Resources for Asian students:

A document of resources for Asian students in GAPSA. Resources include opportunities to connect with Asian or BIPOC organizations and access resources related to support / wellness. Opportunities listed at the school, graduate, and G12-specific level. Please email us at gapsa.equity.access@gapsa.upenn.edu if any of our information is wrong or something should be added!

** Will be continuously updated as we obtain more info

School-Wide:

The Pan-Asian American Community House: A cultural resource center at Penn where South Asian, East Asian, Southeast Asian, and Pacific Islander cultures are celebrated. PAACH is a community center that develops and implements innovative programs for leadership development and community service in close collaboration with Asian American student and community groups. https://paach.vpul.upenn.edu/

Penn CSA (Chinese Students’ Association): A social, cultural, and political organization that aims to promote Chinese and Chinese-American affairs to the Penn community. CSA exists to create a network of individuals interested in these affairs and provide a way for all people to learn more about Chinese and Chinese-American culture, history, food, and news while creating a network with a multifaceted family of members. To carry out our mission, CSA holds numerous events including our annual cultural show production, holiday festivals, speaker events, food events, trips, study breaks, and more. https://upennncsa.com/

Penn HKSA (Hong Kong Students Association): The Hong Kong Students Association (HKSA) is an student organization at the University of Pennsylvania that hopes to share what makes Hong Kong so special to the Penn community. HKSA celebrates the unique culture of Asia’s most dynamic city, and welcomes any and all Penn students from all backgrounds! Join us for dim sum trips, karaoke, internship panels, alumni networking and more. https://www.dolphin.upenn.edu/hksa/#about
Counseling:

Waiting to Exhale: A BIPOC Support Group. 3pm to 4:30pm on Fridays via Bluejeans (email deriky@upenn.edu and eburks@upenn.edu to register.
https://caps.wellness.upenn.edu/waitingtoexhale/

Graduate / Professional Student - Specific:

PAAGSA (Pan-Asian American Graduate Student Association): Seeks to improve the academic and social lives of Asian and Asian American graduate and professional students at the University of Pennsylvania, and increase their awareness about Asian and Asian American issues. Through our various social, academic, health and wellness, and service-related activities, we seek to establish connections between both international Asian and Asian American students across the graduate and professional schools, thereby fostering a sense of community among the Pan-Asian population at Penn. https://www.dolphin.upenn.edu/paagsa/

KoGSA (Korean Graduate Student Association of UPenn):
https://www.facebook.com/pennkogsa/

Penn Rangoli- the Indian Association at Penn:
- Celebrate Indian festivals and momentous days like Republic and Independence Day.
- Facilitate the easing into the university community of new students/staff/faculty of Indian origin.
- Organize social, cultural and sporting events of interest to people of Indian origin at UPenn, and thereby contribute to an active social environment for them.
- Organize and/or facilitate seminars and talks on cultural, historical, political, economic, and social aspects of India, and provide a forum for active debate on various issues concerning India.
• Contribute to the efforts in making the University of Pennsylvania a more multicultural and tolerant campus, and mobilize support against discrimination towards other groups.

https://www.dolphin.upenn.edu/rangoli/index.htm

**Upenn Taiwanese Student Association:** [https://www.facebook.com/UPennTSA/](https://www.facebook.com/UPennTSA/)

**G12-Specific:**

**GSE:**

**We Support Diversity of Mind (WSDM):** was founded to enhance the overall community for students of color at Penn GSE. Through academic, social/networking, and community engagement events, WSDM provides support, awareness, and leadership opportunities for Penn GSE students of color and seeks to build bridges to faculty and alumni of color to maximize the student learning experience. For more information, please contact Ufuoma Abiola at gse.wsdm@gmail.com.

**Law:**

**Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA):** Penn APALSA is the largest student-run affinity organization at Penn Law. APALSA invests in the professional, academic, and personal development of its members. APALSA strives to promote Asian American interests in the legal sphere by engaging its members and the greater surrounding legal community in critical contemporary legal topics and by preparing its members for well-rounded and successful legal careers. APALSA’s keystone event is an annual APALSA Conference which brings in students and speakers from around to country to discuss important legal issues affecting Asian Americans. APALSA is also committed to supporting diversity across minority identities through alliances and allyships and views diversity in a broad, vibrant, and engaging way. [http://www.pennapalsa.org/index.html](http://www.pennapalsa.org/index.html)
South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA): The South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA) provides those identifying as South Asian at Penn Law a forum to discuss South Asian issues, celebrate our shared experiences and encourage legal debate and participation within the South Asian community. Penn SALSA has a strong mentorship program for entering 1Ls, and we frequently organize social events, speaker events, and cultural events for our community and the law school. This year, SALSA will be hosting its 2nd Annual Conference, which will allow members to network directly with attorneys and firms, and hear from renowned South Asian speakers in the legal field. To get involved, please contact pennsalsa@gmail.com

SP2:

Asians for Justice: The mission of Asians for Justice is to provide a space for Asian students at SP2 to process their intersectional identities through community building and facilitated discussions to better advocate for social justice. Contact: juliahah@upenn.edu

Nursing:

Minorities in Nursing Organization: “Changing the face of nursing by promoting cultural awareness in the healthcare community through community service and providing social and academic support to our members—open to all nursing students.”
https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/mno/

Asian Pacific American Nursing Student Association (APANSA): APANSA seeks to resolve the unique challenges, obstacles, and responsibilities specific to Asian Pacific American nursing students, nurses, and the communities they came from. https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/apansa/

Medicine:

South Asian Medical Student Association (SAMoSA): SAMoSA strives to strengthen the South Asian community amongst medical students, undergraduates, residents, and physicians at Perelman, increase awareness of South Asian health issues in the Penn community and Philadelphia, and strengthen South Asian collaboration across multiple Penn graduate programs. contact Manasa.Kadiyala@Pennmedicine.upenn.edu and Pranay.Nadella@Pennmedicine.upenn.edu
**Wharton:**

**Wharton Asian American Association of MBAs:** The Wharton Asian American Association of MBAs mission is to create a tight-knit community at Wharton that provides support and mentorship while celebrating the expression of Asian culture in America. The club promotes self-reflection and conversation around being Asian in America, and encourages members to be thoughtful leaders and advocates in the workforce for Asian empowerment.

**Veterinary Medicine**

**VOICE (Veterinarians as One Inclusive Community for Empowerment):** “VOICE is a student-run organization that seeks to increase awareness, respect, and sensitivity to differences among all individuals and communities in the field of veterinary medicine. VOICE also aims to celebrate diversity within our profession, to encourage campus environments that embrace diversity and promote the success of all students, and to emphasize the importance of cross-cultural awareness in veterinary medicine in order to meet the needs of our diversifying clientele. Lastly, in order to ensure a more diverse future for veterinary medicine, VOICE chapters provide leadership and mentorship to youth, particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds, who are interested in careers as veterinarians.”