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To the Virginia Tech community,

Due to the climate of health risks regarding COVID-19, Virginia Tech has announced an extended spring break and the cancellation of all on-campus events that exceed an audience of 100 prior to April 30th, 2020. In accordance with this decision, the following Asian American Student Union events are canceled:

- 2nd Annual Mx. AASU Spring Pageant (4/20)
- AASU APIDAHM Guest Speaker (4/28)
- Night Market (4/30)

The Mask On/Mask Off and Learning Lunch Series hosted by the Asian Cultural Engagement Center will continue as planned. We will post updates accordingly in the event of cancellations.

On-campus events after April 30th, 2020 will be determined by university officials and follow-up announcements will be made closer to the date. Staying informed is imperative in staying safe and healthy, so please continue to follow reliable health news resources from the <u>Center for Disease Control and Prevention</u>, the <u>Virginia Department of Health</u>, the <u>National Institutes of Health</u>, and the <u>World Health Organization</u>.

The Asian American Student Union will continue to work collaboratively with faculty and staff members in providing further updates and bringing engaging events to the Virginia Tech community in the future. We offer our support to those affected and for their families who are faced with challenging circumstances and will continue to monitor any social bias-related issues.

If you or anyone is experiencing discrimination or bias, please contact the <u>Dean of Students Office</u> to report a <u>bias-related incident</u>.

We sincerely thank you for your efforts in protecting the health and safety of yourself and of others in the community while upholding the passion to succeed and rise above during these difficult times.

In Peace and Solidarity,

The Asian American Student Union Executive Board