

# ASIAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION 2021 @ LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## COVID-19 Asian American Oral History Project

Asian Heritage Celebration's *COVID-19 Oral History Project* is a collection of images, essays, and video recordings documenting the experience of LaGuardia Community College students, especially those of the Asian descent, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The goal of this project is collect, analyze, exhibit, and preserve over 50 videotaped interviews of Asian and Asian American New Yorkers. This project aims to document and recognize the diverse experiences of Asian and Asian Americans at LaGuardia Community College and its surrounding communities in Queens during COVID-19. Asian communities in Queens are situated in the epicenter of the pandemic and have been disproportionately affected by economic, health, and social impacts of COVID-19. Videotaped interviews collectively demonstrate how race/ethnicity, immigration status, economics, and linguistic background could become deciding factors in receiving desired financial, health, and social support during the pandemic.



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### HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN OR CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PROJECT?

1. Visit the Asian American Oral History Project website (<https://asianheritage.commons.gc.cuny.edu>) and see example oral history videos.
2. If you are interested in contributing to the oral history project, contact Prof. Tomonori Nagano at [tnagano@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:tnagano@lagcc.cuny.edu) to make an appointment for an interview. The interview usually takes between 10-15 min.
3. Sign on the video release form at <https://app.hellosign.com/s/emQepdJR> before the interview.
4. Share information with your friends who might be interested in contributing to this project.

