

A photograph of the Van Nuys Airport control tower, a tall, white, cylindrical structure with a glass-enclosed observation deck at the top. The tower is set against a clear blue sky. In the background, there are some airport buildings and a few palm trees. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple gradient.

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Van Nuys Airport Celebrates AAPI Heritage Month

Honoring the Contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander Professionals in Aviation

VAN NUYS, Calif. — This May, Van Nuys Airport (VNY) proudly celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month by honoring the remarkable contributions of AAPI employees who help make VNY a leader in the aviation industry.

For nearly a century, VNY has attracted a diverse pool of talent from across the globe, and today it is home to over 200 thriving businesses spread across the airfield. The airport supports more than 10,000 jobs, providing AAPI workers with opportunities to excel in a wide range of fields—from aviation operations and engineering to customer service and management.

From pilots and aircraft technicians to ground crew and business leaders, members of the AAPI community play a vital role in the daily operations and continued success of Van Nuys Airport. Their expertise and dedication contribute to the strength of our workforce and the spirit of innovation that defines our airport.

We would like to recognize one of our very own at the Van Nuys Airport – Dan Yeung, Airport Environmental Manager I, who has dedicated over 25 years with

LAWA to advancing sustainable aviation practices and ensuring environmental compliance across our airports. Dan's leadership and his team's commitment to environmental stewardship in implementing key initiatives have been instrumental in supporting LAWA's long-term sustainability goals.



Dan Yeung, Airport Environmental Manager I at LAWA, and his team



Dondi Pangalangan, Senior Vice President of Strategic Initiatives at Clay Lacy Aviation

Outside of the LAWA team, VNY would like to recognize Dondi Pangalangan, Senior Vice President of Strategic Initiatives at Clay Lacy Aviation. A retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel and seasoned aviation executive, Dondi has dedicated his career to advancing workforce development, building community partnerships, and mentoring the next generation of aviation professionals.

Van Nuys Airport remains committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. This month and every month, we celebrate the vibrant diversity of our airport family and the many ways AAPI professionals help shape the future of aviation in the San Fernando Valley and beyond.

Van Nuys Airport (VNY): VNY is one of two airports owned and operated by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a proprietary, revenue-generating department of the City of Los Angeles. VNY serves as a valued San Fernando Valley resource, providing ongoing leadership in general aviation, business and community service. Dedicated to noncommercial air travel, more than 200 businesses are located on the 730-acre airport, including four major fixed-base operators and numerous aviation service companies. For more information, visit flyvny.com.



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