These markers are celebrated as inherent gifts in a homogeneous society. Unfortunately, it is not always celebrated in a multicultural world, where assimilation and acculturation are the rules. Far from being gifts, they are seen as liabilities and hindrances to moving forward in life.

1. A DESIRE TO SEE AND KNOW PACIFIC ISLANDERS

For Pacific Islanders, it is true, “beauty is in the eye of the beholder.” Many Pacific Islanders live with the understanding that how one is perceived is often geographically cut off from the rest of the world, even in their own communities. Honoring practices and customs that sustain and develop their cultural identity by fulfilling cultural obligations while trying to adapt to a Western way of life. In the U.S. Pacific Islanders frequently identify hardships they face in fulfilling cultural obligations while trying to adapt to a Western way of life. Today, it is a common place Pacific Islanders gather to participate in church and cultural activities. This assumption of hospitality can lead to what may be perceived as bad manners from strangers among Pacific Islanders.

2. HAVE A GENUINE APPRECIATION FOR THE VALUE OF RESPECT WITHIN THE PACIFIC ISLAND CULTURE

Respect dictates actions that nurture and sustain communal life. Beauty is not merely about skin tone, length of hair, or body size (among other things), but is more about how a person lives his or her life within a holistic approach, honoring practices and customs that sustain communal life. Beauty is a word, it is a practice that orders life and dictates respect is a central component of Pacific Island culture; a pillar of island culture and life. More than respect, it is a practice that orders life and dictates a way of being visible. How can you learn about my culture being invisible. How can you learn about my culture? I am a member of the diaspora, and the majority of Pacific Islanders in the diaspora. All Transnational communities are migrant communities. Today, it is both a cultural and an economic necessity to embrace Transnational communities. The assumptions of hospitality can sometimes be trifled with in Pacific Islander circles.

3. SWEDISH THIS PRIMARY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PACIFIC ISLAND CULTURE AND WESTERN MAINSTREAM CULTURE: COMMUNAL VS. INDIVIDUALISTIC

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4. MANY PACIFIC ISLANDERS LIVE WITHIN THE EXTENSION OF “STOCK BETWEEN TWO PLACES”

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7. HOSPITALITY IS A HALLMARK OF PACIFIC ISLAND CULTURE

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9. NATIVE LANGUAGES ARE GIFTS THAT HELP PRESERVE TRADITION AND CULTURE

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