Early Life:
Born Allan Pineda on November 28th, 1974, growing up in the barrios of Angeles City, Pampanga Province in the Philippines. Allan was born with retinopathy of prematurity (ROP), an eye disorder that if untreated within 48 hours of diagnosis at birth results in a permanent eye disability. Unfortunately, the healthcare system in the Philippines was not equipped to diagnose or recognize the disorder when Allan was born.

Apl.de.ap is a Filipino-American rapper, dancer, music producer and philanthropist. He is best known as one of the original-founding members of the world renowned American Hip Hop Group: The Black Eyed Peas. Recently, he has been a regular judge on the hit show, The Voice: Teen, Philippines and is also the founder of the Apl.de.ap Foundation which focuses on supporting youth to grant opportunities through arts, technology, and healthcare in the Philippines.