

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



Read all about it!!!

Check your email! Newsletter #9 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 Diwali with us!

Diwali is the Festival of Lights. It celebrates the triumph of light over dark and good over evil. It is celebrated on the darkest day of the lunar month, which is the day of the new moon. This year, Diwali starts on November 4 and is usually a five-day celebration. Diwali is mainly celebrated by followers of the Hindu, Sikh, and Jain faiths. It is a time to light candles and gather as a family. So, let's gather as an APIDA family!

The APIDA Center will be hosting two events to celebrate Diwali. On Thursday, November 4th at 5pm, we will be making Rangoli art at the APIDA Center. SDSU doctoral student, **Niveditha Ramadoss**, will share some fun facts about Rangoli. Then, we will do a Rangoli art project. It's going to be fun and colorful! In addition, on Wednesday, November 10th at 6pm at Peterson Gym 240, we will be hosting a Bollywood dancing lesson. No experience necessary - All you need is good shoes and a great attitude. For both events, we will be cutting off attendance once we reach room and/or supplies capacity so first come, first serve!

Also, please connect with student organizations, [Sanskriti](#) and [Hindu Yuva](#). Sanskriti is hosting a grand Diwali celebration on November 14th. Don't miss out

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APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



Oh, what a Night Market!

On Thursday, October 28th, [One SDSU](#), [APIDA Center](#), and [APSA](#) teamed up to host an amazing Night Market experience. Learn more about night markets [here](#). This year's Night Market was a joyous event - after a year of being physically isolated by the pandemic, it was so nice to be able to eat and be merry together. Many, many kudos to APSA, especially the leadership of [Xavier Major](#) (APSA President) and [Mandy Altura](#) (VP of External Affairs) who coordinated the fabulous food stalls and performances. One SDSU and APIDA Center were thrilled to be able to partner with APSA on their 8th Night Market to bring together the SDSU community in a big way. By providing financial and logistical support, One SDSU and APIDA Center aimed to amplify our wonderful APIDA student organizations and to celebrate Filipinx American History Month. We really enjoyed working with APSA and the other student orgs and we look forward to more collaborations.

The student organizations served super yummy food. [APSA](#) served fried rice, Thai tea, and dalgona candy. [AB Samahan](#) served cantaloupe juice, hot dog skewers, veggie lumpia, and champorado. [JSA](#) served takoyaki, onigiri, and miso soup. [KASA](#) served banana milk, rice balls, and gamja jeon. [PISA](#) served spam musubi. [VSA](#) served pandan waffles, Vietnamese coffee, and Che Thai. In addition, One SDSU and APIDA Center gave away fun Asian snacks.

There were so many talented student performances. In addition to performing, [Barry Lomibao](#) and [Deanna Magpali](#) also served as the emcees and did an amazing job. Other amazing performers included: [Natalie Soriano](#), [Sara Rose](#), [Mia](#) and [CJ](#), [Hailey Jacildo](#), [Erica](#), [Lani Pangilanan](#), [Jacel Evangelista](#), [Mario Fong](#), [Miya](#), [Too Long To Read](#), [Katriz Trinidad](#), [Nantai Kartier](#), [Phantom Ratiment](#), [PISA](#), [KASA Ignite](#), [Kai Cortez](#), [Bryant Jordan](#), and [Thai Teaze](#).

Many people helped make this event possible but we would like to give a special thanks to the following SDSU staff members for their support: [Liza Bennett](#), [Antonio Faustino](#), [Matthew Garcia](#), [Amaris Gonzalez](#), [Michele Mignogna](#), and [Anh Tran](#).

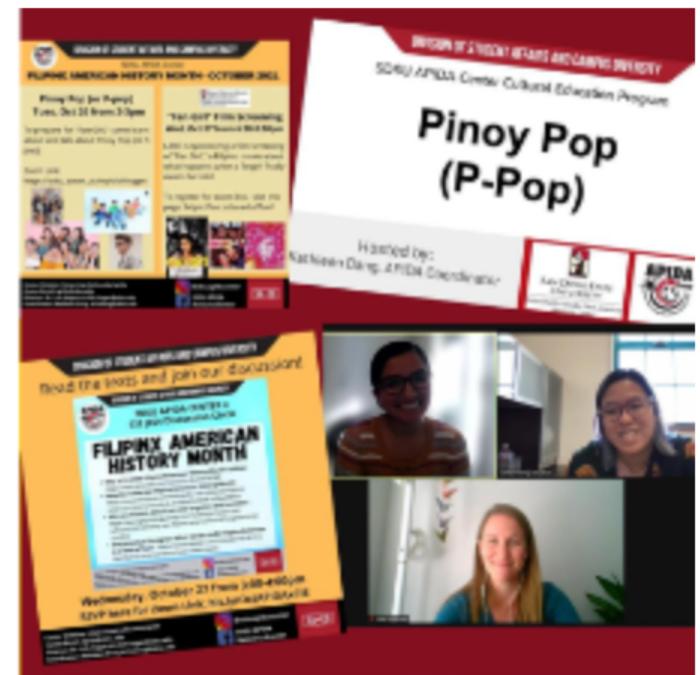
The 2021 Night Market was a tremendous success. There were 600+ people in attendance. It was a great opportunity for us all to gather and celebrate APIDA history, APIDA culture, and APIDA joy. YAY!

THE DAILY AZTEC



Saturday School Tagalog sessions showcase Filipinx heritage

by **Christian Houser**, Contributor • October 27, 2021



APIDA Center celebrated last week of FAHM!

This past week, we celebrated the last week of FAHM. On October 23rd, we hosted the last Tagalog Saturday School session. [The Daily Aztec](#) reporter, [Christian Houser](#), came to our session and wrote about it - see the front page of the most recent [issue](#)! We learned to say some proverbs, idioms, and fun curse words. We also played traditional Filipino children's games. Many thanks to SDSU Alum, **Paolo Ramos**, for teaching this special program.

On October 26th, APIDA Center Coordinator, **Kathleen Dang**, hosted a cultural education program about Pinoy Pop. We discussed the history, influences, and concepts such as stans, fandom, and love teams. On October 27th, Kathleen hosted discussion a circle about FAHM readings as part of the [Center for Inclusive Excellence's JEDI Discussion Circles](#) initiative.

Fun Run: #Run4Rey
 Virtual Run Start Time: Sat, Nov 6 starting at 7am
 Post by: Sun, Nov 6 at 7pm

Instructions:

- Register and buy tickets.
- Go outdoors.
- Take a selfie before the fun run. Post on social media with #Run4Rey.
- Run/Walk 4 miles, 4K (2 miles) or for 4 hours.
- Take a selfie after the fun run. Post on social media with #Run4Rey.
- Your swag will be mailed to you.

YOU CAN ALSO RUN IN PERSON →

RUN4REY
 Saturday, November 6, 2021
 7:30AM - 11:00AM
 Montgomery High School
 3350 Palis Avenue
 San Diego, CA 92154
 Contact: csamonting@gmail.com

Register here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/run4rey-tickets-194110268037>



Participate in the #Run4Rey!

In January 2021, Dr. [Rey Monzon](#) had passed away. We feel his passing very deeply. To honor his memory and contribute to a memorial fund established in his honor, please participate in the inaugural #Run4Rey on Saturday, November 6th. There will be an in-person race at Montgomery High School. In addition, there will be a virtual option - see the [flyer](#) for more information. This event is being hosted by the [Council of Philippine American Organizations \(COPAO\)](#), [Bayanihan Filipino American Faculty and Staff Association](#), and the [APIDA Employee Resource Group](#). Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/run4rey-tickets-194110268037>

A special fun fact - Participants will receive a sticker designed by SDSU APIDA student, **Tyra Arandia**. She can be found at the APIDA Center - studying, hanging out, and working on puzzles. We're so proud of her!

APIDA Flex Alerts

- Many thanks to Dr. [Hongmei Shen](#) and her JMS 581 class (Journalism & Media Studies - Applied Research in Public Relations). They selected APIDA Center to serve as their client for a class project. Please help by participating in their class project to find ways to help support the APIDA Center. The goal of the assignment is to enhance student quantitative research competency using a service learning project. It will take about ten minutes to complete this short survey: <https://bit.ly/3BTczUH>. The survey deadline is November 1 at 11:59pm. If you have questions, please email Dr. Shen at hshen@sdsu.edu.
- On October 26th, [One SDSU](#) and [Arts Alive](#) hosted a [panel](#) to promote the upcoming APIDA-themed play entitled "[Miku and the Gods](#)." Panel members included [Julia Izumi](#) (playwright), Prof. [Peter Cirino](#) (play director and Associate Professor in Theatre, Television, and Film), Dr. **Anh Hua** (Associate Professor in Women's Studies), and Dr. **Loh-Hagan** (who served as the moderator). Dr. [Eric Smigel](#) (Arts Alive Chair and Professor of Music) and [Elizabeth Allison](#) (Arts Alive Communication Specialist) coordinated the event. Can't wait to see you at the play! Come support the APIDA community in the arts!

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.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

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APIDA Center Support Spaces

Location: APIDA Center Conference Room
Fall 2021 beginning September 20

MON	TUE	WED	THUR
1pm - 2pm	1pm - 2pm	1pm - 2pm	1pm - 2pm
Mindful Monday	Taboo Tuesday	Wind Down Wednesday	Family Talk Thursday
Get organized and plan your week!	Let's talk about tough topics!	Practice self-care!	Let's talk about family struggles!
		2pm - 4pm	2pm - 4pm
		APIDA Homeroom	APIDA Homeroom
		Let's study together! Get academic support!	Let's study together! Get academic support!

NOTE: Participating means you are agreeing to create a safe space that is confidential, non-judgmental, respectful, and consensual.

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Location: APIDA Center Conference Room
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Mondays through Thursdays from 1-2pm

- **Mindful Monday** - Get yourself ready for the week!
- **Taboo Tuesday** - Let's discuss health, dating, and more!
- **Wind Down Wednesday** - Self-care is for everyone!
- **Family Talk Thursday** - Let's navigate family struggles together!

APIDA Homeroom on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 2-4pm - Be productive, share study tips, and receive coaching on your current projects and assignments. We can also connect you with the resources you need for academic success!

Sewing Squad Sew-cials!

Location: APIDA Center
Nov 1, 15, 29 & Dec 13 at 4pm
Join the SDSU APIDA Center for our Sewing Squad Sew-cials! Supplies are provided. Make face masks and more.

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Join the SDSU APIDA Center for our Sewing Squad Sew-cials!

Every other Monday starting October 18th @ 4pm in the APIDA Center*

October 18th
November 1st, 15th, 29th
December 13th

Supplies are provided!
Make face masks and more with us!

Meet new friends! Learn new skills! Have fun!

*The APIDA Center is located on the 2nd Floor of the Student Union, directly above Starbucks. Enter Student Life and Leadership office and make a right.

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Mindful Monday: Graduate Edition

Location: APIDA Center
November 1 from 2-3pm
In partnership with the [Office of Graduate Life and Diversity](#), this session is specifically designed for graduate students. We will focus on digital mindfulness which includes ways to use tech more mindfully and ways to avoid digital distractions so that you can get your coursework and these done!

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APIDA Center Support Spaces

MINDFUL MONDAY

Graduate Students Edition
November 1 from 2-3pm

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SDSU APIDA Center RANGOLI ART

Come learn about Rangoli Art and do a Rangoli Art project with us!

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 4th at 5pm
WHERE: APIDA Center

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SDSU APIDA Center BOLLYWOOD DANCING LESSON

WHEN: Wed, Nov. 10 at 6pm
WHERE: Peterson Gym 240

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Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars x SDSU APIDA Center

Virtual Fall Symposium

THEME: LEARNING FROM THE LAND
Mon, Nov 15, 2021 from 10am-2pm PST
Zoom Registration: <https://bit.ly/PBDAPIDAFallSymposium>

Agenda

- Welcome: from Phi Beta Delta
- 10am - Farming As Activism: Mai Nguyen, Farmer Activist
- 11am - Native Knowledge Now: Mark Alapaki Luke, Professor at Honolulu Community College
- 12pm - Fire is Medicine: Margo Robbins, Executive Director of Cultural Fire Management Council
- 1pm - Book Club Discussion of BRAIDING SWEETGRASS by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Mai Nguyen 10am Speaker
Mark Alapaki Luke 11am Speaker
Margo Robbins 12pm Speaker
Dr. Virginia Loh-Hagan Moderator

CONTACT: Dr. Virginia Loh-Hagan, Director of the SDSU APIDA Center and President-Elect of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu

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SDSU APIDA Center Fall 2021 Holiday Schedule

Veterans Day
Thurs, Nov 11: CLOSED

Thanksgiving Recess
Mon, Nov 22: 10-8pm
Tues, Nov 23: 10-8pm
Wed, Nov 24: 10:00-4:30pm
Thurs, Nov 25 + Fri, Nov 26: CLOSED

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Rangoli Art

Location: APIDA Center
November 4 at 5pm
Celebrate Diwali by making Rangoli Art with the SDSU APIDA Center. SDSU doctoral student, **Niveditha Ramadoss**, will share some fun facts about Rangoli. Then, we will do a Rangoli Art project!

Bollywood Dancing Lesson

Location: Peterson Gym 240
November 10 from 6-7pm
Celebrate Diwali by learning how to Bollywood dance with us! No experience necessary! All you need is a pair of dancing shoes and a fun attitude!

Phi Beta Delta x APIDA Center Virtual Fall Symposium

Zoom: [Zoom Registration](#)
November 15 from 10-2pm
Please join us as we kick off International Education Week. **Phi Beta Delta** (in partnership with the SDSU APIDA Center) is hosting a FREE **Virtual Fall Symposium**. The theme is "Learning From the Land." All are welcome!

Fall 2021 Holiday Schedule

We hope everyone enjoys the time off with your friends and family.

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Opportunities

- [Aztec Nights](#) and [Arts Alive](#) are hosting [Art After Dark](#), a late-night arts festival and competition featuring SDSU student art in all forms. The event is on Friday, November 19 from 10-2am on North Library Walkway. There will be performances, artist gallery, interactive art make-and-take stations, student org tabling, free food, opportunity drawings, giveaways, and more! They're looking for soloists and/or groups to submit and participate. The submission form can be found [here](#). Deadline for entry is Sunday, October 31.
- The 22nd annual [San Diego Asian Film Festival \(SDAFF\)](#) will take place from October 28 - November 6. SDAFF is looking for volunteers. More information [here](#).
- In partnership with [Career Services](#), APIDA Center, [CIR](#), [LRC](#), and [WRC](#), the Diversity Career Series will take place on November 3 and December 2 at Templo Mayor from 12-1:15pm. The workshops will showcase employers that share values of social justice, identity, and belonging. Free lunch will be provided for students who register on Handshake. Register [here](#) for November 3 and [here](#) for December 2.
- SDSU Career Services is hosting the 2021 Social Justice Summit: Bridging Belonging, Career, and Calling for Change is taking place on November 4-5. Register [here](#).
- On November 12 and 13, CSU Sacramento is hosting Project Hmong Culture, Community, and Connection: Celebrating Hmong New Year. The sessions are online and open to community members. Register [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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