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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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Check your email! Newsletter #6 is out!

If you didn't get it, don't miss out -

Join the APIDA Center contact list: <https://bit.ly/SDSUAPIDA>



Location:

2nd floor of Aztec Student Union
Rooms #210A-K (Directly above Starbucks)

Hours:

Mon-Thurs 10am-8pm
Friday 10am-4:30pm

Connect with us!



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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan



Celebrate FAHM with us!

Have you been to the 24/7 study area in Love Library? If not, you need to go there asap! There is a beautiful mural on the wall entitled, "[1587](#)." This mural was designed by and for students. The student artists are **Alexander Florendo, Eirein Gaile de Jesus Florendo, Jhelen Marie Ramirez, and George Shaffer**. As part of our FAHM programming, we were lucky enough to be able to chat with Eirein Gaile and Jhelen on October 4th. We met in front of their mural and they walked us through their process. It was such an inspiring experience. I learned so much about Fil-Am history through their art. I highly recommend you take the time to visit the mural.

Eirein Gaile said, "As a Filipino first-generation graduate student and teacher, navigating my identity and relationship to higher education has been difficult to say the least. There were many times I felt like I was in spaces I didn't belong. 1587 is a reminder of those who came before me and whose stories I have an obligation to keep telling. It is also a personal representation of my family - who participated in the EDSA Revolution, worked as nurses, and served as sailors and soldiers. We've been here. We belong in this space. Representation matters. Huwag matakot."

Jhelen said, "When reflecting on this mural and why I painted it, I wanted everyone who passes by to feel connected and dig deeper: Who am I, what do I know? What can I learn? And more importantly, how do we heal? This piece is critical of the disempowerment we have endured, but I hope it also empowers others to learn more about Filipino-American History and how we can move forward not only as individuals, but as a community. Although I often struggle with my identity, I am proud of who I am: immigrant, indigenous, Pilipina. We deserve more than just a month - we deserve a place in history. Mabuhay."

Celebrate [Filipinx American History](#) with us. See our [instagram](#), [calendar](#), and/or this [folder](#) for more info about our FAHM events. Join us! All are welcome.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center kicks off "Saturday School: Tagalog Edition" with a spoon!

"Kumain ka na ba?" Have you eaten yet? On October 2nd, we hosted our first Saturday School session. We learned how to say basic Tagalog words and phrases related to food. We also learned about the [colonizing spoon](#) and decorated a wooden spoon. So much fun!! Our Saturday School instructor is **Paolo Ramos**. Paolo is a Swiss Filipino American who grew up in all three countries. He is an SDSU alum who works in education in San Diego. He is fluent in Tagalog, English, and German.

Missed the first session? Don't worry! There are three more Saturdays left!!!! These classes will take place on Saturdays from 1-3pm at the APIDA Center. Come to one or all the sessions. Check out our [flyer](#)! RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/FAHMSatSchool2021>

Filipinx American Studies at SDSU

Classes for 2022-23:

- ASIAN 103: Introduction to Filipino/Philippine Studies (NEW!)
- ASIAN 460: Contemporary Issues in Filipino American Communities
- ASIAN 122: Introduction to Asian/Pacific Islander American Experiences (NEW!)
- ASIAN 422: Asian American Experiences

All count toward new Ethnic Studies GE requirement



APIDA Center hosts panel on Fil-Am Studies at SDSU!

On, October 7th, the APIDA Center hosted a panel discussion about Fil-Am studies at SDSU. We discussed the history, the current offerings, and the vision for the future of Fil-Am studies at SDSU. This panel was moderated by Dr. Loh-Hagan. The panelists include: Dr. Jocelyn Killmer (Director of Center for Asian and Pacific Studies), Dr. Ofelia V. Dirige (Instructor of Fil-Am courses), and Dr. Atillo Alicio (Instructor and Advisor of Filipino Language Program).

APIDA Flex Alerts

- Kudos to "[The Daily Aztec](#)" staff! They won first place for "Best College Newspaper" for the years 2020 and 2021 by the San Diego Society of Professional Journalists. In addition, Editor-In-Chief [Catlan Nguyen](#) won second place for "Best News or Feature Series" for her two print stories and video package about [Proposition 17](#). [Note: We had already flexed about Catlan in the past but we continue to be so, so proud of her for being the first APIDA female Editor-In-Chief of "The Daily Aztec."]
- Congratulations to [Jessica Chang](#), who is the Diversity Officer for Student Engagement in the [Center for Inclusive Excellence](#). She got married in September. Best wishes to the newlyweds.

We want to celebrate you!

Do you or someone you know from the SDSU APIDA community have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Opportunities

- If you want to be nominated for the [Western Union Project Finish Line 2021](#), contact Dr. Loh-Hagan at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu by October 12. Project Finish Line targets college level juniors and seniors who: (1) identify as Black, Indigenous, or Person of Color, (2) are in good standing, and (3) are pursuing a STEM or business degree. Selected students will need to submit a brief bio and a description of how the award will help them achieve their degree.
- The [Native Resource Center](#) kicks off their 2nd Annual Indigenous People's Day: Week of Action on October 11th. They have many programs that aim to bring awareness to current issues faced by Indigenous People. RSVP [here](#).
- On October 15th from 11am -12pm via zoom, the [ZIP Launchpad](#) will be hosting [Sashee Chandran](#), Founder/CEO of Tea Drops. Chandran will share her entrepreneurial journey of launching her innovative tea company. Register [here](#).
- The [Center for Student Organizations & Activities](#) has opened the application for the 2021 Homecoming Court. The application is open until October 18. To apply, click [here](#).
- The [Center for Inclusive Excellence](#) is offering 2 workshops this Fall: Introduction to Inclusion and Inclusive Communication! Register using [linktree](#) or [Presence](#).
- Upcoming [Aztec Student Union](#) events this October:
 - Open Mic Night on October 12 from 5-7pm in the Student Union Courtyard. Sign up to perform [here](#).
 - Pumpkin Patch Palooza on October 19 from 6-8pm in the Student Union Courtyard.
 - Football viewing party (SDSU vs Air Force Academy) on October 23 at Aztec Lanes. Doors open at 3:30pm. Free bowling.
 - Monday Night Movie screening of "Step Brothers" on October 25 at 6:30pm at Student Union Theatre.
- In honor of UndocuWeek of Empowerment, the [Undocumented Resource Center](#) will be hosting a film screening of "Your Iron Lady" on Friday, October 22 from 7-9pm at the Alla Lotta Wiik Auditorium (Arts and Letters Building, Room 201). Register [here](#).
- The 22nd annual [San Diego Asian Film Festival](#) (SDAFF) will take place from October 28 - November 6. SDAFF is looking for volunteers. Contact Managing Director Glenn Heath Jr. at glenn@pacarts.org.
- The [Lavin Entrepreneurship Center](#) at SDSU launched its Family Business Circle program. If your family owns a business or if you aspire to meet with local family business leaders, apply for this program. For more info, click [here](#).
- The Conservation Technology Lab at the [San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance](#) seeks applicants for a paid fellowship for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in computer science or related fields. Applicants from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds and/or groups underrepresented in science and engineering are especially encouraged to apply. The opportunity is posted on [Handshake](#).
- The [Chinese Cultural Center](#) hosts a "Tea Friday" every second Friday from 1:00-2:30pm. Tickets are \$10 and includes admission to the Center, a cup of tea, and traditional Chinese snacks.
- Interested in a student assistant job? Check out these opportunities:
 - The College of Engineering is hiring a Federal Work Study (FWS) student assistant position. Info and application can be found [here](#).
 - The College of Education has positions for a Tutoring Program Student Assistant and for an Engineering Tutor. Info can be found [here](#).
 - The International Student Center is hiring FWS student assistants. The link to the application is [here](#).
- **Give to the APIDA Center and help support our programs directly! Your donation, big or small, makes a huge difference for our center! <http://philanthropy.sdsu.edu/APIDA>**

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