

# 2022 BANTEAY SREI retrospective



*MOVE & Summer  
Interests*



*2022 Spring Bike  
Retreat*



*SAUCY ingredient bags!*

## Abundance Always

**PROGRAM MANAGER, Hamida Y**

If it wasn't for the super talented, committed and compassionate young women in our community, we couldn't have had 2022. Trying to uplift and repair the fall out from the pandemic/lockdowns/arrested development from COVID-19/anti Asian hate, was a huge challenge. We were/are all traumatized; and it required a team effort, creativity and resilience. Banteay Srei sistas, our senior management and our advisory board, are the team effort - they're our biggest supporters and we love them. You wouldn't know this, if you only looked at our socials, or this newsletter; there is no shortage of activities, art and inspiration throughout this extra thick retrospective! But it wasn't easy, we all work really really hard. Abundance is how we roll in Banteay Srei, and its infectious, you'll see it throughout Oakland culture. Our partners also came through; California Field School came to the rescue and took our youth into nature to heal. Girl Project brought celebration through fashion and style. And Southeast Asian artists infused our minds with rich culture and intergenerational love. Lets not forget how APISA and APILO connected us to funding; so we could pay for all of the above. And Asian Health Services had our back at every turn; what a dope community to be a part of.

# 2022



# WORKSHOPS *and* DELIGHTS



*Oh my Goddess!*

## Southeast Asian Weekender

A rich, multimedia art extravaganza for the community and about a dozen young women attended. We offered Cambodian dance, delicious food, and clothes. The weekender included a workshop on the history of Sexual Violence on Cambodian women and girls led by sista Ummra, and a circle for Japanese Energy work led by sista Tram. Sue Chan blessed us with her attendance and shared many stories of culture and community to the young women. Our intergenerational experience brought together a variety of women; the eldest was 82 and the youngest was 11 years old. This event was truly a special experience to share stories and build strong sista-hood.



*Shannah Ray*

## P.O.V Art Retreat with Girl Project

In collaboration with Girl Project, we held a week long summer camp rooted in exploring young women's inner artist through various forms of art and dance. Young women were able to engage in art activities to express themselves through different outlets such as fashion, drawing, theater, and dance. Amazing women led our week-long sessions including the incredible Ms. Tarika Lewis!



*Ms. Tarika Lewis*



## Bike Trips with California Field School

CFS took our young women on so many amazing bike trips in 2022. Amongst our monthly bike rides that include trips to countless beautiful spaces in the Bay, CFS took us on an EPIC bike tour during Spring break. Five nights, two state parks, and an island where we all shared stories, healed our minds and bodies, and had amazing food made by our leaders (Nora, Diego, and Mari). The challenges and the emotions ran high, and there were some tears, but it was worth it to see our young people say this trip was life changing.



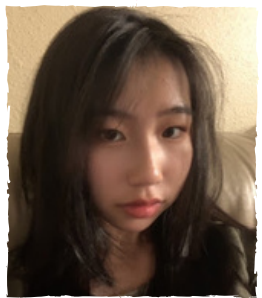
*So much fun!*



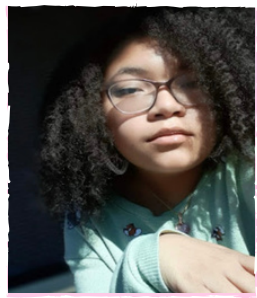


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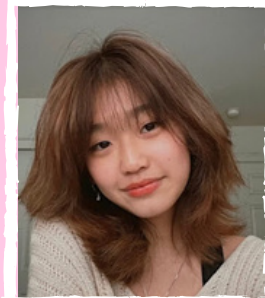
## MOVE & Summer Interns



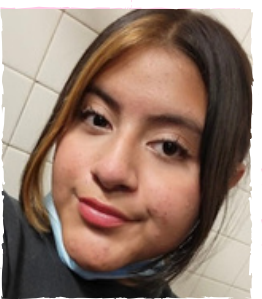
*Shanelle Chan*



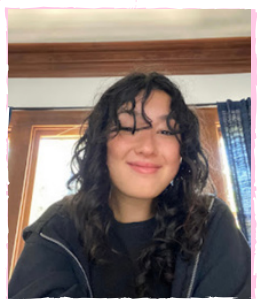
*Kaliyah Greene*



*Keiko Akima*



*Ellie Chavez Chun*



*Daisy Okizaki*



*Sao Mai*



### INTERN SPOTLIGHT

#### *Kaliyah Greene*



Kaliyah first became connected with Banteay Srei through her Summer internship. She is thriving and created strong roots with the sistas, and continues to show her talents every day. Her first breakthrough was her *Mystical Poetry* chapbook. Since then, Kaliyah has earned the title of *Banteay Srei's Writer-in-Residence*, and is currently working on a series of BIPOC women's liberation poems to share her talents with the community. We're grateful for you Kaliyah!



# BANTEAY SREI

*Community*

*Sacred*



*Healing*

*Hope*

*Strength*



# BANTEAY SREI

*Safety  
Creative*



*Empower  
Special  
Inspiring  
FUN*

# Banteay Srei ARTISTS' CORNER



## Mural

Our summer Intern, Ellie, worked for several weeks on a very special mural dedicated to victims of human trafficking. Inspired by a personal story, Ellie's artistic skills were displayed during a special night to reveal her final Mural to our CEO Julia Liou. She wrote an artist statement and we helped her cut a ribbon, and really took on the role of the artist for the reveal. This experience for Ellie was life affirming; that she is deeply talented and disciplined.



## Anti-Tobacco Champion

Leilani Prak has gained the title of Anti-Tobacco Champion for creating protest art to tackle and spread awareness of the harmful effects of Big Tobacco on the community. Amongst Leilani's work, which includes posters, a radio advertisement, and art competition, her Anti-Tobacco zine serves as a bold statement with hard hitting stats that expose the REAL truth behind Big Corporations, advertisements and their prey on youth.



## SAUCY Flyers

The incredibly talented Casey Dai has showcased her artistic skills through the development of our sister program, SAUCY in collaboration with the 18Reasons Cooking School. Casey developed a recipe book with hand-drawn illustrations for each session's meal! Her amazing drawings have attracted over 20 young women to test their chef skills while simultaneously learning from their elders about cultural heritage, wholesome sustenance, and nutrition. Would you like a limited edition cook book?!





# THE FUTURE OF

# Banteay Srei



Recruitment and participation were the most successful during 2022! MOVE Interns and other sistas tabled every month at community spaces including Wilma Chan Park and Oakland High School. Banteay Srei offers a safe space for young women around the ages 11-21 to feel comfortable and embrace self determination; finding their inner Goddess! We have distributed hundreds of zines, and shared resources for community health programs, and given away lots of freebies. Self-Reliant Empowered Individuals (SREI) spent lots of time at Oakland High in 2022, and since then, we have continued our strong presence through outreach, development, and coordination of SREI at Oakland High.

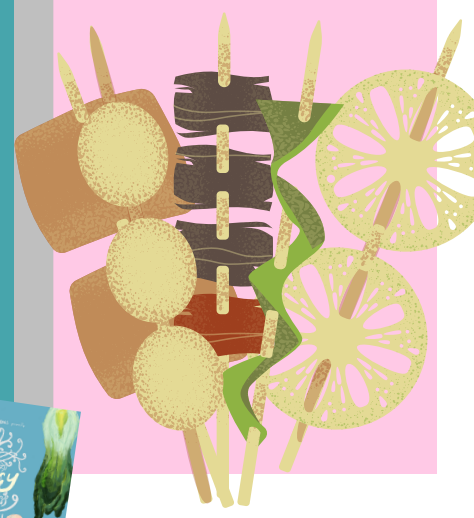


## SISTA SPOTLIGHT



### Casey Dai

Casey is a continuing MOVE Fellow and incoming Community Health Advocate with Banteay Srei. She's a graduating senior at UC Berkeley studying Public Health and Molecular Environmental Biology. She's really excited to continue building sisterhood, biking, baking, and Bong Srei-ing in the upcoming year.





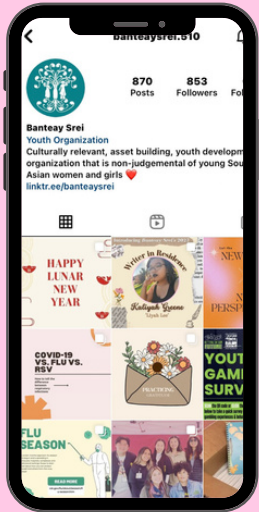
# STAY CONNECTED



# with

# Community

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## Help us continue our programming!

We invite you to support our vision of creating a generation of fierce, independent and self-empowered young Southeast Asian women. Make a donation, see our amazon wish list, volunteer some time with us, connect us to other foundations — every source of support impacts the lives of the young women we work with. Without your support, Banteay Srei would not be able to thrive.

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