

“Breaking boundaries and building coalitions” Calendar of Events



LaGuardia Community College has been celebrating the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Celebration in May every year. AAPI is an annual event of LaGuardia featuring various cultural, philosophical, and linguistic heritages from Asian countries. Along with the other cultural heritage celebrations, including African American Heritage week and Latino Heritage week, AAPI acknowledges and celebrates diversity and cultural richness of LaGuardia Community College. [Scan this QR code ↗ for the complete program.](#)



AAPI 2023 Event Calendar at a Glance				
Date	Time	Location	Title	Host(s)/Speaker(s)
Spring 2023	-	-	Asian American Voices	AAV Editors
Thur, May 4, 2023	10:45am - 11:45am	Room E-111 or online	Rokudenashiko's [**CENSORED**] in Japan	George Tsouris
Thur, May 4, 2023	12:00pm - 1:30pm	Room E-111 or online	Mapping Asian Languages in Queens	Ross Perlin
Thur, May 4, 2023	2:00pm - 3:30pm	Room E-111	Stress Is Real: Navigating the Mental Health Impact of COVID as AAPI	M Campbell (AAF)
Wed, May 10, 2023	12:00pm - 2:00pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	Table tennis tournament	The AAPI Committee
Wed, May 10, 2023	12:00pm - 5:00pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	Origami Workshop	Shardul Sigdel
Wed, May 10, 2023	12:00pm - 5:00pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	AAPI CBOs/NPOs table	AAARI
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Wed, May 10, 2023	1:00pm - 2:00pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	Stress-free Yoga	Sumanth Inukonda
Wed, May 10, 2023	1:00pm - 3:00pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	Tastes of Asia	The AAPI Committee
Wed, May 10, 2023	2:15pm - 2:30pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	Opening Remarks for the AAPI Cultural Celebration	
Wed, May 10, 2023	2:30pm - 2:40pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	Taiko Performance CANCELED	Hiro Kurashima CANCELED
Wed, May 10, 2023	2:40pm - 2:50pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	Asian American Voices Launch	AAV Editors
Wed, May 10, 2023	2:50pm - 3:00pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	Ani-song Appreciation	Jin Martin
Wed, May 10, 2023	3:00pm - 3:10pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	Tomoko Aran's "I'm in Love"	Nia Jackson
Wed, May 10, 2023	3:10pm - 3:20pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	Alan Tam's 'Substitute for Love'	Darren Huang
Wed, May 10, 2023	3:25pm - 3:35pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	K-pop Dance	A.K.F. Dance Studio
Wed, May 10, 2023	3:35pm - 3:45pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	Voz De Dos: Shakira's la Tortura	Alex Pena & Morticia Salazar
Wed, May 10, 2023	3:45pm - 3:55pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	Min-yo (Japanese folk music)	Asumi Yazawa
Wed, May 10, 2023	3:55pm - 4:05pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	Rock Parade by Naoki and Arc Sys	Terrance Friday
Wed, May 10, 2023	4:05pm - 4:10pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	Bengali dance	Fateha Nasir
Wed, May 10, 2023	4:10pm - 4:20pm	The Plaza (29th Street)	Filipino Martial Arts (to be confirmed)	Chrysalis Kali Collective
Fri, May 12, 2023	12:00pm - 2:00pm	Poolside Cafe	Book Talk: "Brown Girls" (organized by Casa de las Américas)	Daphne Palasi Andreades
Thur, May 18, 2023	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Little Theater	Poetry reading by Bulla en el Barrio (organized by Casa de las Américas)	Hawai'i Poet Laureate Kealoha

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Throughout Spring 2023



Asian American Voices

Asian American Voices (AAV) (<https://www.laguardia.edu/aapi/>) is a student journal at LaGuardia Community College that highlights the talent and experiences of LaGuardia’s Asian and Asian American students, staff, and faculty, who collectively account for over 20% of the LaGuardia community. The AAV regularly publishes work dedicated to the wide variety of the AAPI community on campus from China, Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Philippines, India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Afghanistan, Iran, Bhutan, Asians from Middle Eastern countries and from the diaspora including communities such as East Indians from the Caribbean. To contribute your work to the journal, go to <https://tinyurl.com/net2wbtk>

Wednesday May 4 2023 / Mini-Conference



George Tsouris “Rokudenashiko’s [**CENSORED**] in Japan”

10:45am - 11:45am | Room E-111 or online (<https://bit.ly/LG-AAPI2023gt>)

Prof. George Tsouris will host a discussion of Rokudenashiko’s memoir: *What is obscenity? The story of good for nothing artist and her [**CENSORED**]*. This discussion will examine the criminal trial in Japan against female artist Rokudenashiko, through her own perspective, as presented in her manga/prose memoir. Among other things, she created a kayak modeled on her vulva, and shared digital versions of this work. Her artwork was confiscated, and she was arrested for “distribution of obscene materials.” This will entail comparisons to earlier censorship trials in modern Japanese history. Among other questions, we will ask about the role and place of the representation of women’s bodies in contemporary Japan. This study is sponsored by a Global Studies Course Development grant from the University of Washington.

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Ross Perlin “Mapping Asian Languages in Queens”

12:00pm - 1:30pm | Room E-111 or online (<https://bit.ly/LG-AAPI2023rp>)

For over a decade, the Endangered Language Alliance (ELA) has been working with speakers and communities to map the lesser-known, minority, endangered, and Indigenous languages of the New York area. One key product of this effort is the Languages of New York map, which shows over 700 language varieties at over 1200 significant sites across the metropolitan area. Most numerous of all are Asian languages, centered in Queens and constituting around 40 percent of the total. More important than variable numbers, however, is that the map shows a city of much deeper and more intricately patterned linguistic diversity than known from any previous research. ELA Co-Director Ross Perlin will discuss the map and zoom in on the lesser-known Asian language diversity of Queens, particularly in LaGuardia’s immediate surroundings, including some of the most diverse neighborhoods in the world.

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M Campbell, LMSW (they/them), Asian American Federation “Stress Is Real: Navigating the Mental Health Impact of COVID as AAPI”

2:00pm-3:30pm | Room E-111 (registration at <https://bit.ly/LG-AAPI2023aaf>)

The AAPI committee presents a mental health workshop for AAPI students in collaboration with the Asian American Federation and LaGuardia’s Wellness Center. The AAPI community has experienced a myriad of challenges due to COVID – anti-Asian violence and high unemployment rates, to name a few. Young Asian Americans, especially, have had to navigate extreme transitions and social isolation. Join the Asian American Federation (<https://www.aafederation.org/>) for an interactive workshop on understanding how stress shows up in our lives, how we can differentiate between everyday stress and anxiety and depression, and what we can do when we feel stuck or overwhelmed. We will also explore how we as individuals and as a community have been impacted by COVID-related challenges. This workshop will be facilitated by M Campbell, LMSW (they/them) from the Asian American Federation.

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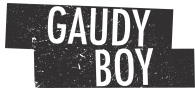
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Shardul Sigdel Origami Workshop
 12:00pm - 5:00pm | The Plaza (29th Street)

Shardul Sigdel, an origami master (<https://www.instagram.com/shardulsigdel/>), will be teaching the traditional art of origami to students and others at LaGuardia. This event aims to encourage students to try their hand at origami. The workshop is open to both beginners who want to learn and those who already know how to make origami and wish to continue practicing. Participants can enjoy themselves while making origami and hopefully learn more about this art of paper folding. The event is designed to be stress-free, with assistance available to students experiencing problems while making origami.

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Gaudy Boy publisher Book Table by Gaudy Boy
 12:00pm - 5:00pm | The Plaza (29th Street)

From Latin gaudium meaning “joy,” Gaudy Boy publishes books that delight readers with the various powers of art. The name is taken from the poem “Gaudy Turnout” by Singaporean author Arthur Yap, about his time abroad in Leeds, UK. Similarly inspired by such diasporic wanderings and migrations, Gaudy Boy brings literary works by authors of Asian heritage to the attention of an American audience. Established in 2018 as the imprint of the NYC-based literary non-profit Singapore Unbound, we publish poetry, fiction, and literary non-fiction. To submit a fiction or literary non-fiction manuscript, please query Jee Leong Koh at jkoh@singaporeunbound.org with the completed book proposal below. For poetry manuscripts, please submit to our annual Gaudy Boy Poetry Book Contest (submission period: February 15 to May 15).

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Chhaya Table by Chaaya
 12:00pm - 5:00pm | The Plaza (29th Street)

Chhaya (<https://chhayacdc.org/>) was founded to address the housing and economic needs for low-income South Asian and Indo-Caribbean New Yorkers. Our approach begins with providing direct services that meet critical needs within our community, while providing the tools and opportunities that allow individuals to shape their own futures and be resilient in the face of challenges. Core to our strategy is organizing and advocating for systemic changes that remove the barriers to well-being, housing stability, and economic mobility for our communities. For over 20 years, Chhaya has served tens of thousands of individuals and led the charge on key policy issues for immigrants, such as basement legalization, language access, tenants rights, and more.

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AAARI Table by AAARI
 12:00pm - 5:00pm | The Plaza (29th Street)

The Asian American / Asian Research Institute (AAARI; <https://aaari.info>) was established on November 19, 2001, by The City University of New York (CUNY) Board of Trustees, in a resolution introduced by Chancellor Matthew Goldstein. The Institute is a university-wide scholarly research and resource center that focuses on policies and issues that affect Asians and Asian Americans. It covers four areas: Asian American Studies; East Asian Studies; South Asian Studies; and Trade & Technology Studies.

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LiveOnNY Table by LiveOnNY

12:00pm - 5:00pm | The Plaza (29th Street)



LiveOnNY (<https://www.liveonny.org/>) is a nonprofit organization committed to helping New York live on through organ and tissue donation and to caring for the families touched by donation. We serve as the federally designated organ procurement organization (OPO) for the greater New York City area. Every day, we work to further our mission by: Facilitating lifesaving organ donations; Caring For Donor Families; Caring for the families of the selfless donors who give the gift of life; Educating the community about the power of donation; Advocating on behalf of those who are waiting for transplant. We all have a role in ending the wait list.

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CAAF Table by CAAF

12:00pm - 5:00pm | The Plaza (29th Street)



Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CAAF; <https://www.cacf.org/>) is the nation's only pan-Asian children and families' advocacy organization bringing together community-based organizations as well as youth and community allies to fight for equity for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI). CAAF's policy advocacy is focused on transforming our communities for the better. To do this well, we need a community of strong advocates and strong organizations through focusing on the following three initiatives: Policy/Advocacy, Leadership Development, and Capacity Building.

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DRUM Table by DRUM

12:00pm - 5:00pm | The Plaza (29th Street)



DRUM (<https://www.drumnyc.org>) - Desis Rising Up and Moving is a multigenerational, membership led organization of low-wage South Asian and Indo-Caribbean immigrants, workers and youth in New York City. Founded in 2000, DRUM has mobilized and built the leadership of thousands of low-income, South Asian and Indo-Caribbean immigrants to lead social and policy change that impacts their own lives- from immigrant rights to education reform, civil rights, and worker's justice. Our membership of over 5,000 adults, youth, and families is multigenerational and represents the diaspora of the South Asian communities – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Guyana, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, and beyond. In over a decade, we have built a unique model of South Asian and Indo-Caribbean undocumented workers, women, and youth led organizing for rights and justice from the local to the global.

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NYC Commission on Human Rights Table by CCHR

12:00pm - 5:00pm | The Plaza (29th Street)



The New York City Commission on Human Rights (<https://www.nyc.gov/site/cchr/index.page>) is charged with the enforcement of the Human Rights Law and with educating the public and encouraging positive community relations. The New York City Human Rights Law is one of the most comprehensive civil rights laws in the nation. The Law prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations based on race, color, religion/creed, age, national origin, immigration or citizenship status, gender (including sexual harassment), gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, pregnancy, marital status, and partnership status. Interns, whether paid or not, are considered employees under the Law. In addition, the Law affords protection against discrimination in employment based on unemployment status; arrest or conviction record; credit history; caregiver status; status as a victim of domestic violence, stalking, and sex offenses; and sexual and reproductive health decisions.

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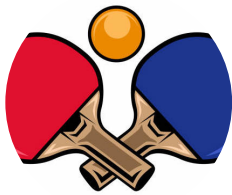
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NYC Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) Table by MOIA
12:00pm - 5:00pm | The Plaza (29th Street)



The NYC Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA; <https://www.nyc.gov/site/immigrants/index.page>) work recognizes that immigrant New Yorkers and their children make up a significant proportion of the City’s population. Our charter-mandated responsibilities include advising and assisting the mayor, council, and other agencies on programs and policies related to and designed for immigrant New Yorkers; tracking state and federal policy and law that will impact immigrant New Yorkers; increasing access to city programs, benefits, and services by conducting outreach; and helping advise on the legal service needs of immigrants. MOIA is also required to consult with the community and other stakeholders and coordinate an interagency task force on immigrant affairs. MOIA is also tasked to work with the relevant city agencies to address the needs of immigrant crime victims and witnesses, including by working with agencies on the issuance of U visa certifications and T visa declarations.

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The AAPI Committee Table tennis tournament
12:00pm - 2:00pm | The Plaza (29th Street)

We are excited to announce the LaGuardia table tennis tournament from 12:00pm to 2:00pm on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 @ 29th Street & Skillman Avenue. This tournament is open to all college students, faculty, and staff. Registration is now open and can be completed online at <https://bit.ly/LG-AAPI2023tt>. Participants must check in 15 minutes before the tournament. The tournament bracket and player standings can be found at <https://challonge.com/AAPI2023tt>. The tournament will feature only singles play, and prizes (Amazon gift cards) will be awarded to the top two finishers. For inquiries, contact Kyoko Toyama at kyokot@lagcc.cuny.edu / 718-482- 5276.

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Sumanth Inukonda Stress-free Yoga
1:00pm - 2:00pm | The Plaza (29th Street)

Come and join Prof. Sumanth Inukonda’s stress-free yoga during the AAPI Heritage Month Celebration on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Stress-free yoga is a type of yoga practice that is designed to help individuals reduce stress and promote relaxation. This type of yoga incorporates various breathing techniques, meditation, and gentle yoga poses that aim to calm the mind and body. The practice of stress-free yoga can be beneficial for individuals who are dealing with high levels of stress, anxiety, or tension, as it provides a safe and supportive environment to release and let go of negative emotions. Stress-free yoga can also improve physical health, flexibility, and strength while promoting overall well-being.

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The AAPI Committee Tastes of Asia
1:00pm - 3:00pm | The Plaza (29th Street)

Are you tired of the same old bland food? Come on down and tantalize your taste buds with our Asian cuisine extravaganza! We have samosas that will make you say “Namaste” to India, dumplings that will have you shouting “Ni hao” to China, and karaage that will make you want to bust out your best karate moves like a Karate Kid! And if that’s not enough, we also serve mini bento boxes that are so cute, you’ll feel like a giant devouring them! And don’t even get us started on MBJ’s famous ice tea and lemonade - they’re so good, you’ll think you’re sipping on liquid gold! So, what are you waiting for? Come and get your grub on!

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Tuli Chatterji, Malgorzata Marciniak, and AAV Editors *Asian American Voices* Launch
 2:40pm - 2:50pm (subject to change) | The Plaza (29th Street)



On May 10th, we will launch the 5th issue of LaGuardia’s Asian American Voices journal. The launch will highlight the diversity of Asian American Pacific Islander heritages at LaGuardia Community College and beyond. Students of Asian origin comprise the second largest group at LaGuardia, and Asian American Voices aims to celebrate and create a space to engage the concerns of these students and their communities, particularly in New York City. Moreover, we will also recognize Asian American Studies as an interdisciplinary academic field. Through the journal’s mission and practices, we uphold and promote the college’s mission to build an inclusive community. At the event, student contributors to the journal (Kalsang Nyima, Anuska Khadgi, Janelis Germosen, & Thaw Lin Aye) will read excerpts and share their experiences contributing to the journal. We will distribute copies of our previous issues to highlight Asian American scholarship produced by LaGuardia students.

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Jin Martin *Ani-song Appreciation*
 2:50pm - 3:00pm (subject to change) | The Plaza (29th Street)



Jin Martin, a LaGuardia alum and semi-professional singer, will perform to share her love for Japanese music, particularly ani-songs (anime songs). Ani-songs are songs featured in anime, including “おんなの道は星の道/Onna no Michi wa Hoshi no Michi” (The Way of a Maiden is The Way of Stars) from “THE IDOLM@STER CINDERELLA GIRLS,” a popular anime franchise. This traditional-sounding song conveys a beautiful story. The second song is “Kickback” from Chainsaw Man, a recent and popular anime. The song was written and originally performed by Kenshi Yonezu, an influential musician that has composed and performed many popular songs for a variety of anime over the years.

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Nia Jackson *Tomoko Aran’s “I’m in Love”*
 3:00pm - 3:10pm (subject to change) | The Plaza (29th Street)



Nia Jackson, a student at LaGuardia, will be performing a song by Aran Tomoko (亜蘭知子), a singer and lyricist who released several hit songs in Japan during the 1980s and 1990s. Aran Tomoko’s music is characterized by a chilled-out, city pop vibe. Nia will be singing “I’m in Love,” one of her favorite songs by Aran Tomoko, to showcase her passion for vintage Japanese music. Nia is a big fan of Japanese culture from the 1980s and listens to a lot of Japanese songs from that era. Nia has also learned many other songs by Aran Tomoko, and she hopes to continue to explore the rich history of Japanese music from the 1980s and beyond. Nia is excited to share her love of Japanese music with others, and she hopes that her performance will inspire others to explore this genre as well.

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Darren Huang *Alan Tam’s 愛的替身 (Ài de tishēn) or “Substitute for Love”*
 3:10pm - 3:20pm (subject to change) | The Plaza (29th Street)

Darren Huang, a LaGuardia student and a Chinese American singer-songwriter, will be performing a live rendition of Alan Tam’s “Substitute of Love,” a classic 80s Hong Kong pop song from his 1984 album “Fog of Love.” While there are numerous great songs from the 80s to 90s, Darren has chosen this song as it is well-suited for my vocal type. He will do my best to make the performance as outstanding as possible.

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A.K.F Dance Studio *AKF Dance Medley*

3:25pm - 3:35pm (subject to change) | The Plaza (29th Street)

A.K.F Dance Studio is located in Flushing, whose membership mostly consist of Chinese or Chinese Americans. For our upcoming performance, A.K.F. will showcase dance medley that incorporates a variety of styles, including Hip Hop, Jazz, Korean pop, and Chinese pop. The performance will run for approximately 10 minutes, and A.K.F. will be remixing the songs to create a seamless and cohesive performance, as they did during our performance at LaGuardia in 2018. Thirteen highly experienced performers will be performing in this show, providing an excellent opportunity for A.K.F to showcase our talents to the audience.

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Alexander Pena and Morticia Salazar *Voz De Dos: Shakira's la Tortura*

3:35pm - 3:45pm (subject to change) | The Plaza (29th Street)

Alexander Pena and Morticia Salazar, who are both current LaGuardia students, would like to sing “La Tortura” by Shakira. They chose to sing Shakira’s song because she is a famous Colombian singer-songwriter known for her unique blend of Latin, Arabic, and rock music. Shakira’s music is very popular in Asia, where her song “Waka Waka (This Time for Africa)” became a major hit during the 2010 FIFA World Cup and contributed to the popularity of football (soccer) in Asia. Alex and Morticia want to present Shakira’s song to promote international interaction between Hispanic and Asian music, dance, and culture, hoping to generate incredible synergy and innovative art, much like Shakira does.

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Asumi Yazawa *Min-yo (Japanese folk music)*

3:45pm - 3:55pm (subject to change) | The Plaza (29th Street)

Asumi Yazawa, a LaGuardia student and professional singer, will be performing a collection of musical theater songs and traditional Japanese songs. Asumi has been showcasing her talent in traditional Japanese music known as “min-yo” at several events in New York City. She is eager to share her love of music and hopes that her performance will inspire many to explore Japanese culture and traditional Japanese music.

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Terrance Friday *Rock Parade By Naoki And Arc Sys*

3:55pm - 4:05pm (subject to change) | The Plaza (29th Street)

Rock Parade is a song from a music video game *Guilty Gear Strive* developed by Japanese video game developer Konami in 1999. The game was designed by Naoki Maeda, a composer and producer who has worked on many of Konami’s music games, and Arc System Works, a Japanese video game developer known for their fighting games. *Guilty Gear Strive* was not as commercially successful as other Konami music games, but its music, *Rock Parade*, is still remembered by fans of the genre for its unique soundtrack and challenging gameplay. Terrance Friday will perform a covered version of *Rock Parade* and will bring a fun and energetic vibe to the celebration of Asian culture.

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Fateha Nasir *Bengali dance*

4:05pm - 4:10pm (subject to change) | The Plaza (29th Street)

Fateha Nasir will perform a cultural dance to represent her home country of Bangladesh. She will be performing a Bengali dance, adorned in traditional clothing known as a *sharee*, as well as traditional jewelry. The purpose of this dance is to showcase the beauty and richness of Bengali culture. She has selected the song called *Akash Batashe*, one of her long-time favorites. This is the first opportunity for Fateha to perform this song in a public setting and share her passion for her culture through dance. Through this performance, she hopes to offer a glimpse into the cultural heritage of Bangladesh and celebrate the artistry of Bengali dance and to inspire a newfound appreciation for the beauty and diversity of cultures around the world.

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Chrysalis Kali Collective *Filipino Martial Arts* [to be confirmed]

4:10pm - 4:20pm (subject to change) | The Plaza (29th Street)

Chrysalis Kali Collective (<https://www.chrysaliskali.com>) will perform Filipino Martial Arts (FMA), which is a practical weapon-based combat system that is considered one of the most advanced in the world. Originating from the Philippines, FMA encompasses a multitude of fighting styles that are as diverse as the islands in the archipelago. Arnis, Escrima, and Kali are among the most popularly known styles of FMA. FMA has its roots in hundreds of years of tribal warfare and resistance to colonial rule. It is an art that has been tried and tested over generations, and has adapted to shifting times and changing circumstances. While Kali is known for being a primarily blade-centric art, the principles and techniques learned can be applied to any type of weapon, such as a stick, club, staff, or even in empty-hand combat.

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Friday May 12 2023



Daphne Palasi Andreades Book Talk: “Brown Girls”

12:00pm - 2:00pm | Poolside Cafe

Queens author, Daphne Palasi Andreades will be on campus to talk about their novel *Brown Girls* (<https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/57717412>), her career, and the importance of centering Queens stories. This event is organized by Casa de las Américas at LaGuardia Community College.

Thursday May 18 2023



Hawai'i Poet Laureate Kealoha “Poetry reading and film teaser followed by music by *Bulla en el Barrio*”

3:00pm - 5:00pm | Little Theater

“The Story of Everything” (<https://storyofeverything.org/>) explores diverse explanations for the origins of life, uniquely blending past & present, science & consciousness, and the environment & the arts. We will be hosting a film screening event with Hawai'i Poet Laureate Kealoha, the producer of “The Story of Everything.” This event is organized by Casa de las Américas at LaGuardia Community College.