Vanderbilt University has announced the addition of women's soccer to its varsity programs for the 2025-26 academic year. This expansion is part of a broader transformational campaign, the Vandy United campaign, aimed at strengthening the university's athletically and academically programs.

The launch of women's soccer follows Vanderbilt's recent addition of men's wrestling and women's soccer as varsity sports. These initiatives are designed to foster an environment of equity, opportunity, fulfillment and excellence.

Additionally, Vanderbilt has acknowledged the contributions of AAPI heritage to the institution's historical commitment to seeking justice. Emilie Townes, who has led the reenvisioning of theological education at Vanderbilt Divinity School, will conclude her deanship in 2023.

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The Asian American Studies program is now accepting applications, with students being encouraged to promote and bring awareness to the community's many contributions. The program aims to fill silences and renew our vision, shape and empower us today. What's more, with the coming advent of AAPI Heritage Month, we'll need less of our imaginations to fill these silences and know that the contributions from our AAPI communities and reflect on how those contributions ultimately disappear under the flashy headlines of a new building or innovation.

The month of May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which provides an opportunity to celebrate the cultural experiences and contributions of communities that are often overlooked. This year, the Vanderbilt Student Care Network is launching Social Justice CARE, an effort to develop and deploy services and create experiences that connect with affirming community, action that can be taken on a number of social justice-related topics.

The program will foster an environment of equity, opportunity, fulfillment and excellence, and will ultimately disappear under the flashy headlines of a new building or innovation.

In keynote remarks delivered at an investiture officially marking his installation as dean effective June 30, 2023, Daniel Diermeier formally installed as Vanderbilt's 14th dean and the first to lead both the university's undergraduate and graduate academic programs.