

Chairman's Welcome Letter

Dear Friends,

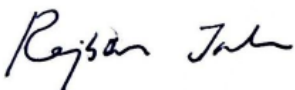
It is my pleasure and honor to welcome you to the 26th Asian American Celebration (AAC), hosted by Asian American Society of Central Virginia (AASoCV). The month of May has been designated as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which celebrates the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) to the United States and so standing by our mission and goals, through joyous events such as AAC. Not only do we bring together and celebrate the vibrant cultures, traditions, and flavors of Asia, but we also celebrate the contributions of Asian Americans and the cultural diversity here in Central Virginia.

The AAC or Asian Festival, as people fondly call it, has grown rapidly over the years since its inception, and this year won't be any different with dazzling dance performances, showcasing the talent and dedication of the performers. Let's not forget the array of food booths that will allow you to indulge your taste buds with various Asian cuisines and offer a culinary journey through the flavors of all diverse cultures. For the shoppers, we will have a marketplace with vibrant textiles and intricate hand-crafts. Not to forget, the beautifully adorned cultural booths that provide a glimpse of various Asian cultures and the activity booths to keep children entertained.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the founders of this great organization and the past chairs for their hard work and perseverance. Without their commitment, AASoCV wouldn't have been the organization that it is today. Furthermore, I'd like to thank all the sponsors and supporters of AASoCV for their trust in this organization, and I hope we will continue to live up to their expectations. Thank you also to the Board of Trustees, the Committee Chairs, and the volunteers for their support. A huge shoutout to their families as well for extending that additional support. Lastly, I would like to thank the Executive Committee and the AAC Co-Chairs, Mr. Emran Ahmed and Ms. Jaye Li for their leadership and commitment to the success of this event.

May AAC be a source of joy and inspiration to all the participants.

Cheers,



Rajbans Joshi

