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To learn more about famous AANHPI individuals both today and throughout history, read more about the accomplishments of the individuals listed below.



Mindy Kaling

An American actress, comedian, writer, and producer of Indian descent. She is best known for her role in the popular TV show *The Office*, and for creating and starring in her own show, *The Mindy Project*. She has written and produced several movies and authored several books.



Bowen Yang

Chinese-American comedian, writer, and actor who became the first Asian-American cast member on *Saturday Night Live* in 2019. He has appeared in TV shows such as *Broad City*, and co-hosts the podcast "Las Culturistas."



Yo-Yo Ma

World-renowned Chinese-American cellist who has won numerous awards and accolades for his contributions to classical music.



Dwayne Johnson (The Rock)

Famous actor, producer, and former professional wrestler, known for his roles in blockbuster movies such as *Black Adam*, the *Fast and Furious* franchise, and *Jumanji*.



Yuri Kochiyama

Japanese-American civil rights activist, known for her activism in support of African-American, Asian-American, and other marginalized communities. She was a vocal advocate for reparations for Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II, and was a close friend and supporter of Malcolm X.

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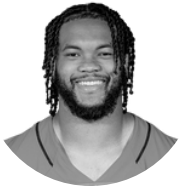
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Anderson Paak

An American musician, rapper, singer, songwriter, and record producer. He gained critical acclaim for his unique blend of hip-hop, soul, and funk, and has released songs with Kendrick Lamar and Bruno Mars.



Kyler Murray

An American professional football player of Korean and African American descent. He currently plays as a quarterback for the Arizona Cardinals in the NFL and was the first overall pick in the 2019 NFL Draft. As a college athlete, he won the Heisman Trophy in 2018.



Awkwafina

Also known as Nora Lum, she is an American actress, rapper, and comedian of Chinese and Korean descent. Gained popularity from roles in movies such as *Crazy Rich Asians* and *Ocean's 8*, and won a Golden Globe award for her role in *The Farewell*.



Lisa Ling

American journalist, writer, and television presenter of Chinese descent. She is best known for her work as a correspondent for ABC News and CNN,. She is also an advocate for various social and political causes, including women's rights and environmentalism.



Jerry Yang

Taiwanese-American entrepreneur and co-founder of Yahoo!, one of the first and most popular search engines on the internet.

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Jordan Clarkson

American professional basketball player of Filipino and African American descent. He currently plays for the Utah Jazz in the NBA and won the Sixth Man of the Year Award in 2021. A vocal advocate for the Filipino community and has represented the Philippines in international basketball competitions.



H.E.R.

American singer and songwriter of Filipino and African-American descent. She first gained attention for her anonymous identity and powerful voice, and has since won multiple Grammy Awards for her R&B and neo-soul music.



Jhene Aiko

American singer and songwriter of Japanese, African American, and Native American descent. She gained popularity for her unique style of R&B and soul music, and released several successful albums, including *Sail Out* and *Trip*.



Tammy Duckworth

Thai-American politician and former U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel who served in the Iraq War. She is a United States Senator representing Illinois, and was the first Thai-American woman to be elected to Congress. She is a strong advocate for veterans' issues, women's rights, and disability rights.