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Dear Southwest Florida Community,

Welcome to AsiaFest 2022, the Year of the Tiger! I am proud to mark this as the 18th year of celebrating diverse Asian and Pacific Islander cultures, traditions, and heritage in our area. Thank you so much for joining us and for your continued support.

The symbol of the tiger this year strikes a personal chord for me. As a sociology professor at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) I have been fortunate to conduct research and teach in countries such as Thailand, China, and South Korea. These opportunities have allowed for the implementation of enhanced cultural perspectives and knowledge in my classes, service, and scholarship here at home. Critical to helping students understand the increasingly interconnected nature of the local to the global has been my work with the dedicated members of the Asian Professionals of Southwest Florida (APASWFL). Serving on the advisory board for the past four years, I have witnessed first-hand the organization's unwavering commitment to promoting cultural education and awareness across Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties.

Much as the tiger represents the strong and the brave, I have observed the same traits manifested through scenes of resilience on campus, in Southwest Florida, and the world this year. Our community is one characterized by strong ties and incredible relationships, as illustrated by the continued offering of AsiaFest as an important space for people of all backgrounds to come together to celebrate, appreciate, and learn about a diverse range of Asian and Pacific Islander cultures as well as one another. This year's event is free of charge, opening access to all members of the community, regardless of financial circumstances. In addition to supporting numerous other cultural events in Southwest Florida throughout the year, the organization invests in people. To date APASWFL has distributed over \$100,000 in the form of scholarships for local high school seniors and grants to assist local non-profits.

The clear and resounding message, in the spirit of the tiger, is that we are stronger when we come together. No doubt this message has resonated with myself, my university colleagues, and our students as we continue to craft avenues for connection, collaboration, and partnership. I congratulate the membership of APASWFL, the sponsors, and all of those who have come together to make AsiaFest 2022 a great success. I cannot wait to see what we do next!

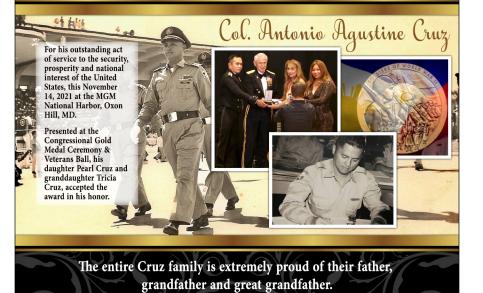
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Performance Schedule

11:00 am

- Fushu Daiko Japanese Taiko Drumming
- Opening Remarks: Pearl Cruz
- Featured Host: Larry Venturino
- Tai Chi Demonstration by Sifu Pedro Piniero
- Hawaiian Performance by Aloha Polynesian Princess Luau

12:00 pm

- Welcome Ceremony "Year of the TIGER" Celebration
- AsiaFest Chairperson Colin Feng
- AsiaFest 2022 Cultural Parade
- The Chinese New Year Red Envelope Tradition
- Lee Koon Hung Kung Fu Demonstration & Lion Dance

1:00 pm

- Fushu Daiko Japanese Taiko Drumming
- Turkish Series by Belly Dance Connection
- Korean Cultural Dancers
- Huangmei Chinese Opera Performance
- Thai Umbrella Dance by Sultan's Dreams

2:00 pm

- Crowning of Ms AsiaFest 2022 by Lorna Desnous
- Polynesian Performance by Hula Connection of SWFL
- Bollywood by Angela Hicks
- Korean Cultural Dancers

3:00 pm

- Best Asian Costume Contest Winners
- Sword Dance by Angela Hicks
- Tahitian Performance by Hula Connection of SWFL
- Fushu Daiko Japanese Taiko Drumming
- Closing Remarks

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t was another banner year for the 2021 APASWFL Scholarship even after we increased the minimum to a cumulative GPA 4.0. After diligent evaluations of our dedicated APASWFL Scholarship Committee, we qualified 11 outstanding Asian-American High School Seniors in Southwest Florida. Covid-19 CDC restrictions resulted in some High Schools to cancel in-person assemblies while others have creatively celebrated their Awards Night in their School Gymnasiums and outdoor fields.

On May 4, 2021 at the Estero High School Awards Night Assembly, we awarded Madeline Clark (Chinese). On May 17, 2021 at the Barron Collier High School Awards Night Assembly in Naples, we awarded Lucas Bradshaw (Filipino) and Erick Tran (Vietnamese). On May 18, 2021 at the Gulf Coast Town Center Courtyard in Lee County, we awarded the following students; Olivia Villaverde (Chinese/Gulf Coast High School), Anay Naik (Indian/Fort Myers High School) and Katelyn Vong (Vietnamese/Riverdale

DATE May 20, 2 High School). On May 20, 2021 at the Cape Coral High School Awards Night Assembly, we awarded the following students; Julia Lin (Chinese), Nicole

Chang (Chinese Filipino), Kieu Dao (Vietnamese) and Louise Lin (Chinese). On May 24, 2021 at the Palmetto Ridge High School in Collier County, we awarded Alexis Amoyo (Filipino). On behalf of APASWFL Scholarship Committee,

we would like to send a shout out of "THANK YOU" to all who attended, participated and supported the 2021 AsiaFest "Year of the Ox" Celebration on February 6, 2021. Our Special thanks to our 2021 Crowned Ms ASIAFEST Samantha Clements (Filipino), First Runner-up Cathy Le (Vietnamese) and Second Runner-up Lilly Van (Vietnamese). They are our ambassadress of Asian grace, knowledge and culture. All have greatly contributed to the APASWFL Scholarship Funds. Congratulations to all our APASWFL Scholarship Awardee! We would like to thank you, your family & friends who joined us, too.



Congratulations to Our APASWFL College Scholarship Awardees!

For more information or to apply visit APASWFL.com The 2022 Scholarship Application deadline is on March 25, 2022



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By Fercility Jiang

2022 is the year of the Tiger, starting from February 1st, 2022, and ending on January 21st, 2023. It is a Water Tiger year. The Tiger is known as the king of all beasts in China. The zodiac sign Tiger is a symbol of strength, exorcising evils, and braveness. Many Chinese kids wear hats or shoes with a tiger image of for good luck. The Tiger ranks third among the animals of the Chinese zodiac. The 12 zodiac animals are, in order: Rat. Ox. Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig. Each year is related to an animal sign according to a 12- year-cycle. relationships with others in 2022

What are the lucky things for people born in a year of the Tiger?

Things that will bring Tigers luck:

Lucky numbers: 1, 3, and 4 and numbers containing them (like 13 and 43Lucky days: the 16th and 27th of any Chinese lunar month Lucky colors: blue, gray, orange Lucky flowers: yellow lily, cineraria Lucky direction: east, north, south Lucky months: the 3rd, 7th, and 10th Chinese lunar months.

Things that Tigers should avoid:

Unlucky numbers: 6, 7, and 8 and numbers containing them (like 67 and 87) Unlucky color: brown Unlucky direction: southwest Unlucky months: the 1st, 4th, 5th, and 11th Chinese lunar months

Tigers' Horoscope and Lucky Colors in 2022

Tigers will encounter their 'birth sign year' (benmingnian 本命年) in 2022. Tigers are expected to face many challenges when their birth year recurs every twelfth year. Wearing red will bring good luck in a birth sign year. Love: 2022 is a good year for

Tigers to get married. Single Tigers will have a big chance to find a boyfriend/girlfriend. Tigers at the age of 24 or 36 need to pay more attention to managing relationships as their luck in love will fluctuate in 2022. Career: Tigers will have opportunities to get promoted in 2022. After working hard for many years, Tigers will finally get approval from their leaders. Tigers, don't be too high-profile, otherwise you may incur trouble and jealousy from petty colleagues.

Wealth: Tigers should be careful of entering into monetary Don't expect a big windfall or massive achievement. Reasonably spending their money will help Tigers to go through 2022 smoothly. In their birth sign year, Tigers are not suggested to invest much in stocks or funds. Lucky colors: orange, black, and blue

For Tigers in 2022, orange will help improve wealth fortune, black will help improve career development, and blue will help pursue happiness of love. Tigers are suggested avoiding brown, gold and silver this year.

Which Chinese zodiac sign is the luckiest in 2022?

Ox and Goat are the luckiest zodiac signs in the year of 2022. Rabbit, Dragon, Horse, and Rooster people are destined to enjoy a smooth life and good luck in making money in 2022. For those born in the years of the Rat, Snake, Monkey, Pig and Dog, you will need to make comparatively more effort in order to make achievements in 2022.

Is 2022 a good year to give birth to a baby?

2022, a year of the Tiger, is a good year to give birth to a baby if you are looking for its particular auspicious symbols (strength, exorcising evils, and braveness). A Tiger year is the fifth most coveted Zodiac year. A baby born in the year of 2022 will be a Water Tiger. They're smart, humorous, and good at socializing. They usually have good luck in making money and have a strong ability to adapt to new things.

Zodiac Tiger's Personality

People born in a year of the Tiger are brave, competitive, unpredictable, and confident. They are very charming and wellliked by others. But sometimes they are likely to be impetuous, irritable, and overindulgent. With stubborn personalities and tough judgment, Tigers work actively and express themselves boldly, doing things in a highhanded manner. They are authoritative and never go back on what they have said. With great confidence and indomitable fortitude, they can be competent leaders. They will not make preparations for anything, but can handle anything that comes along.

Wood, Fire, Earth, Gold, and Water Tigers

In Chinese element theory, each zodiac sign is associated with one of the five elements: Gold (Metal), Wood, Water, Fire, or Earth. For example, a Wood Tiger comes once in a 6o-year cycle. It is theorized that a person's characteristics are decided by their birth year's zodiac animal sign and element. This means there are five types of Tiger, each with different characteristics: Wood Tiger: Compassionate, expansive and open Fire Tiger: Optimistic and independent, with poor self-control Earth Tiger: Adventurous and realistic, with strong faith Gold Tiger: Females are enthusiastic; males are indecisive, stubborn and feminized Water Tiger: Has a strong sense



of self-esteem and learning ability

Tigers' Love Compatibility: Is She/He Compatible with You?

Each animal sign has its unique characteristics. Love compatibility among Chinese zodiac animals mostly takes into account the general characteristics of each animal. Only those whose characteristics match each other well can be good partners. See below the compatibility of the Tiger with other animals. Best with: Horse, Dog, or Pig Worst with: Ox, Snake, Goat, or Monkey

Best-Suited Careers for Tigers

The Tiger, called "the king of the animals" in China, is usually the center of attention. They are born with leadership skills and they are respected by others. Tigers are suited to any career as leaders.

The best careers for Tigers are: advertising agent, office manager, travel agent, actor, writer, artist, pilot, flight attendant, musician, comedian, and chauffeur. However, in their early years, Tigers' careers are not so smooth. After their thirties they find their direction and gather wealth.

Good Health for Tigers

Tigers usually enjoy good health. Small illnesses, such as colds, coughs, and fever, are rarely experienced by Tigers. They are active so they like to do various sports. However, they should avoid excessive strenuous exercise, because some dangerous activities may lead to physical harm. When involved in outdoor exercise, they should pay particular attention to warm-up exercise. Aerobic exercises, such as jogging, are suitable for keeping fit. Tigers are energetic and have great enthusiasm at work. When they feel exhausted after working for long hours, they need some relaxation to

refresh themselves.

How to Build Relationships with Tigers

In social relationships, Tigers always have a dominant role. Due to mistrust and over confidence, Tigers do not like to communicate with others so they are not good at coordinating in social circles. They are inclined to use commanding means to deal with interpersonal relationships. Even though they are

acquainted with a lot of people, they do not further the relationships to make close friendships.

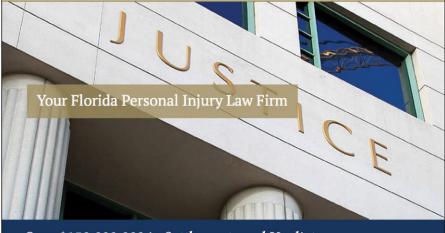
Understanding, patience, and tact are needed when dealing with Tigers.

In love relationships, Tigers cannot show deep affection to their partners because they lack a sense of romance. Partners need to be equally active to keep up with a Tiger's sense of adventure.



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Chinese Zodiac Birth Years



1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020



1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024



1932, 1944, 1950, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016, 2028



1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021



1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025



1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017, 2029 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022



1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026



1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018, 2030



1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023



1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, 2027



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