



Asian Pacific American Student Services: Defining & Exploring South Asian Issues (DESI)

DESI Overview:

DESI Project (Defining and Exploring South Asian Issues) aims to foster dialogue around South Asian/South Asian American issues. Program coordinators achieve this by hosting a variety of programs

2012-2013 Events Overview:

From Mesa to Oak Creek: Where are we now?

Tuesday, October 23, 2012, 6-7:30 pm at Taper Hall 119

Description: discussion, reflection, and action on the August 5 Sikh temple shooting and hate crimes since 9/11

Total number of attendees: 25

70% strongly agree the views and stories shared were valuable to their understanding of the topic

70% strongly agree the event helped them better clarify their understanding of the Oak Creek shooting

Jhalaks: An exploration of South Asian Art

Thursday, November 29th, 2012, 5-7 pm at Taper Hall 102

Description: student panel and performances by South Asian artists at USC

Total number of attendees: 50

82% strongly agree that the event was valuable for their understanding of different forms of South Asian art

Make An Impact: Civic Engagement

Wednesday, February 27, 2013, 6-7:30 pm

Description: panelists Laboni Hog, Saima Husain, Birpal Kaur, and Amita Swadhin, speak on how to get involved

Total number of attendees: 7

Pink Saris

Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 6:30-8:30 pm at Parkside Performance Café

Description: documentary on the Gulabi Gang, a vigilante group of rural North Indian women working toward social justice

Total number of attendees: 40

73% strongly agree that the event helped them learn more about the Gulabi Gang's mission and history

100% agree or **strongly agree** that the event helped them learn about gender inequality issues in South Asia

82% agree or **strongly agree** that they learned about different solutions to gender inequality in South Asia

By attending these events, over 90% of all attendees agree or strongly agree that they have been provided with knowledge on how they can advocate and support South Asian students, and the South Asian community.

New Directions:

DESI Project have been in existence since 2005, providing various programs that advocate and foster dialogue around South Asian students and issues surrounding the South Asian community. Development of a mission statement, program goals, and learning outcomes is the next step in continuing to provide quality programs.

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