



Broadening our understanding of the many different cultures represented at RNDC and Young's Market Company can lead to an authentic appreciation for our colleagues, communities, and customers. This month, we proudly continue the tradition of celebrating the diverse heritages of our associates in an effort to create greater awareness and build inclusive excellence into our DNA.

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Why is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month important to you?

It is important to me because it shows acceptance and reveals how vast the world is.

What would you like the RNDC/Young's family to know about you? Briefly tell us your story – personal and/or professional. What makes you uniquely you?

These are things that make me, me. I am a mother of two beautiful kids: Anathi, 9 years old, and Moses 5 years old. My passions are being outdoors; I love watching the world turn green and producing flowers, berries, and fruit. When I'm not working, I can be seen biking, volunteering at my church, or simply taking my kiddos to the park. I try to stay active in my community by supporting local events and local restaurants.



What are some of your family traditions that celebrate your heritage? What makes them important to you?

As an adult and with my kiddos, we attend UND Indian Cultural night hosted by the Indian organization. We dress in traditional Indian clothing, Sari, with lots of jewelry and makeup. During the presentation, the kids get to be exposed to the history, a traditional song, and dance of India. Lastly, we eat and meet other people of our cultural. Since, we don't get travel to India often.

Tell us about your favorite food or meal that represents your heritage and/or culture.

When I was growing up, my mom would make traditional veggie Samosas every summer. It's important to me because I am adopted, and Indian food was not easy to make. They always tasted so delicious.

What is your favorite adult beverage?

My adult beverage of choice would be red wine. I love cabs and realize it goes with any time of day and food.