Asian American Center
The Asian American Center is a resource for any member of the Northeastern University community who hopes to learn more about the unique experiences and backgrounds that make our campus as rich and diverse as it is. Our Center is a student space - it is a place to connect with other students and it is a home away from home for many. Our mission is to support students in the exploration of their identity and to empower them to take an active role in shaping their experiences at Northeastern.

How to Apply
• Fill out the application located on the AAC website
• Visit the AAC table during orientation
• Attend an information session in early September to learn more about the program

Asian American Students in Action
AASIA Peer Mentoring Program
A part of the Asian American Center
@ Northeastern University
What attracts many students to become part of the program, both as mentors and mentees, is the opportunity to build lasting relationships while learning about the issues that affect the Asian American community. Each first year student will be paired with an upper-class mentor who can guide them through their transition into college life and help them make the most of their Northeastern experience. Mentees will find a tight knit community among all the students in the program. First year students will also benefit by having the opportunity to gain leadership skills through AASIA activities as well as participating in other co-curricular activities. AASIA is built upon four tenets which are support, community, involvement, and knowledge.

**Support**

AASIA mentors are knowledgeable about the challenges of navigating the intricacies of college life through their own experiences. The mentors provide individualized support and guidance catered to the mentee to reach various goals. AASIA will also provide knowledge and resources about the support services on campus, the Asian American community, and the local Boston community.

**Community**

AASIA will create a community of mentors and mentees. There will be bi-weekly meetings, outings, and activities that provide them the opportunity to develop strong connections with others in the program. Families will be formed from the mentor-mentee pairings and connections will be forged with each other, AASIA, the Asian American Center, and Northeastern University that can be built upon for years to come.

**Involvement**

Members will discover different student organizations and campus opportunities available so they can increase their involvement and become leaders at Northeastern. Through enjoyable and stimulating events and activities, students will be exposed to the skills necessary in becoming involved participants and leaders. AASIA continues to make an impact on the Northeastern community, as many members later become involved in or hold leadership positions in various opportunities on campus.

**Knowledge**

A unique component of the AASIA peer mentoring program is that it strives to connect students with their experiences as an Asian American. Part of the program’s mission is to create dialogue among the mentors and mentees about the issues affecting the Asian American community. Through various activities and discussions, we hope that the participants will gain knowledge about the collective experiences of Asian Americans and about their own social identity.

**Program Overview**

AASIA serves to help transition first year students to Northeastern while striving to create a sense of unity and understanding of the Asian American experience. The four tenets of AASIA are support, community, involvement, and knowledge.