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SDSU Office of AANAPISI Affairs & APIDA Center



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# SDSU Office of AANAPISI Affairs & APIDA Center Executive Director's Message

August 23, 2024



## From Dr. Loh-Hagan: New News, New School Year!

The first day of classes is Monday, August 26th. We can't wait to get students on campus. Make sure to visit us as we have some new and exciting changes including new swag, new roles, new people, etc.

In addition, I am pleased to announce that I will be assuming a new role as the Executive Director for AANAPISI (Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution) Affairs at San Diego State University. In this inaugural role, I will continue to direct the APIDA Center and oversee campus-wide AANAPISI efforts. Since the founding of the APIDA Center in 2020, I have been coordinating several efforts to secure our AANAPISI designation and AANAPISI funding. In fact, after receiving some grant monies, we will be able to launch some new programs and initiatives - More details coming soon!

More importantly, with the APIDA Center going into our fifth year and now, with the establishment of the Office of AANAPISI Affairs, SDSU is poised to be a model of servingness for APIDA/AANHPI students. This all serves to elevate APIDA communities and issues on our campus. Many, many thanks to our senior leaders including President **Adela de la Torre**, Dr. **Chris Manning**, Dr. **Randy Timm**, Dr. **Jessica Nare**, Dr. **Tonika Green**, and more!

I am looking forward to further supporting APIDA students, faculty, and staff. Exciting times ahead!

# Know APIDA History!

## **APIDA Center defines AANAPISI!**

The Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) program was established by U.S. Congress in 2007. Its purpose was to support college campuses in their efforts to enhance the accessibility and quality of higher education for Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) college students. AANAPISIs promotes APIDA student academic success through innovative and culturally-relevant academic and student support services, co-curricular programming, research, and scholarship.

Although AANAPISIs make up only 6.1% of all U.S. colleges and universities, they enroll nearly half of the country's APIDA undergraduate students. AANAPISIs confer almost 50% of associate degrees and 30% of baccalaureate degrees attained by APIDA students in the United States. Since the program's establishment, AANAPISIs have improved retention and degree attainment for underserved communities, especially first-generation students and students from low-income backgrounds.

The number of AANAPISIs continues to grow. According to a report by the Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) Scholars, there are almost over 200 colleges and universities that qualify as AANAPISIs. (To qualify, institutions must have an undergraduate enrollment of at least 10% APIDA and 50% of degree students must receive needs-based financial assistance.) Despite the growing number of AANAPISIs, only a fraction have received funding through the program.

In the California State University system, only 14 of the 23 campuses are AANAPISI-eligible. In 2021, SDSU intentionally sought and received federal recognition as an AANAPISI. Since then, we have continued to advance our AANAPISI efforts at SDSU. Today, in 2024, we finally have an Office of AANAPISI! YAY!

# Big Welcome to Gi Gonzales!



## Welcome back home, Gi Gonzales!

**Gi Gonzales** (she/her) has been selected to serve as the Assistant Coordinator of the APIDA Center. A proud alumna of San Diego State University, she earned her B.A. in Liberal Studies and her Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential from SDSU's School of Teacher Education. She was awarded the Outstanding Graduate in 2021. In addition, she had served as Co-President of the College of Education's Student Council and was one of the founding student staff members of the APIDA Center. In her capacity as student assistant and graduate assistant, Gi has supported hundreds of programs and initiatives. Post-graduation, Gi taught at a local elementary school and served as a Project Coordinator and Curriculum Developer for The Asian American Education Project (AAEdu) where, along with Dr. Loh-Hagan, she leads a Mellon-funded initiative entitled, "A Fresh Look at APIDA History." She is looking forward to continuing the work of amplifying APIDA voices at SDSU. She said, "I am so thrilled to be back at the APIDA Center - my home away from home. I am so excited to once again be a part of the growing and thriving APIDA community at SDSU, and I look forward to continue serving APIDA students and allies."

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center hangs out with Dr. Manning!

On Friday, August 16th, Dr. **Chris Manning** visited the APIDA Center. Since February 29, 2024, Dr. Manning has served as the Vice President for Student Affairs and Campus Diversity. Previously, he was the Vice President and Chief Inclusion and Diversity Office at the University of Southern California. We are so thrilled to be working with Dr. Manning - a fellow dog-lover, martial arts practitioner, and Latin dancer!



## APIDA Center goes to the movies!

On Monday, August 5th, the APIDA Center hosted a field trip to Regal Edwards Mira Mesa where we were treated to an advanced screening of "DiDi," a coming-of-age comedy drama that was written, directed, and produced by Sean Wang. "DiDi" gets five thumbs up. It is funny, touching, nostalgic....all the things! Definitely watch it!



## APIDA Center supports One Book One San Diego!

All summer long, Dr. Loh-Hagan read books as part of the KPBS' [One Book, One San Diego](#) (OBOSD) initiative. The 2024 selections include *Know My Name* by Chanel Miller, *Victory. Stand! Raising My Fist for Justice* by Tommie Smith, Derrick Barnes, and Dawud Anyabwile, and *Barrio Rising: The Protest That Built Chicano Park* by Maria Dolores Aguila and Magdalena Mora. The APIDA Center will be supporting this community reading initiative and will be hosting One Book events - stay connected for more info! In addition, on Saturday, August 17th, the APIDA Center tabled at OBOSD's "[Booked for the Weekend](#)" launch party!

Note: ONOSD is our region's premier literary program, presented in partnership between KPBS and over 80 public libraries, service organizations and educational institutions - including the SDSU APIDA Center. Now in its 18th year, the purpose is to bring our community closer together through the shared experience of reading and discussing the same books.

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

**Lon Chhay**, a fourth year Sociology major, is the Co-Executive Director of the Asian Solidarity Collective (ASC), a group dedicated to building grassroots community power in San Diego and mobilizing Asian American communities to effect radical change.

**Eleanor Chun**, a third year Psychology with a minor in Child and Family Development (Pre-Med Track) and a Delta Sigma Psi member, has been elected the President of SDSU's United Sorority and Fraternity Council (USFC). She said, "I am excited and blessed for this opportunity and for the connections I will make in the upcoming year."

**Sumaia Wegner**, who recently graduated with a B.A. in Journalism, has been accepted into SDSU's Masters in Sports Business Administration.

**Lexi Bautista Maxion**, **Kaia Yamamoto**, and **Isabel Adamos** are featured in an article entitled, "[SDSU filmmakers empower Asian narratives in cinema.](#)"

**Johnson Tran**, SDSU alum with a B.A. and MBA in sports management, is the [director of community engagement](#) for the Boston Celtics.

The [Center for Inclusive Excellence](#) received the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Award from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). Dr. **Jennifer Imazeki**, Associate Vice President for faculty and staff diversity, said, "What we strive to do in the [CIE](#) is help people understand that creating an equitable and inclusive environment isn't some separate set of skills, it is an integral part of being successful at SDSU..."

**Matthew H Garcia**, Associate Director of the APIDA Center, served as a facilitator at Beta Theta Pi Fraternity's (25th year) [John and Nellie Wooden Institute for Men of Principle](#).

Several [faculty have been awarded tenure and/or promotion](#) including Dr. **Stephen Suh**, **Jenny Wong-Welch**, and others. Congrats to all!



# All Things APIDA: Recommendations



**Sonny Tran**, a fourth year Public Health major, recommends the show, "Single's Inferno," a Korean reality dating television series on Netflix where men and women find love while being stuck on an island. Contestants compete in various athletic challenges in order to spend time with the contestant of their choice. Sonny said, "It's the first reality TV dating show I've seen that emphasizes Asian beauty and talent compared to most mainstream media where Asians (and Asian Americans) aren't normally seen in that light. The show is comedic when audiences are shown the contestants' interactions, and each of the characters' personalities keep the show interesting."



# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## Fall 2024 Welcome Back Open House

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 from 1-3pm**

August 26th is the first day of classes so feel free to drop by the APIDA Center. Hang out, eat snacks, and meet new and old friends.

## APIDA Resource Fair

**Location: Student Union Courtyard**

**Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 from 5-7pm**

Learn about campus organizations that support APIDA students. This is a great way to get connected, make new friends, and more!

## **Save the Dates!**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- October 4, 2024: Family Weekend Open House
- October 31, 2024: Makers' Market
- May 8, 2025: APIDA Excellence Celebration

## Student-Led Workshops & Student-Created Social Media Campaigns

APIDA Center is hosting Student-Led Workshops and Student-Created Social Media Campaigns. This is a great opportunity to share your passion with others. It's also an opportunity to learn how to plan an event or prepare a campaign with our support. We are interested in any and all APIDA-related topics! If you are interested, email Dr. Loh-Hagan at [vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu](mailto:vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu).



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### APIDA CENTER HAPPY HOURS

Join us for fun activities at the APIDA Center every day!  
NOTE: Schedule is subject to change if hosting special events.

- Mondays (6-8pm)**  
**Craft Night**
- Tuesdays (6-8pm)**  
**Music Night**
- Wednesdays (6-8pm)**  
**TV Night**
- Thursdays (6-8pm)**  
**Game Night**

## Happy Hours at the APIDA Center

The APIDA Center is hosting "Happy Hours" on Mondays through Thursday from 6-8pm. Craft with us on Mondays. Make music with us on Tuesdays. Watch TV with us on Wednesdays. Play games with us on Thursdays. Open to all while supplies last and while space is available. Most nights will be unstructured. However, there will be times when we host specific activities and when we need to cancel in order to support another program.

# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- [AB Samahan](#), along with [Anakbayan San Diego](#), is hosting a [Family Day](#) fundraiser event on Sunday, August 25th in El Toyon Park from 12-4pm.
- [AAPI\(phany\)](#) is hosting their first workshop entitled, "[Centering AAPI: AAPI\(phany\) Experiences Panel](#)," on Thursday, August 29th from 4:00-5:30pm in the CIR.

## Community Center Partners:

- [The Pride Center](#) and [Women's Resource Center](#) are hosting a [Neighborhoodly Open House](#) on Thursday, August 29th from 12-2pm.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations \(CIR\)](#) is looking to hire [Peer Mentors for Young Men of Color](#) (compensation is \$17/hour). [Apply](#) by August 28th!

## Campus Partners:

- The Center for Inclusive Excellence is currently seeking interns for Fall 2024. [Apply](#) today!
- [Associated Students](#), Aztec Nights, and Center for Student Orgs and Associations are hosting [a series of events](#) starting on Friday, August 23rd. Events include First Night Fest, Retro Arcade Night, Taste of San Diego, and more
- [Aztec Student Union](#) is hosting a Union Block Party on Wednesday, August 28th from 10-2pm in the Student Union Courtyard.
- The [Office of Educational Opportunity Programs, Outreach, and Success \(EOPOS\)](#) is hosting a [Welcome Week Open House](#) on Thursday, August 29th from 11:00-1:30pm SSE 2109.
- [One SDSU](#) is hosting a [Community Kickoff](#) on Thursday, August 29th from 12-2pm in the Student Union Courtyard.
- [The Basic Needs Center](#) is looking for student volunteers! [Apply](#) today!
- The [Social-Health & Affective Neuroscience \(SHAN\) Lab](#) in the Department of Psychology at SDSU is recruiting study participants for: [Relationships and Health](#) (\$40 compensation), [MRI Blanket Study](#) (\$70 compensation), [Opioids and Cognition - fMRI Study](#) (\$175 compensation), [Health and Feelings in Daily Life](#) (\$91 compensation), [Time and Social Decision Making Study](#) (\$60 compensation).
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#)

## Community Partners:

- The [Center for Community Counseling & Engagement](#) is the training clinic for the SDSU Counseling and School Psychology department. They offer low-cost, high-quality therapy supervised by licensed clinicians. SDSU Students receive their first 6 sessions free of charge.
- CSU Fullerton is hiring a coordinator for their APA Resource Center. [Apply](#) today!
- Breaking Down Barriers is looking for a Mental Health Outreach and Education Coordinator for the APIDA community. [Apply](#) today.
- [Union of Pan-Asian Communities \(UPAC\)](#) has two youth-led social enterprises called The Neighborhood Café in City Heights and [Timmy's Place](#) in downtown San Diego. They both offer food and printshop items, operated by youth overcoming barriers.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#).

# Paid Internships & Scholarships

## Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** Rite Aid is looking for a Pharmacy Technician and Technician Trainee. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** The PBO Advisory Group is looking for Accounting, Finance, or Business Administration students to assist in data entry activities, recording and processing expenditures, receipts, and other financial transactions. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Tillster is looking for interns to set up and facilitate their technological dashboards. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** General Atomics is looking for a student to join their team of Operational Excellence Interns. Interns will be in charge of data analytics and business management tasks. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Catalent is looking for undergraduate life science students for lab assistant positions. [Apply](#) today!

## Scholarships:

- **NEW!** The Gender Expansive and Transgender Scholarship is seeking to support students who are gender minorities during their college experience. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Filipino American Scholarship seeks to support Filipino-Americans who are interested in community service. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** The "Aunty" Geri Kuhia Scholarship wants to award a Pacific Islander student who is pursuing an arts-related major. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** The Alexander de Guia Memorial Scholarship is supporting Filipino students who are leaders within their community. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Value Management Strategies, Inc. is offering a Value Methodology Scholarship to a BIPOC student who expresses an interest in Value Methodology and who has a desire to make an impact within their community. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** The Pride Resource Network is offering \$500 to a first or second generation immigrant student. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** The Leanne Babcock Women Veterans Success Endowed Scholarship is offering financial assistance to a Veteran, Active Duty, National Guard, Reservist, or ROTC student who is pursuing a degree or credential at SDSU. [Apply](#) before August 30th.
- Bold.org is offering \$1000 to BIPOC students pursuing an undergraduate degree. [Apply](#) by September 22nd!
- The Kim Moon Bae Underrepresented Students Scholarship is offering \$1000 to support underrepresented minority students pursuing higher education. [Apply](#) by September 22nd.