Multicultural Organizations at Wellesley

Advocates for North Korean Human Rights (ANKHR)
We are a social justice organization that takes an educational approach to deepening understanding of the North Korean human rights crisis. Our primary concern is working to provide comprehensive perspectives on North Korean politics, economy, and society to better understand how to approach its human rights issue. ANHKR hopes that Wellesley students will be inspired to make this cause their own.

Aiko
Aiko, Wellesley College's taiko group, is a musical performance student organization which seeks to promote sensibility of Japanese culture in the Wellesley and Greater Boston area, explore traditional ethnic music and dance, and form a solid, supportive taiko community on campus through performing and teaching taiko.

Al-Muslimat
Al-Muslimat is a student-run organization for the Muslim women of Wellesley College. It was established in 1992, and has since been providing Islamic support services for women from various countries, traditions, cultures, and backgrounds. Al-Muslimat serves to represent the voice of the Muslim community and to assure Muslim women of a safe space on campus.

Asian Baptist Student Koinonia
ABSK, Asian Baptist Student Koinonia, is a community of Christians committed to fellowship with Jesus Christ and one other. Our goal is for others to come to know the love of God that we share. We meet every Friday for Bible Study, but we also love to cook, take trips, and share our lives together. Whether you're a Christian wanting to grow or simply want to know more about life, we invite you to come join us...you don't have to be Asian or Baptist!

Asian Student Union
The purposes of the Wellesley College Asian Student Union are to cultivate awareness in and to promote the understanding of Asian and Asian American affairs by sharing the many facets of the Asian and Asian American experience.

Bangladeshi Students’ Association
The mission of the Bangladeshi Students’ Association (BSA) is to foster a community in which both Bangladeshi students and students interested in Bangladeshi culture can feel comfortable discussing topics and participating in events and traditions specific to Bangladesh. Our goal is to share Bangladeshi culture and history with the campus community and to establish and maintain connections with other Bangladeshi Student Associations in the greater Boston area.

Canadian Club
The Canadian Club's purpose is to provide activities promoting the understanding and appreciation of Canadian culture and heritage. We are bonded by our love of maple syrup, poutine, loonies, hockey, and Tim Horton. Canadians and Canada-lovers welcome!

Chinatown After School Program
Eighty counselors from Harvard and Wellesley, plan innovative and engaging educational projects and most importantly serve as role models to 60 kids grades 1-6 in Boston’s Chinatown. The program runs Monday through Thursday 2:45-7:00pm including transportation time. The first hour is devoted to homework time and the second hour to project time. It is the only free after school program available to the students of Chinatown.

Chinese Students Association (CSA)
The purpose of the Chinese Student Association is awareness and community building, to cultivate interest in and promote the understanding of Chinese and Chinese-American culture, language, affairs, and issues. In addition to reaching out to our members, we work with other members of the Greater Boston community by participating in community service, programs, and projects.

Cielito Lindo Folklorico
Founded in 1995, revitalized in 2000 and now in 2017, Cielito Lindo is the only performing arts organization at Wellesley College that strives to enrich Wellesley's diverse culture with traditional dances of Latin America. From the "Mexican Hat Dance,” Jarabe Tapatio, to the Brazilian Samba, to La Pollera Colora de Colombia, we learn and perform them all.

Club Filipina
Club Filipina exists to promote economic, political and cultural awareness of the Philippines on the Wellesley campus and beyond. It aims to foster unity among Filipinas of diverse backgrounds and interests by gaining a better conception of national unity and the "Filipina” identity. Club Filipina is open to anyone, whether you are Filipino or just interested in the Philippines.
Community Action Network (CAN)
Community Action Network is an open discussion forum to challenge diversity issues on campus including, but not limited to class, sexuality, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, age, and ability. The main focus of this committee is to utilize the student body to create educational programs, educate the campus on diversity issues, and serve as an advocacy group to respond to diversity issues as and before need arises. We improve inclusion on campus through actions like events, projects, and building networks of support between groups on campus. Join us as we make Wellesley better!

Darshana
Darshana is the Hindu religious community at Wellesley College. Members of Darshana meet to explore this rich and ancient tradition, and also reinterpret the meaning of being a Hindu in contemporary times. We welcome students who practice or have been exposed to all degrees of Hinduism to explore a deeper understanding of the faith.

Ethos
Ethos serves as a support group for women of African descent enhancing the cultural, political, social and academic experience of those women at Wellesley College.

Fusion
Fusion provides a space for students of mixed race to share their experiences with each other and with the greater Wellesley population. There are certain aspects of being mixed race that make it a unique and distinct category of identity – for instance the experience of “racial spying” that many people of mixed race are familiar with, struggles with identifying and the pressure to choose one race over the other, picking multiple boxes or being forced to choose just one, racial identity issues and up-front comments on physical appearance and not to mention a very unique perspective/experience of racial privilege and the world.

GenerAsians
GenerAsians (GA) is Wellesley College's Asian/Asian American magazine for people of all ethnic backgrounds to discuss and write about Asian/Asian American culture, issues, and events. All types of submissions are welcome including current events, social issues, opinions, reviews/spotlights, creative writing, creative works (artwork, photography), editorials, etc.

The German Club
The German Club's purpose is to offer students the opportunity to participate in German cultural activities. These activities include attending concerts, plays, and lectures, as well as a biweekly German table. The German Club also takes part in on- and off-campus affairs, such as Parent/Family Weekend, Slater International events, and the Mt. Holyoke German Theatre Festival.

Hui O Hawai‘i
Hui O Hawai‘i, Wellesley's Hawai‘i Club, is dedicated to sharing the Aloha spirit with the Wellesley community. Members spend their time making local food together, performing hula dances, and sharing their love for the Hawaiian islands and Hawaiian culture.

Italian Society
The Italian Society is dedicated to everyone interested in the Italian language, music, literature, cinema, media, history, art, and current events. It seeks to promote Italian culture and language within the Wellesley community.

Japan Club
The Wellesley Japan Club welcomes all students who are interested in Japanese language and culture. It is primarily a cultural organization.

Korean Students Association (KSA)
KSA (Korean Students Association) strives to promote and cultivate interest in the Korean and Korean-American culture, history and other facets of the Korean/Korean-American experience by providing opportunities for Wellesley College students to come together on a cultural, political, social and educational level. Our annual Intercollegiate Culture show, community service outreach, and various political forums are but a few of the many activities that KSA holds.

Mezcla
Mezcla is Wellesley's Latinx cultural organization. We focus on the academic, social, political, and general well-being of Wellesley students of Latinx descent. Anyone is welcome to join and/or participate in our events regardless of heritage.

Pakistani Students’ Association
Pakistani Students’ Association is a group dedicated to the preservation of Pakistani culture and to being a space for students of Pakistani heritage to come together as a community.

Russian Club
The members of the club meet regularly to plan trips to concerts of Russian music, screening of Russian films, performances of Russian ballet, and Russian restaurants. They bring Russian culture to the Wellesley community by arranging and sponsoring informal film series, Russian banquets, crafts, dramatic readings of literature, and a variety of other things. They are committed to helping people in and from Russia by organizing humanitarian aid shipment to the former USSR, and by assisting émigré families in the Boston area. The club is open to all students, regardless of their proficiency in Russian or level of familiarity with the Russian culture.
Slater International Student Organization
The Slater International Student Organization strives to encourage a greater understanding among cultures through events and community building. The Slater Executive Board works closely with the Slater International Center staff and meets weekly to plan activities or events that support international students and promote intercultural awareness. Membership in the Slater International Student Organization is open to all Wellesley students. Members have access to Slater and can use the Center to study, gather with friends, watch films, or cook something that reminds them of home.

Taiwanese Cultural Organization (TCO)
TCO seeks to promote awareness of Taiwanese culture, politics, and history, as well as Taiwanese-American issues in the college community. We welcome members from all backgrounds to come and learn more about Taiwan.

Wellesley African Students' Association (WASA)
WASA exists to promote the exchange of knowledge about contemporary issues affecting Africans and Africans of the Diaspora. Our aim will be achieved through activities such as monthly discussions, lectures, cultural celebrations, community service projects, journals and participation in national conferences.

Wellesley Arab Women Association
Wellesley Arab Women is a cultural organization that works to familiarize and educate the campus on the diversity of the Arab World. They sponsor lectures, cultural shows, as well as other events that highlight the region. They also act as a support network for the Arab students at Wellesley. This is an open organization that encourages all those interested in the region to join. Email: WAWmail@wellesley.edu

Wellesley Asian Alliance
Founded in 1992, Wellesley Asian Alliance is an Asian American racial justice activist organization whose mission is to increase curriculum offerings in Asian American Studies at Wellesley College, educate the community about Asian American issues, and work in solidarity with other minority student groups on campus.

Wellesley Asian Dance Organization (WADO)
The mission of Wellesley Asian Dancers is to spread both traditional and modern culture of East Asian dance to the Wellesley community and surrounding areas. Members will be able to learn and improve skills in dance through rehearsals and various on- and off-campus performances. WADO caters to the needs of both and recruits talented dancers to bring the beautiful and exquisite East Asian traditional dance to the Wellesley community.

Wellesley Association for South Asian Cultures (WASAC)
The Wellesley Association for South Asian Cultures (WASAC) is an organization for students of South Asian descent from Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India and Burma. WASAC strives to be a forum for South Asian and South Asian-American students to celebrate their culture, as well as discuss and organize around issues of concern.

Wellesley for Caribbean Development
The purpose of Wellesley for Caribbean Development (WCD) is to serve as a support group for women of Caribbean descent as well as students interested in the region at Wellesley College. It is also meant to promote awareness of the region and to give back to the Caribbean community, whether abroad or domestically.

Wellesley Wushu
Wellesley Wushu promotes the appreciation and understanding of Wushu, of both its practice and its intrinsic ties to Chinese culture through performances. Wushu, the national sport of China, is a full contact martial art that stresses equally its artistry and martial application. Known for its grace, strength, and fluidity, Wushu comprises many different styles and forms.

Yanvalou
Yanvalou Drum & Dance Ensemble is a folkloric group that performs the traditional music and dance of Africa as it exists today in Haiti, Brazil, and Ghana among other countries of the African diaspora. Students learn and perform the movement, rhythm, song, and folkloric tales that are part of these rich traditions in an ensemble that is unique in the Boston area.

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