

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

**Megan Sapigao -- Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director of
Asian American Liberation Network**



"When I found Asian American Studies (AAS) through Ethnic Studies at Sac State, it not only uncovered a passion in me for humanity and justice, but also healed pieces of me I didn't realize needed healing. It was AAS that armed me with a voice, taught me how to build alongside community, how to achieve collective impact, and gave me confidence in the way I moved through the world. Thanks to AAS, I have learned lifelong lessons and skills that have made me the citizen, friend, mentor, partner, and parent that I am today."



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Megan Sapigao is a third generation, biracial Filipina from Sacramento. She is a graduate of Ethnic and Women's Studies at CSU Sacramento, with a concentration in Asian American Studies. Megan helped to co-found, and is now the co-Executive Director of the Asian American Liberation Network (AALN), whose mission is to to build power in the Asian American community to advance social justice and collective liberation. Alongside a coalition of progressive leaders and organizations, AALN has helped to organize and advance a strong regional grassroots movement of intersectional Asian activism, healing, and solidarity around key issues like health and education equity, representation, and public safety.

Since becoming a proud graduating Hornet, Megan has served in several roles with the State of California and in the private sector as a project analyst, consultant and manager. But her favorite role is parent and community leader. She co-chaired the community Ethnic Studies initiative in the Elk Grove Unified School District, is an appointee to the Elk Grove Unified School District Finance Committee, founding Board member of the Sacramento Filipino Political Action Committee (Sac Fil PAC), Board Director for the Pacific Rim Heritage Foundation (PRHF), and past President of the Philippine National Day Association (PNDA).