

Historical Weekly AAPI Facts 2025

Business & Management (March 31st)

- **Sunisa Lee (Hmong American, b. 2003)** – An Olympic gold medalist in gymnastics who has leveraged her success into business ventures with companies like CLIF Bar, Amazon, and Gatorade, inspiring a new generation of Hmong entrepreneurs and athletes. [Learn more.](#)
- **Vera Wang (Chinese American, b. 1949)** – A renowned fashion designer who started as a figure skater and later built a global luxury brand, demonstrating strong business and management skills in the fashion industry. [Learn more.](#)
- **Auli'i Cravalho (Native Hawaiian, b. 2000)** – Known as the voice of Moana, she has used her career in entertainment to launch business ventures and advocate for Polynesian representation in media. [Learn more.](#)

Community & Human Services (April 7th)

- **Patsy Mink (Japanese American, 1927–2002)** – The first woman of color elected to the U.S. Congress, she co-authored Title IX, which prohibits sex-based discrimination in education. [Learn more.](#)
- **Larry Itliong (Filipino American, 1913–1977)** – A labor organizer who played a crucial role in the Delano Grape Strike of 1965, advocating for Filipino and Mexican farmworkers' rights. [Learn more.](#)

George Helm (Hawaiian, 1950–1977) – A Native Hawaiian activist and musician, Helm fought to protect Hawaiian lands, notably leading resistance against U.S. military expansion on Kaho'olawe, a sacred site. His work deeply influenced the Hawaiian sovereignty movement. [Learn more.](#)