donor to the College of Engineering and many, many of their staff are alumni!

Like the falcon spreading its wings - soar with them!
www.falconstor.com

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[AA]², or AA Squared, began when alumni former SBU student leaders decided they wanted to do more, to break down the barriers that divide us by giving back to their communities. After working together since 1996, in 2003 they won their first grant and became a legal non-profit.

Join [AA]² for networking, socializing, and volunteering. Donate to support its student interns and programs. Write articles or take photos for AA E-Zine, the LI-metro NY part of the first and only Asian American college 'newspaper' in the country. You determine the possibilities!

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

DR. MOW SHIAH LIN SCHOLARSHIP

www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/apaa/mslscholarship.asp

The \$1000 Lin Scholarship for Asian immigrants was established by the Asian Pacific American Association at Brookhaven National Laboratory to honor the late Dr. Lin, a distinguished scientist there. The award is for an Asian immigrant graduate student at a college or university on LI (Nassau/Suffolk) in Environmental & Energy Technology, Biology, or Chemistry.

ELISABETH LUCE MOORE AWARD

www.stonybrook.edu/uaa/scholarshipfellowships/sbscholarships.shtml#moore

The \$500 Moore Award in International and Religious Studies goes to a student who shows promise of contributing to international understanding or appreciation of religious values.

WILLIAM AND TERESA MEYER AWARD

www.stonybrook.edu/uaa/scholarshipfellowships/sbscholarships.shtml#willteresa

The \$500 Meyer Award for Asian and Middle Eastern Studies is given to a student whose major concentration is pertinent to Middle Eastern or Asian Studies.



CHRISTOPHER SAMARIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

www.crimsonlab.com/sasastonybrook/cm.html#

The \$1000 Samaria Scholarship was established by SASA through the Dean of Students for a pre-med student who has served the SBU South Asian community.

SEEMA SHARMA SCHOLARSHIPS

<http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/CAS/india.nsf/pages/scholarships>

The two \$500 Sarma Scholarships are given to students based on financial need who contribute to India related activities on campus and participate in an India Studies course.

THE STONY BROOK SHORT FICTION PRIZE

www.stonybrook.edu/fictionprize

First prize is \$1000. Rumor has it this was endowed by an Asian American English prof who was denied tenure when SBU had an all white male department and she was hired by Iowa U and later chaired its famous writing program. Open to US and Canadian students but encourages students of Asian background.

SBU AND OFF CAMPUS RESOURCES

HEALTH RELATED

UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER

Infirmary, 2nd Floor / 632-6720

Mon-Fri : 8am-5pm

www.studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/counsel/

www.studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/ucc/

The Counseling Center has Asian and Asian American counselors who have personally lived through many of the stresses Asian American students currently face. They have the understanding students want from a counselor.

WO/MEN'S AND GENDER RESOURCE CENTER

Union Room 221 / 632-9666

Mon-Thu : 12pm-8pm; Fri : 12pm-6pm

www.studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/dev/womenCenter/index.jsp

The Wo/Men's & Gender Resource Center is a prevention and outreach center with counselors, a library and meeting space. Everything they do is confidential. They work with both male and female students on gender issues, abuse, sexual assaults, sexual issues, depression, and suicide. The Center also has peer educators who act as bridges to show students its benefits.

BIRTH CONTROL AND PREGNANCY COUNSELING STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES - INFIRMARY

Infirmary is behind Union, near stadium / 632-6740

Infirmary : Mon-Fri : 8:30-5:30

GYN : Mon-Fri : 8:30-3:30

<http://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/shs/>

Think carefully before becoming sexually active. College has enough stress without adding it to the mix. If you do, do it wisely.

The Infirmary is available to all students with unlimited visits with any doctors, including gynecologists, as part of the Infirmary Fee. They distribute all forms of birth control. Nothing goes on a parent's insurance unless lab tests are processed off campus. They will help you take care of yourself without anyone knowing.

Off-campus Resource: Planned Parenthood is located just 6 miles from campus. Unlike the Infirmary, everything there can be done without insurance, or under 21 can sign up for special insurance with paperwork sent to a campus address. It will cover all procedures. 631 361 7526 www.plannedparenthood.org

CRISIS COUNSELING

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/PARTNER ABUSE HOTLINES

One in five women gets abused at some point in her life. In some Asian immigrant cultures it may not be considered abuse but seen as a male's right. In American culture and law, partner abuse is seen as morally wrong and is against the law.

Both partners need counseling though the woman also needs protection. Counseling is for the woman to understand her low esteem and raise it enough that she will leave the abusive situation. The male to understand his low self esteem and inadequacies that he uses physical strength to humiliate and control his partner. Go to Counseling or the Wo/Men's Center.

Below are hotlines you may find useful although SBU is not responsible for their services.

VIBS : Victim's Information Bureau Hotline : 24/7 Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Hotline : 360-3606

<http://www.vibs.org>

Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Hotline : 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline : 666-8833

RAPE COUNSELING AND HOTLINES

No woman is ever at fault for being raped - ever. It is a means for a man to exert power, in a warped way, to cover his own inadequacies. If you are a woman and it happens to you, do not hide it. Do not let your perpetrator do it again to another woman. Breaking the chain is also psychologically healing.

Counseling for sexual assault is an important means of having someone to talk to because there are so many conflicting feelings. Depending on the circumstances not only can there be physical trauma, emotionally it can include anger, shame, guilt that somehow the victim was to blame or guilt that the victim did not think of a way to get out of the situation, how to deal with family and partners, and a myriad of other issues. Do not try to face it alone. Go to the Counseling Center or Wo/Men's Center.

<http://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/ucc/sexualassault>

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RESPONSE 24/7 Crisis Hotline: 751-7500

www.responsehotline.org

RESPONSE Hear2Help Chat Online Hotline

Chat rather than talk : www.responsehotline.org/hear2help.html

CRISIS COUNSELING

The Chinese word for "crisis" includes characters that represent danger and opportunity. While crisis causes stress, it also invites growth. So often strengths are newly discovered during difficult times, and each person carries many of his or her own answers.

SUICIDE COUNSELING AND HOTLINES

Counseling is often looked down upon by elders from Asia. Unlike Americans, they have not been taught its benefits. This makes it harder for students dealing with stress and depression. Yet counseling is truly a life or death necessity. Asian American women aged 15-24 have the highest rate of suicide in the U.S.. In 2006 Cornell set up a commission due to the high rate of suicides among its Asian American students, primarily males.

Whether it is pressure from parents to do well academically, trying to get a 4.0 with a double major, making a career choice that is what someone else wants but not what you want, being in a relationship that has personal problems or creates family ones, or the many other stresses students deal with, if you are depressed enough to think suicide is the only alternative, it is not. Years later in retrospect, those who failed a suicide attempt are thankful they did. Life changes made them realize there were other answers, even though at the time they could not see them.

A famous example is J.K. Rowling, now the rich and famous creator of Harry Potter. When she was a struggling writer and single mother in her 20's, she was depressed and suicidal, but she got counseling. If suicide seems like your only answer, talk to a counselor first. Find the growth in your crisis.

Friends helping friends. A friend is more likely to talk to a friend first so it is important for peers not to keep a friend's suicidal thoughts to themselves. Suggest counseling. If the suggestion is not taken, tell someone who could help. Do not wait.

Stony Brook has its own suicide hotline, part of ulifeline, used by many U.S. colleges.

SBU Suicide Hotline: www.ulifeline.org/schools/sunysb

In an emergency, call University Police at 333 or 632-3333.

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National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-talk (8255)

RESPONSE 24/7 Suicide Hotline: 751-7500

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Charles B. Wang Center

Celebrating Asian and
Asian American Cultures



The Wang Center, designed by internationally acclaimed architect P.H. Tuan, provides a dramatic entrance to the campus with its modernistic Tower to Heaven pagoda and red gates. In its exquisite interior are held professional, community, and student events from conferences to weddings. The red trellised Chinese scholar's and bamboo garden around the koi and lotus pond is the most beautiful spot on campus and used for receptions, dining, and meditation. The state of the art lecture halls and theatre are filled during the academic year with a wide variety of Asian and Asian American programs from modern and traditional performances, films, game nights, and cultural balls to serious talks on world affairs. Virtually every wall is designed for art exhibits. The casual and fine dining but provided by any treat not to be beauty or its as a peaceful or as a crowd Wang Center has you will never be



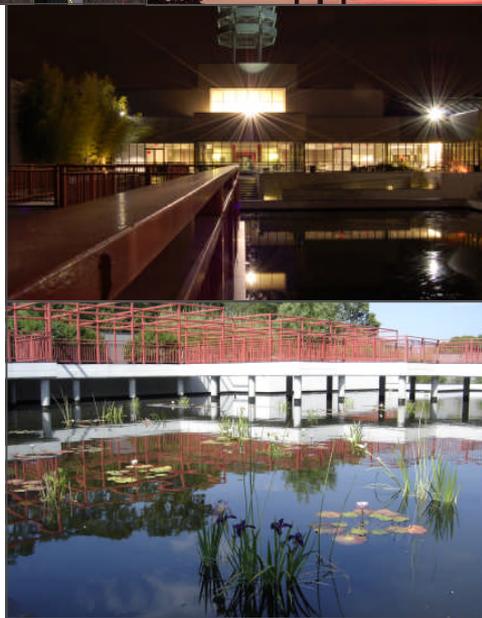
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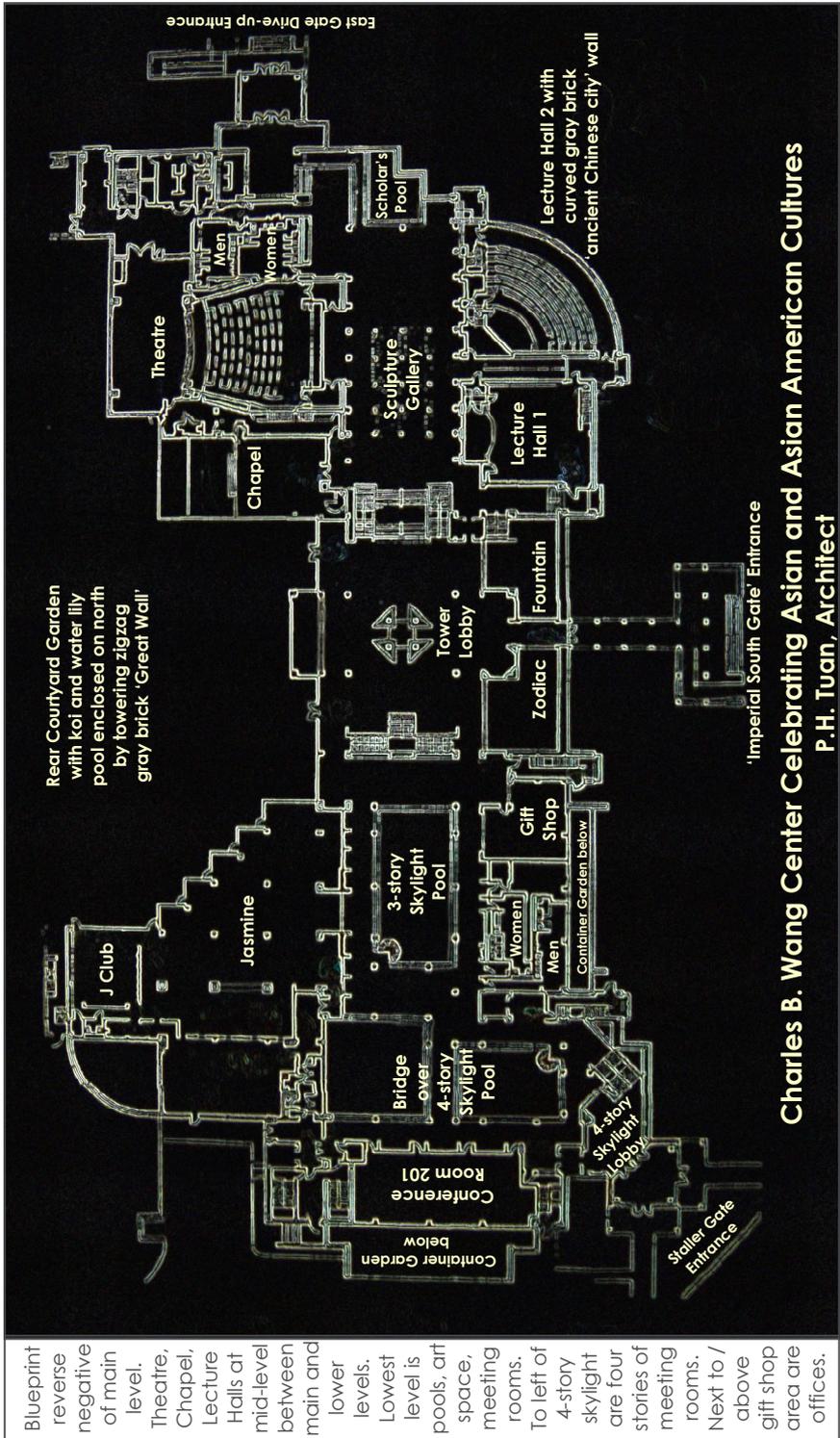
The holographic finish on the Tower to Heaven pagoda creates a constant surprise. It can be any shade of gray, shimmery silver, reflective like a mirror, white, blue, pink, gold, orange, and in lightening, even mint green.

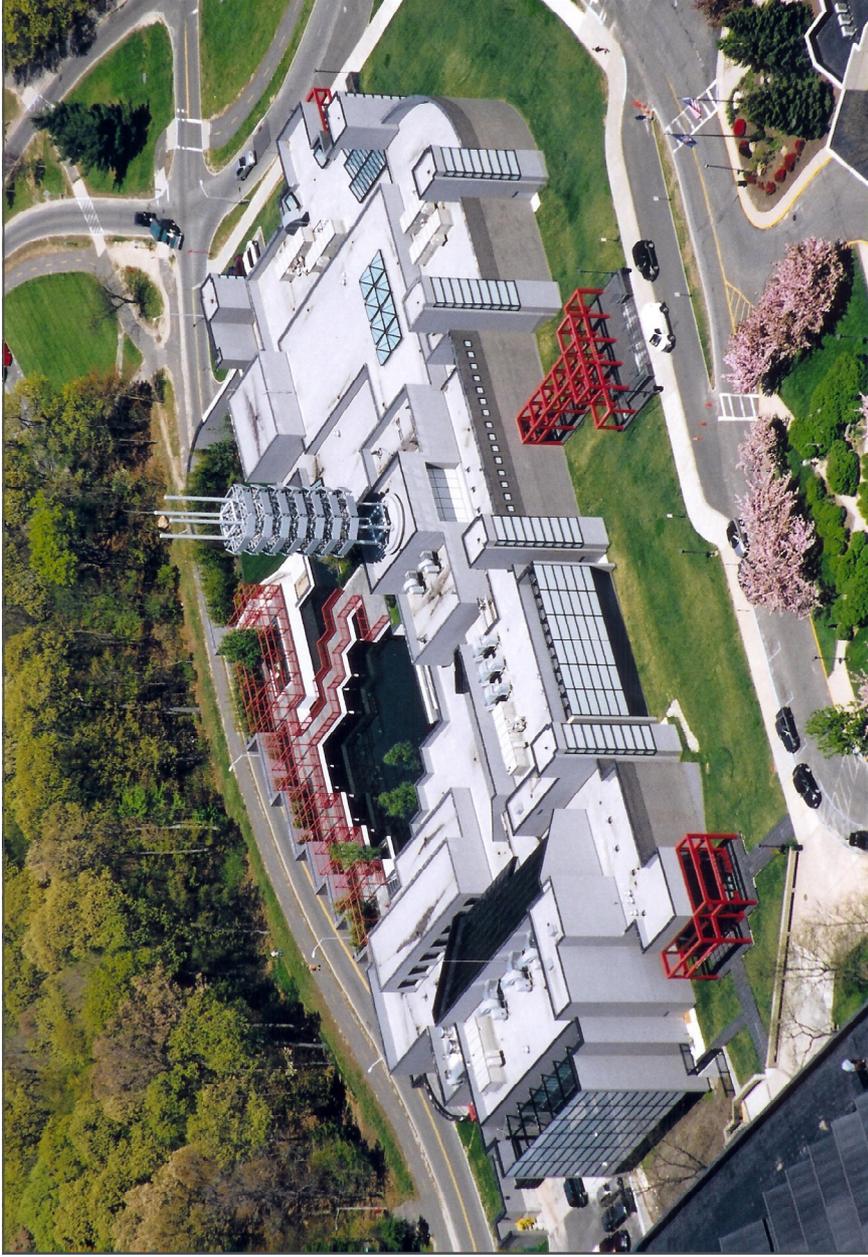


Today the horizon of every city is filled with modern pagodas. As the pagoda united the East in antiquity, in modernity it is the pagoda in skyscraper form that unites the world. What is the Empire State Building but a pagoda with an elevator? The pagoda then is the perfect architectural representation of what the Wang Center hopes to foster - a uniting of East and West.



Description of Wang Center architecture and meaning
www.aa2sbu.org/aaezine/Wang





Aerial view
taken from
southwest

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Wang Center Celebrating Asian & Asian American Cultures

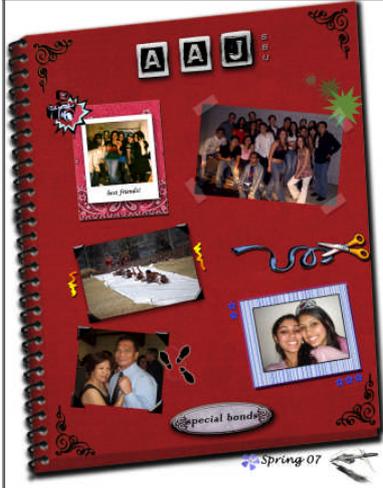


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Asian American Journal

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Asian American Journal, funded by USG, Undergraduate Student Government, is a high quality journal of essays (fiction and non-fiction), poetry, art, and photography, printed each semester and online, and the *Guide to Asian and Asian American Resources at SBU*. AAJ welcomes submissions from all, Asian and non-Asian, though works that bear relevance to Asian American issues or theme of an upcoming issue will have priority. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES All work must be in digital format. Send your material as an attachment to aajsbu@gmail.com

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