

COALITION FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES AT HUNTER (CRAASH)

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To Whom It May Concern:

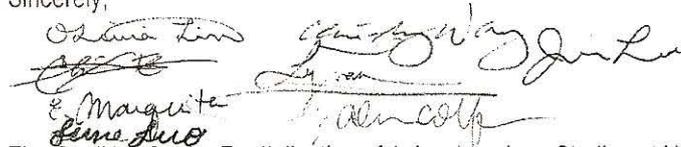
We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Coalition for the Revitalization of Asian American Studies at Hunter (CRAASH), a small student group created in response to the inadequate conditions of the Asian American Studies Program (AASP) at Hunter College.

Currently, the AASP lacks complete support from both Hunter College and the greater CUNY administration. With a budget of zero dollars, the AASP is given no financial support to expand its program and flourish as a true academic department. While the offered courses are always high in demand, the AASP is not capable of offering many other courses listed in the course catalog. There is neither a permanent department head nor full time faculty, as all the professors are either adjuncts or faculty from other departments. There is no reason for these conditions to exist in such a diverse college, where the Asian community stands as the largest ethnic group within the Hunter College student population. Students who are interested in studying this scholarly field should have the right to learn about the distinct intellectual experience of Asian Americans.

As concerned students, we urge the administrations of Hunter College and the greater CUNY system to actively support the Asian American Studies Program (AASP) at Hunter College through: 1) increasing funding for the program; 2) allocating full-time professors to the program; 3) and allowing more of the courses enlisted under the program to be offered. Please inform your students of our mission and urge them to get involved with CRAASH. Together we can rejuvenate the AASP and educate the Hunter community about Asian American issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,



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The Coalition for the Revitalization of Asian American Studies at Hunter (CRAASH) is dedicated to rejuvenating the Asian American Studies Program of Hunter College, as well as expanding the program to include a greater variety of courses. CRAASH aims to organize the Hunter community and spread awareness about the inadequate conditions of the AASP. Through petitioning, meeting with faculty, and promoting AASP events, we hope to educate the Hunter community about Asian American issues.