

# DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

## SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



Read all about it!!!

Check your email! Newsletter #102 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 Student Union

Rooms #210A-K (Directly above Starbucks)

Summer Hours:  
Monday-Friday  
10:00-4:30pm

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# Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

July 12, 2024



## APIDA by the numbers!


We have had a terrific year...actually, we've had a fantastic four years! The 2024-2025 school year will mark the fifth year of the APIDA Center. I am sooooo proud of all we have done since we opened on July 1, 2020. Check out our [snapshot](#) to learn more about our impact and our accomplishments. Notably, in this past year, we produced 319+ events with 13,219+ attendees, 12,702+ center visits, and 882+ advising appointments. Impressive!!!

Thank you so much for supporting us all these years. We could not do what we do without your support. Many thanks to the awesome APIDA Center staff and students who fill our space with life and vibrance.

Our next newsletter will be released on August 16th as we get closer to the Fall 2024 semester. Enjoy the rest of your summer and make sure to stay connected with us!



### SDSU APIDA CENTER 2023-2024 SNAPSHOT



**319+**  
Events

**13,219+**  
Attendees

**12,702+**  
Center Visits


**882+**  
Coordinated Care  
Advising Appointments

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### We celebrated our fourth birthday this year!

APIDA Center (Established 2020)				
	2020-2021 (Virtual)	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Number of Programs & Events	281+	301+	309+	319+
Number of Program Attendees	4108+	3564+	7561+	13,219+
Number of Visits to Center	NO DATA	4275+	9837+	12,702+
Number of Unique Visitors to Center	NO DATA	1100+	3067+	1845+
Number of CCA Appointments	NO DATA	220	474	882
Number of Unique CCA Advisees	NO DATA	125	237	341
Number of Instagram Followers	700+	1500	2064	2516
Number of Newsletter Subscribers	NO DATA	2070	2416	3676



# Work at the APIDA Center!

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NOW  
HIRING!!!



Come work at the SDSU APIDA Center!

## ASSISTANT COORDINATOR

Apply here:

<https://careers.sdsu.edu/en-us/job/541028/assistant-coordinator-apida-center-student-services-professional-ia>

To receive full consideration, apply by July 24, 2024.



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## APIDA Center is hiring an Assistant Coordinator!

Join our team! Help support APIDA students, faculty, and staff at San Diego State University. The Assistant Coordinator plays a key role in our programming and center operations. Apply by July 24th as application reviews will start on July 25th.

Link: <https://careers.sdsu.edu/en-us/job/541028/assistant-coordinator-apida-center-student-services-professional-ia>

# Donate to the APIDA Center!



## APIDA Center thanks Christy Samarkos!

So we know that **Christy Samarkos**, Associate Vice President for Campus and Community Partnerships, reads our newsletter! YAY! How do we know? She answered our call and donated a bunch of super cool, fancy puzzles (some are wooden!) to the APIDA Center! THANK YOU, AVP Samarkos for your generosity. The APIDA Center loves puzzles!

In case you missed it - Consider donating to us! Of course, we will always take your money. Your donation will support our programming, initiatives, etc. Donate any amount (big or small) to our "**Program Fund**." Every dollar counts! In addition, we are also looking for the following items:

- High-quality puzzles (1000+ pieces) with no missing pieces - We love puzzles and have a special area for puzzling.
- High quality denim and/or fabrics - We are planning on upcycling and repurposing fabrics by practicing sewing/embroidery techniques such as sashiko, boro, kantha, etc.
- Books and DVDs about APIDA topics - We are always building our media libraries.
- School supplies, menstrual supplies, condoms, etc. - We have a free take-away cabinet for our students.

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center loves our summer visitors!

Just a reminder - The APIDA Center is **OPEN** over the summer. Our hours are 10:00-4:30pm Monday through Friday from now until August 23rd. We will resume our regular hours on August 26th. In the meantime, come visit us!!! We love hanging out with you.



## **APIDA Center is tabling at New Student Orientations!**

New Students and Parents Program will be hosting first year, transfer, graduate, and international student orientations all summer long. The APIDA Center will be tabling. Come say hello to **Hanna Sapida**, Student Assistant and Tabling Extraordinaire! Win prizes, learn about APIDA Center programs, and connect with others.

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

**McAelan Remigio**, 2nd year Data Science major, got a position as a Computer, Information, and Data Sciences Intern at the NCIRD Public Health for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to work in the CORVD (Coronavirus and Other Respiratory Viruses Division). In addition, he is working at the SDSU Research Foundation as a Data Science Research Intern.

Dr. **Valerie Ooka Pang** and Dr. **Audrey Hokoda** got an article published in *Social Education*. Their article is entitled, "[Social Justice, Inclusion, and Diversity in Asian American Literature for High School](#)."

**Pearl Burgin**, WorkAbility IV Coordinator and Career Counselor at SDSU's Student Disability Services office and the co-chair of the Disability Employee Resource Group, has been named a 2024 inductee of the Susan M. Daniels Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame by the National Disability Mentoring Coalition. Ms. Burgin proudly identifies as a disabled, neurodivergent Asian American woman and mother.

Dr. **Loh-Hagan** presented at two conferences this June/July. She presented at the California Council of Cultural Centers in Higher Education; she spoke about the power of place-based learning and bragged about the APIDA Center's field trips. She also presented at the American Library Association's annual conference; she spoke about Chinese and Jewish American children's literature.



# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## Save the Dates!

We are still working on our programming for the next school year but we have calendared some dates. Please make sure to mark your calendars:

- August 26, 2024: Welcome Back Open House
- September 17, 2024: APIDA Resource Fair
- October 4, 2024: Family Weekend Open House
- October 31, 2024: Makers' Market
- May 8, 2025: APIDA Excellence Celebration



# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- Stay connected with our student organizations by following their Instagram accounts.

## Community Center Partners:

- From July 15-20th, the Pride Center will be hosting several events for [Pride Week](#). Events include Pride-themed ARC classes, Rainbow Picnic, Clothing Swap, and more.
- The Pride Center and Student Affairs & Campus Diversity will be hosting the [17th Annual Pride Flag Raising Ceremony](#) on July 17th from 12:30-1:30pm in the Student Union Courtyard.
- Stay connected with our community centers by following their Instagram accounts. Note that all of us are on modified schedules for the summer.

## Campus Partners:

- Career Services is hosting an [on-campus job fair](#) on July 24th from 12-2pm in Student Services East 1200.
- The Center for Student Organizations and Activities is hosting a SDSU GO field trip to [Knott's Berry Farm](#) on July 27th.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#)

## Community Partners

- This year's [Filipino-American Friendship Festival](#) will be on July 13th at NTC Liberty Station Park.
- The [San Diego Chinese Historical Society and Museum](#) has free admission and tours on the second Sunday of the month. The next event takes place on July 14th.
- The [Japanese Friendship Garden and Museum](#) will be free to San Diego residents on July 16th.
- The San Diego Chinese Historical Museum and SDSU's Chinese Cultural Center will host a Zoom lecture with Mesa College Professor Emeritus Lois Wittner entitled, "[Models That Make Chinese American History Come Alive](#)" on July 20th at 10am.
- The Asian Business Association of San Diego is hosting a [Serving up Knowledge Workshop](#) about small business banking on July 31st, 2024.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#).

# Paid Internships & Scholarships

## Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** The [National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#) (GRFP) provides three years of support over a five-year fellowship period for individuals who have demonstrated their potential for significant research achievements in STEM or STEM education. NSF actively encourages women, persons who are members of groups historically underrepresented in STEM, persons with disabilities, veterans, and undergraduate seniors to apply. The application period is May 14-July 14. Selected participants will be notified by July 16th.
- **NEW!** The [American Red Cross](#) is looking for development interns. Candidates must be enrolled in a San Diego college. The position is hybrid, part time, and runs through June 2025. Apply now!
- **NEW!** [Tesla](#) is seeking interns or service technician trainees in their [Kearny Mesa](#) and [Miramar](#) locations. Apply now!
- **NEW!** [Sharp HealthCare](#) is searching for an intern for Strategic Planning and Community Benefit Internship for graduate students during fall of 2024. Apply now!
- **NEW!** [Congruent Leadership](#) is looking for a social media intern. Apply now!
- **NEW!** [Sony Electronics](#) is looking for a Digital Media and Marketing Intern which runs August to November. This hybrid position is open to rising juniors and seniors. Apply now!
- **NEW!** [MedImpact Healthcare System](#) is offering full-time and part-time internships to full-time college students in Pharmaceutical Benefits Management. Apply now!
- **NEW!** [Cushman & Wakefield](#) is looking for a land advisory intern. Apply now!

## Scholarships:

- **NEW!** The [Ventana Ocean Conservation Scholarship](#) seeks to support students pursuing a career in ocean conservation which includes marine biology, environmental science, etc. Apply by July 15th.
- **NEW!** The [Lam-Wong family](#) is offering \$2000 to a student who was raised in a family restaurant. Apply by August 1st.
- The [Vietnamese Student of Excellence Scholarship](#) is offering \$1000 to a Vietnamese student in higher education. Apply by August 5th!
- **NEW!** The [Courage/Yongqi Scholarship](#) is offering \$1000 to support students who aren't U.S. citizens and who need financial assistance to afford higher education. Apply by August 17th.
- **NEW!** [Bold.org](#) is offering \$1000 to BIPOC students pursuing an undergraduate degree. Apply by September 22nd!
- **NEW!** The [Kim Moon Bae Underrepresented Students Scholarship](#) is offering \$1000 to support underrepresented minority students pursuing higher education. Apply by September 22nd.