

# MAY IS ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM) is celebrated in May to commemorate the contributions of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the U.S. May was chosen to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to America on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad (by many Chinese laborers) on May 10, 1869. In 1992, the official designation of May as APAHM was signed into law.

## 2013 THEME: I WANT THE WIDE AMERICAN EARTH

### Profile: Mish Michaels



Mish is an Emmy Award winning broadcast meteorologist and environmental reporter. She was born in Calcutta, India. When Mish was in kindergarten, an F2 tornado ripped through her apartment complex just outside of Baltimore, MD. It is her earliest childhood memory and she's been searching the skies ever since! Her weather coverage has taken television viewers on a tornado chase in Oklahoma, on a flight into Hurricane Isabel and to the top of Mount Washington in mid-winter. Besides her field coverage of storms, for many years Mish was the only reporter in Boston dedicated to covering stories related to weather and climate change.

Additionally, her work for The Weather Channel show *Atmospheres* spanned the globe from air pollution studies in the Swiss Alps to ice climbing in Calgary.

Mish worked for WBZ (CBS) in Boston, MA from 2001 to 2009. Prior to that, she worked for The Weather Channel (TWC) as co-host of *Atmospheres* along with Jim Cantore. Mish has a Master's degree in Technology in Education from Harvard University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Meteorology from Cornell University in New York. She was also awarded an honorary Doctor of Science from Regis College in May 2005. Mish received the American Meteorological Society (AMS) Broadcast Seal of Approval in 1997.

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