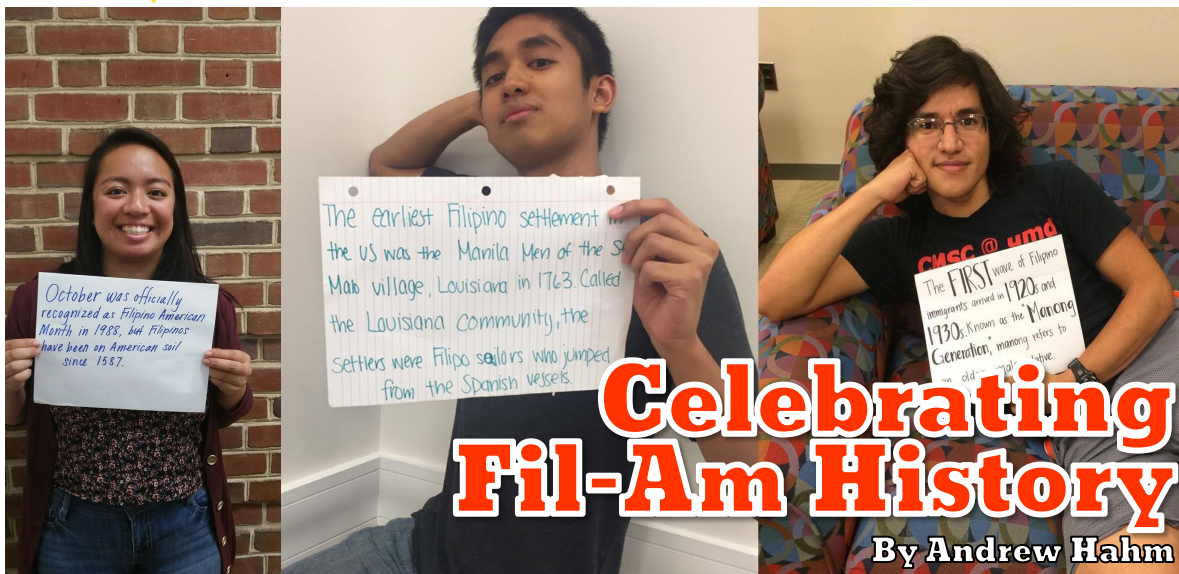




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Celebrating Fil-Am History

By Andrew Hahm

It's the month of October—the month of Halloween and, for some, Fall Break. But more importantly, it's also Filipino American History Month! Now this is an occasion that you don't want to overlook, and being a month dedicated to history, I hope you're well prepared for a history lesson!

Would it surprise you to know that American history and Filipino history are actually closely correlated? In fact, it was Filipinos who help make America the way it is today. Among their most notable contributions to American history is their efforts during World War

II to protect both their nation and the United States. Many Filipinos fought alongside U.S. soldiers and gave their lives for this struggle, yet to this day, these Filipino war veterans still have not been rightfully recognized for their service.

In the 1960's and 1970's, waves of Filipinos immigrated to the U.S. in search of work. At the same time, America was rapidly developing and growing, creating a demand for workers to fulfill a staggering amount of jobs in the health field, service industry, technology, armed forces, and construction, just to name a few. Filipinos who

came to the U.S. were the ones to respond to these demands, facilitating healthy growth in America's development.

Equally as important as the contributions made in Fil-Am history are the struggles. Since immigrating, many Filipinos faced racial discrimination and underrepresentation. It's important to remember the fights against those injustices in order to appreciate the full picture of Filipino American history. What better time to recognize the challenges of our history and what we can learn from them than in Filipino American History Month.

Farewell, Eboard... By Caryn Pasking



Hey there! If you haven't heard the good news, FCA has found its newest freshmen reps! Alex and I may have come to the end of the road, but I know we will never be done "reppin'" for the amazing class we've seen come together in our term. Being freshman rep has easily been one of the highlight experiences of my time in college. I've grown so much in just one year and I can't wait to see what the upcoming years hold for me, Alex, and the rest of my class. I can only hope that the next freshmen reps experience this unique sensation, make the most of the position, and always remember the family that is FCA. #pineapple

Upcoming Events

Cultural Retreat

Fri. 10/14 - Sun. 10/16

AASU/AAST Town Hall

Mon. 10/17, 5pm

@ Computer Science Building
Room 113

First Co-Ed Flag Football

Intramural Game

Mon. 10/17, 10pm

@ Xfinity Fields

SurviveCP 2016

Sun. 10/23, 4pm-6pm

@ Nyumburu Amphitheater

Next GBM

Thur. 10/27

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I'm hearing a lot about this FAST class. Would you recommend that I take it? **really know what to expect. What were your experiences like from past retreats?**

Wait, you've heard about this FAST class, but haven't asked the people you actually heard talk about it? Okay, well, that's fine I guess. I personally believe it is a great opportunity to learn about a wonderful culture and history, even if you aren't Filipino American yourself. The professor, Gem, keeps the class fairly interactive and entertaining by bringing in Fil-Am pop culture into the mix as well. Just keep in mind that this class isn't an easy A. It's not necessarily difficult, but there's a lot of work to be done.

People have been talking about something called GALA, too. What exactly is it?

Well you're lucky that I've actually been fairly involved with Gala before! FAST Gala is the Filipino American Studies Gala, and it's put on every other year in order to help fund the Filipino American Studies program that our organization started on this campus in 2007. Currently, all proceeds go towards two scholarships: The General Taguba Scholarship, and the Philip Vera Cruz Scholarship. If you're interested in going, then you should this year, especially since it's the 10 year anniversary of the first FAST class!

I know that cultural retreat is coming up soon and I don't

I will adamantly say that Cultural Retreat is one of the events I look forward to the most every year. Between all the Family events, cultural activities, and the downtime that we all get as a big FCA family, there are so many things to look forward to. I can't even begin to describe how important this event means to me, and if you aren't able to go this year, I implore you to go next year. It's definitely an experience you don't want to miss.

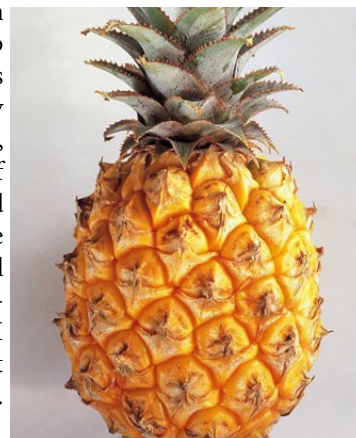
A friend told me that you're really great at giving relationship advice. What is the best way to try to get close to somebody that I really like?

First off, who told you this? That's a total lie. I have to answer this? ... Seriously? FINE, I'll give an answer, but I don't consider myself an expert on this. I'll put these into three steps. First step, be yourself. No one needs that fake stuff. Second, take the time to get to know this person. Don't just pine from afar. Actually spend time with them, and learn something about them. Third, do steps one and two, as well as stop reading for dating advice from a newsletter you found at your local Filipino organization. You got dis. I believe in you!

And Hello, General Body!

By Alex Davis

Oh hi! Being freshman rep alongside Caryn has been one of the best things that has happened to me this past year next to coming to the university. I have seen not only myself grow, but also our class as a whole grow into one of the closest groups in FCA. Being there to help bond and unite our class through dinners, study sessions, and hangouts, has been the pinnacle of my term on Eboard within FCA. I know the next freshman reps will have the same experience, if not more, and I can't wait to see what they do with their term. #pineapple



Department of Design

By Andrew Hahm

FCA's Department of Design (DoD) is looking for more members to help make graphics for our groups and events! This creative experience is open to everyone both trained in and new to using Photoshop and other programs. Not only is it a great way to try out graphic design, but it's also another group to find people with interests just like yours within FCA! If you'd like an opportunity for an artistic outlet, speak to Andrew Hahm or Junelle Rivera for more information. Meetings are every GBM Thursday from 5:00PM to 7:00PM, location TBA beforehand.



Member Spotlights!

Get to know your Eboard and General Body Members!

Justin Sorra
Male Sports Coord

Year: Sophomore
Major: Electrical Engineering

What is a funny or weird quirk of yours that you'd never want to change?

I like to chew on my clothes around the sleeves or collar when I am focusing. These clothes make me look like I'm homeless, but chewing also helps me focus.

What kind of friend are you?

The best kind. If you wanna be friends, just talk to meh :)

How FAST can you run?

Probably FASTER than Gem.

What has the history of your family and relatives taught you about Filipino and Fil-Am history?

My great-aunt managed to take care of all her younger siblings at the age of 17 during times of turmoil in the Philippines. Her selflessness and caring nature has taught me that Filipinos are all about family and love. And lumpia. Lumpia is life.



Jaime Atilano

Year: Freshman
Major: Aspiring Business major

What is something that you look forward to accomplishing in your freshman year?

I can't wait to make it big Freshmen year and to slay all my midterms and finals! Also, I look forward to being more involved in organizations (such as FCA) that will allow me to utilize my skills and talents to make a huge impact in the UMD community.

What does being Filipino American mean to you?

Coming to America as an immigrant and growing up as a Filipino-American, I've discovered that Filipinos are just as much of a family and community as they are in the Philippines. Being Filipino-American to me means being proud to be a Filipino and never forgetting where you came from.

Is there anything you know about in Fil-Am history that is important to you?

I think it's important to acknowledge the resilience of Filipino-Americans in the past dealing with racism and adversity. Because of our prominent presence, we are now one of the largest populations in the US. We've come so far and will only continue to go further.

Dogs or cats?

CatDog. If you don't know the show, you're too young.

