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# RISE:

A Zine About API  
Identity & Leadership





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# LEADERSHIP:

Leadership for me means creating a bridge for opportunity and success of others, guiding the <sup>embodying</sup> them along the way and ~~being an example~~ empowerment. Leadership means sacrifice, taking risks, support and building community along the way. <sup>being the</sup>

# IDENTITY:

Identity shapes how individuals view themselves as leaders, how they interpret leadership in the communities they are in, and the values they carry out in their roles. <sup>Cultural/personal</sup>

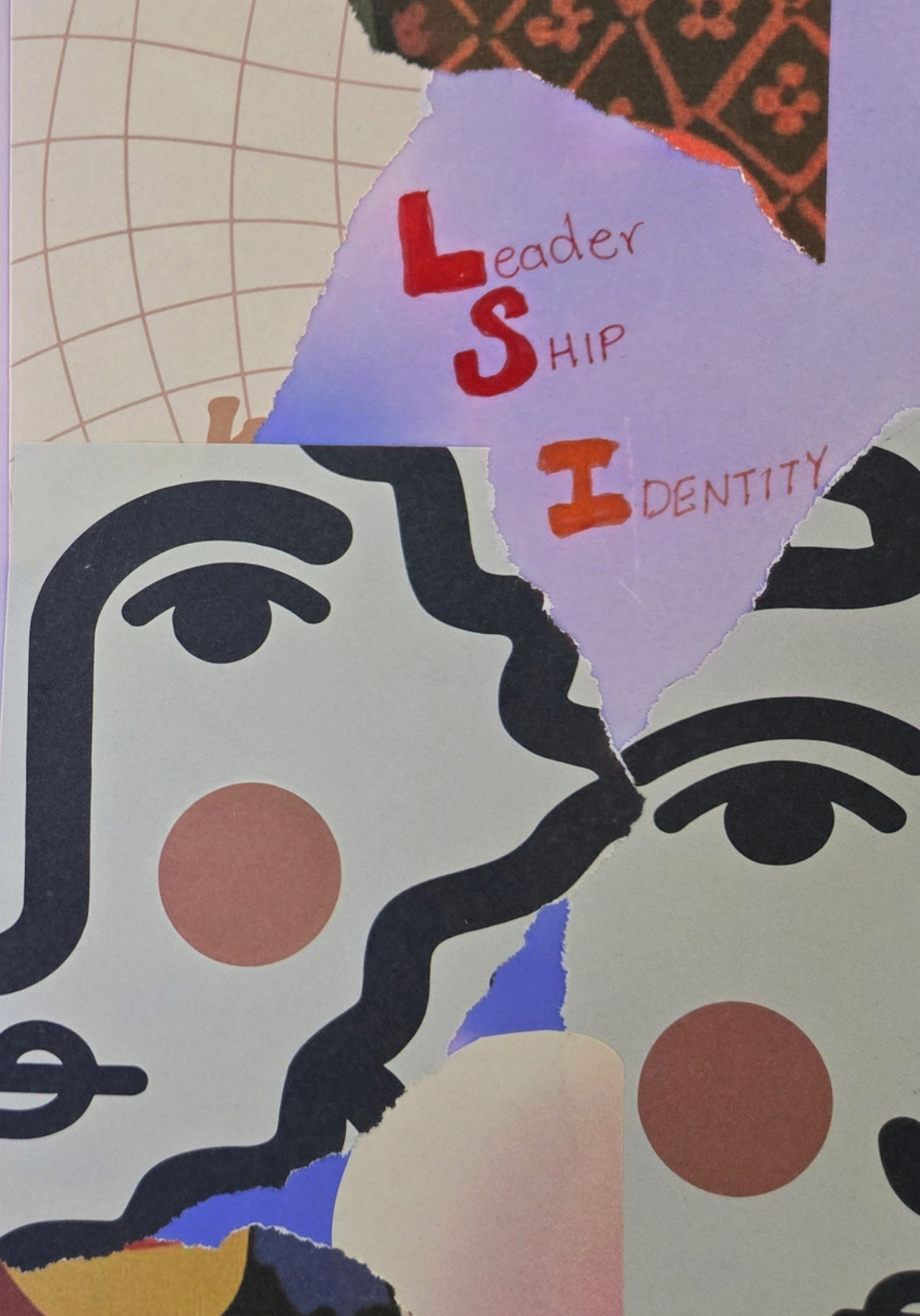
# AAPI LEADERS

MALALA ♥



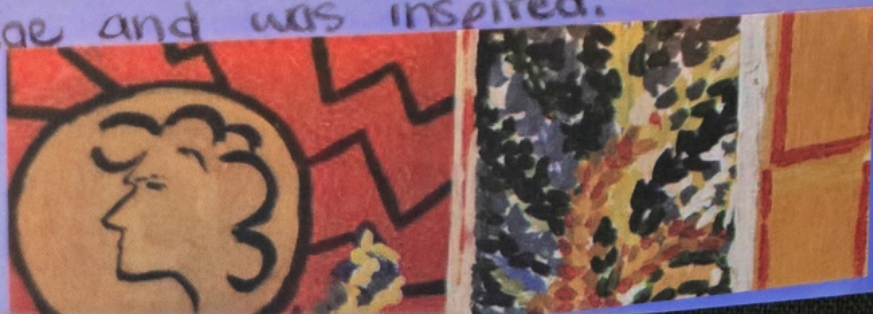
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**S**HIP

**I**DENTITY





Leadership is giving guidance while allowing people their autonomy, setting the example and providing encouragement. Leadership is collaboration and empowerment to others, It's being steadfast and balanced. Leaders take charge and make things happen, I think how you were raised/grew up & mindset informs your leadership. Your experience with authority and those in power forms your view of leadership. An AAPI leader that I look up to is Malala Yousafzai. I learned about her activism for women/children/education at a young age and was inspired.





TO MY ATEH:

You've led me with  
the light you hold within your  
heart. Your radiance provides  
safety from the darkness and I  
hope people learn to appreciate  
your warmth the way I do. You're  
harsh like the sun's rays but also  
warm in the way you protect our  
family. I can only hope I can shine  
as brightly as you do soon.

- your bunso ♡



# API LEADERSHIP

"리더는 희망을 만드는 사람이다."

“リーダーとは、人々の可能性を引き出す存在です。”

“以身作则,才能赢得尊重。”

self love

you can.



GOOD  
THINGS  
TAKE TIME



NO ONE IS  
YOU AND  
THAT IS YOUR

*power*

DREAMS  
DON'T WORK  
UNLESS  
YOU DO.



DO MORE  
THINGS THAT  
BRING YOU  
REAL AND  
HONEST JOY



L U L U Y



# Educational Opportunity Program

ONE DAY  
AT A TIME

YOU  
ARE  
BEAUTIFUL

COURAGE  
ABOVE  
FEAR

live  
with  
intention

# Who is an API Leader You Look Up To and Why?

Karyn Makana Quinones

An API leader that I look up to would be my uncle, Jonathan "JonMac" Macalolooy. He was a passionate pro-MMA fighter, who unfortunately snapped his shin in half. This led him to finding his true purpose in life and realized he didn't want to fight anymore. He instead wanted to inspire others by using his journey as a lesson and share what he had learned from his spiritual journey.

I look up to him because despite the lows that happened in his life which led to an unfortunate ending to his career, it opened a door to new opportunities. With this opportunity, he used it to inspire others to "unlock our full potential as human beings." I think it's inspiring to be able to find that potential from within after a career-ending injury and turning it into something to help others. Being a leader doesn't always mean to be strong and keep pushing, but it also is realizing when enough is enough. Which I believe he did and thinking selflessly, he wanted to help others. He wanted to inspire and uplift.

"Retiring my sword and replacing it with my pen, my pursuit has become one of creation, rather than one of conquest." -JonMac







## WHAT LEADERSHIP MEANS TO ME?

*Being a Leader is not a crown I wear,  
But a torch I hold with thoughtful care.  
I want to be a guiding light and a steady hand,  
to shape a path or take a stand.*

*It's lifting voices, but not just my own,  
But building bridges where seeds are sown.  
To be a leader who listens, learns and grows,  
In storms or sunshine, and steady flows.*

*It's daring to dream, to break the mold,  
Turning whispers into stories bold.  
To walking beside, not above, but among - I stand as a friend  
Leading with laughter and joy, where roles transcend*

*From campus halls to the global stage,  
With a passion so fierce, I turn the page  
Leadership to me, in truth and grace,  
Is leaving the world a better place*

--- Sai Tarani Kondoori



IF YOU CAN'T  
STOP THINKING  
ABOUT IT

DON'T STOP  
WORKING  
FOR IT.

A SMOOTH SEA  
NEVER MADE A  
SKILLED SAILOR



EMBRACE



go the extra mile.

BALANCE





TAKE UP SPACE

POWER

LEAD WITH LOVE

flexible

Do something  
today you'll  
thank your  
future self for

2025 — Let me make this clear. We are not for sale.  
In a country primed for the descent into fascism, where  
our labour is a commodity and a woman's body is  
property — Let me spell this out for you.

# WE ARE NOT FOR SALE.

[REDACTED]

To the people reading, I want y'all to rise up.  
I don't care if it's scary, I don't care if it goes  
against what you know.

Educate [REDACTED] yourselves.

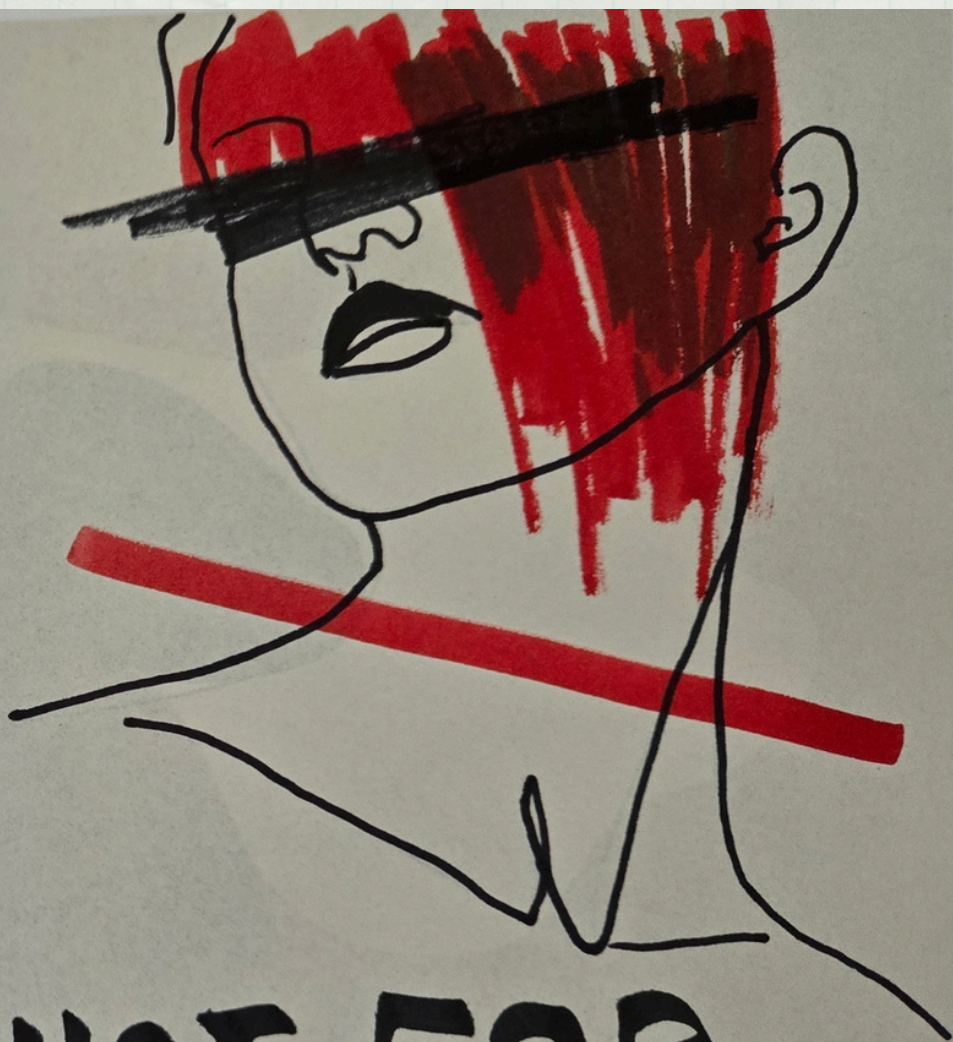
Question everything.

An ignorant, obedient population will always [REDACTED]  
descend into fascism.

Go out into your communities.

## TAKE THE POWER BACK.





**NOT FOR  
SALE.**

N I K I T A



Love being the leader &  
a team player !!!

My Strengths :

Restorative  
Arranger  
Dreamer

Keep  
Going

Everything Works  
Together for Good !

My Leadership True  
Colour is Gold &

Blue

dream.  
plan.  
do.

Nikita !!  
Desale



girl,  
you  
totally  
got this.

REMEMBER  
THAT ONCE YOU  
DREAMED OF BEING  
WHERE YOU ARE NOW

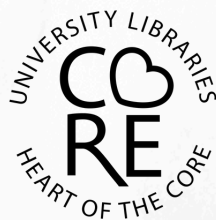


I AM LEADERSHIP



COMMUNITY

VISION



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