

AAC Commission 2025 Report

Cultural Committee Impact and Tulsa Asia Fest 2026

- **Community Engagement:** Participated in **16 major cultural events**, including Lunar New Year, Eid Celebration, AAPI Night Market, India Fest, and Hmong New Year—strengthening visibility and connection across Tulsa’s diverse Asian communities.
 - **Signature Event Success:**
 - *2025 City of Tulsa Lunar New Year:* Expected 300–750 attendees; achieved **2,500+**, setting a record for cultural engagement.
 - *Looking Ahead:* **2026 Tulsa Asia Fest** scheduled for Jan 31, 3-8pm at Arvest Convention Center.
 - **Strategic Goal for 2026:** Launch **AAPI Leadership Listening Sessions** to build direct communication channels with underrepresented communities.
 - **Plan:** Establish a recurring leadership roundtable, host quarterly dinners, share Commission updates, and invite leaders as informal advisors.
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Data & Research Committee Impact

- **Strengthened Community Network:** Built a comprehensive database of current and prospective partners and conducted research conversations to deepen collaboration.
 - **Expanded Access to Resources:** Partnered with **211EOK** to amplify its multilingual resource guide and increase visibility within Asian communities—equipping leaders with tools to better serve Tulsans.
 - **Stories of Asian Tulsa Initiative:** Launched a storytelling project to showcase leadership and diversity, driving awareness and inspiring engagement.
 - Future goals: Publish thought leadership pieces for Asian Heritage Month and connect with underrepresented communities like Chuuk and Marshallese.
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Workforce & Education Committee Impact

- **Second Annual Luminary Awards:** Celebrated outstanding Asian leaders and businesses driving education and workforce development in Tulsa at 101 Archer in Tulsa Arts District.
 - **Honorees:** Sarah Park (Education), Anna Tran (Community Leader), Zam Sian Khai (Business), Dr. Kamran Muhammad (Workforce Champion), Ibrahim Keo & Raymond Anderson (Memoriam).
- **Event Highlights:**

- Full house with 125+ in attendance with strong community engagement.
 - Secured **11 sponsors** and featured cultural performances by Moonlight Blossom Dance Troupe.
 - Keynote speakers included Deputy Mayor Krystal Reyes and AAC leadership.
- **Impact:** Elevated voices that empower communities, foster economic growth, and inspire future leaders—reinforcing unity and pride across Tulsa’s Asian American community.
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Overall Impact

In 2025, the Asian Affairs Commission strengthened Tulsa’s Asian American community through record-breaking cultural events, strategic leadership initiatives, and recognition programs that elevated voices and fostered unity. By amplifying representation, building leadership pipelines, and expanding access to resources, AAC transformed awareness into action—creating a more connected, informed, and empowered community while laying the foundation for even greater engagement in 2026.