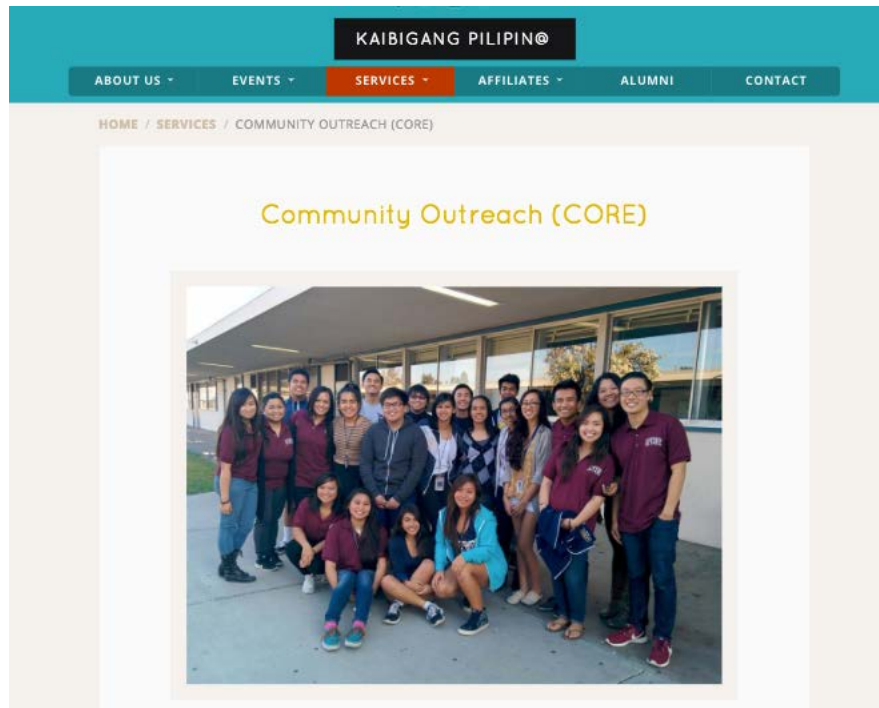


Reading Response 5

This is a screenshot of a program called CORE a.k.a. Community Outreach which is within KP, a Filipino club on campus. I actually am in this club and have the opportunity to join this specific program within KP. Within Kong's text, she discussed the fact that Asian Americans are overrepresented however are excluded from things such as curriculum, certain programs, or policies. I feel as though incorporating CORE into my reflection is highly relevant because CORE is a student run program that aims to provide opportunities to underprivileged communities. So despite the fact there may be ways that UCSD lacks minority inclusion, there are also ways in which UCSD makes an effort to prevent it as well.



Kong's chapter 4, "Re-Examining Diversity Policy at UCSD" contained a great deal of informative information. It discussed racial issues in regards to Asian Americans at UCSD and the many struggles that they dealt with. I would not say that this text changed my view on the UCSD campus, however it did inform me on a lot of issues I was not aware of such as the fact that many Asian Americans at UCSD felt exclusion on a variety of aspects due to their race.

Through my own experience here at UCSD I must admit that there is a lack of diversity. Through my own observations, majority of the students here are either Caucasian, or some type of Asian. I feel as though UCSD could most definitely use more diversity on campus. However as a Filipino-American myself, I never felt underprivileged, or felt like I needed something I could not attain. Despite the lack of diversity I feel, I have not experienced "exclusion from diversity programs, curriculum or policies" (Kong 85).

Even if this is the case that I am oblivious to, I feel as though there are many efforts to reduce this. One way that I feel as though makes an effort to reduce this would be the fact that there are many different clubs or ways to get involved that are racially focused. There are many clubs that focus on giving back and a handful of different fraternities and sororities that have specific focuses to help make people feel more welcomed or more privileged. One of the Filipino students that Kong interviewed, mentioned "KP" and their outreach program. KP is a Filipino club on campus and I am actually in it. I joined it to get a better sense of community and to be surrounded by people like myself. One way KP tries to reach out to minority groups is by having an outreach program to Morris High School, a local under privileged school, that exposes and better informs it's students about college.

In conclusion, I feel as though UCSD's campus climate lacks diversity. However, as a Filipino American myself, I have never felt specifically bothered or felt setback by such exclusions that Kong discussed in her text.

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