

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

SDSU Office of AANAPISI Affairs & APIDA Center



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

Hours:

Mon-Thurs 10:00-8:00pm

Fridays 10:00-4:30pm

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

September 27, 2024



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: AANAPISI Week!

[AANAPISI Week](#) (September 23–September 29, 2024) celebrates the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) designation, which was established by Congress on September 27, 2007, to improve the availability and quality of postsecondary education programs to support low-income, first-generation Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) students.

This September 2024, we had announced the establishment of SDSU's Office for AANAPISI Affairs and I am thrilled to serve as the inaugural Executive Director. As this Office is among the first of its kind, SDSU is positioned as a model of serving-ness for APIDA excellence. We are a proud AANAPISI!!!!!!

Here are some comments from our [students](#):

- "Being an AANAPISI that intentionally serves APIDA students is important for addressing disparities in education and providing equitable access to various resources in order to ensure student success."
- "Being an AANAPISI is important because it creates a sense of belonging and safety, which is essential for student success. Students who feel represented and valued can better access resources and communicate with professors. Visible APIDA role models instill confidence."
- "I feel valued and seen as a proud student of SDSU, an AANAPISI that actively promotes and expands initiatives that benefit our community."



Don't Forget!

We will be hosting the 5th annual [Makers Market](#) on October 31st. [Sign up](#) by October 4th.

We will be hosting our 5th annual Filipinx American History Month! We are still finalizing programs and will release them soon! Make sure to follow us on [Insta!](#)

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about FANHS San Diego!

The Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) was founded in Seattle, Washington by Dr. Dorothy Laigo Cordova (born 1932) and her husband, Fred, in 1982. (Super Fun Fact: In April 2024, the APIDA Center took students to Seattle and [we actually met Dr. Cordova and visited the FANHS headquarters!](#))

FANHS became a non-profit organization in 1985 under the Cordovas' leadership. FANHS's mission is "to promote understanding, education, enlightenment, appreciation, and enrichment through the identification, gathering, preservation, and dissemination of the history and culture of Filipino Americans in the United States."

In 1992, FANHS began celebrating Filipinx American History Month (FAHM) in October to commemorate the first Filipinx people who arrived in Morro Bay, California and the birthday of Fil-Am labor leader, Larry Itliong (1913-1977). The Cordovas established a FANHS National Museum in Stockton, California and 40+ chapters across the United States.

FANHS San Diego was established on September 23rd, 1995. Since its establishment, FANHS San Diego has implemented several initiatives that amplify and preserve Fil-Am history in San Diego. For example, in collaboration with PASACAT Performing Arts Company and the Council of Philippine American Organizations of San Diego (COPAO), FANHS San Diego established the Filipinos of South Bay Exhibit (FoSBE) in the Chula Vista Heritage Museum. This first-of-a-kind exhibit captures the stories of Filipinos and Filipino Americans in San Diego, and is open for viewing until December 2024.

Another Fun Fact: The APIDA Center took students there last FAHM. This year, we will host another field trip to the FoSBE along with other Fil-Am historic sites in San Diego. Stay tuned to our [Insta](#) to get on board as there will be limited seats.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center learns about Hawaiian Quilting!

On Monday, September 23rd, we hosted a cultural crafting workshop about [Hawaiian quilting](#) as part of our National Hawaiian History Month celebration. Initially, quilting was used as a colonizing tool as it was taught by White missionaries; however, Hawaiians reclaimed the art and made it their own.

FYI - Our Cultural Crafting Night are our most popular initiative. They take place on Monday nights from 6-8pm - Attendees must be on time and present the entire time in order to participate. Check out our new [promo video](#), made by **Diego Del Mundo**, APIDA Center Student Assistant, and featuring some of our crafty crafters.



APIDA Center learns about Queen Lili'uokalani!

On September 26th, the APIDA Center hosted a Cultural Education Program about [Queen Lili'uokalani](#) (1838-1917), the last Hawaiian monarch who was overthrown in a coup backed by the U.S. military and led by White businessmen with vested interests in exploiting Hawaii's resources. An activist and artist, the Queen never stopped fighting for her people's rights and independence. The fight for Hawaiian sovereignty continues today.



APIDA Center hosts a Kumihimo workshop!

On September 26th, the APIDA Center hosted a [Student-Led Workshop](#) about [Kumihimo](#), a Japanese braiding art form. This workshop was led by **Nelson Hawkins**, an APIDA Center Intern and third-year business major. Attendees learned about the historical and cultural significance of Kumihimo and made their own [braids](#)! (**Momoka Dhanuwidjaja**, a first-year International Business major, even brought her dad to join the fun!)

APIDA Flex Alerts!

Several SDSU students will be performing at San Diego World Affairs Council's event, [K-Diplomacy Intersections of Culture, Economy & Politics](#) on October 12. The K-POP performance will be headed by three of Dr. **Chyun Oh's** (Associate Professor of Dance Theory, School of Music and Dance) students: **Marlene Baldonado** (KASA Ignite Dance Captain and fourth-year Liberal Studies major), **Mia Navarro** (2024 dance major graduate), and **Charlotte Bridant** (third-year Theater Arts major).

Jalea Villarama (2024 IS3D major graduate) will be performing as the opening act for the [Filipino Loving People](#) Festival Concert on Saturday, October 12th. This event is held annually at Waterfront Park San Diego.

Gi Gonzales Vargas, APIDA Center Assistant Coordinator and SDSU alumna, got married on September 20th! She was a beautiful bride and Aldo is a very lucky man.



Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Hawaiian History Month at The Garden

Location: The Garden Restaurant (5150 East Campus Drive)

Date: Monday, September 30, 2024 from 4-8pm

To celebrate the end of Hawaiian History Month, The Garden is serving a special Hawaiian-inspired dinner. The menu features a combination of native and fusion dishes that reflect Hawaii's history which includes waves of immigration; in addition, popular dishes in Hawaii today have also been influenced by colonization and militarization.

Kumihimo

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, September 30, 2024 from 5-6pm

Back by popular demand! Since our first workshop "sold out," we are hosting another session of Kumihimo, Japanese braiding. Don't miss out! Learn about the cultural and historical significance of Kumihimo and then braid with us.

Talk Story & Musubi Mixer

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, September 30, 2024 from 5-6pm

Be in community with APIDA and PISA by "talking story" and eating SPAM musubis. We want to hear about your college experience and how we can better serve you.

Food Safety Training

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: (Attend one!) Wednesday, Oct. 2 from 1-2pm; Friday, Oct. 11 from 12-1pm; Monday, Oct. 14 from 3-4pm; Monday, Oct. 21 from 2-3pm

Do you plan to serve food at your events? If so, SDSU requires food safety training. The training is good for one year.

Makers' Market

Location: Student Union Courtyard

Date: Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 1-6pm

Calling all Makers, D.I.Y.ers, entrepreneurs, and singer-songwriters! APIDA Center is hosting our fifth annual Makers' Market! [Sign up](#) by October 4th.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [Tabletop Gaming Club \(TTGC\)](#) is hosting their next Tabletop Role Playing Game session on Saturday, Sept. 27th at 12:30pm in SSW 2650.
- [Korean American Student Association \(KASA\)](#) is hosting their [Running Man](#) event at Crown Point Park on Saturday, Sept. 28th from 12-4pm.
- [Sikh Student Association \(SSA\)](#) is hosting a [Gurdwara Trip](#) on Sunday, Sept. 29th from 10-1pm at the Sikh Society of San Diego in Escondido. Contact [SSA](#) for carpool logistics.
- [Pacific Islander Student Association \(PISA\)](#) is hosting Pasifika Spirit Week from Sept. 30th to Oct. 5th. Support their [attire](#) and [events](#).
- [Asian Pacific Student Alliance \(APSA\)](#) is conducting a [jAdE BINGO Dare Fundraiser](#) from Sept. 24th to Oct. 22nd.

Community Center Partners:

- The [Pride Center](#) is hosting [Free HIV Testing](#) on Monday, Sept. 30th from 11-5pm. They're also hosting a peer-led support group, [Trans Masc Talks](#) on Tuesday, Oct. 1st from 3-4pm.
- The [Native Resource Center \(NRC\)](#) is hosting [Orange Shirt Day](#) on Monday, Sept. 30th from 12-2pm in front of Hepner Hall.
- The [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#) is hosting the first session of their [Brave Project](#) on Thursday, Oct. 3rd from 11:00-12:30pm.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#) and the [Black Resource Center](#) are hosting a [Carne Asada Cookout](#) on Thursday, Oct. 3rd from 12-3pm at the BRC.

Campus Partners:

- [Aztec Student Union](#) is hosting [Sip N' Paint](#) on Monday, Sept. 30th from 5-7pm in Montezuma Hall.
- [SDSU Alumni](#) is hosting a Mentorship & Networking Panel featuring Netflix's Marisa Compton on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd from 5-7pm at the Parma Payne Goddall Alumni Center. [Register](#) to attend! Note that **Michael Kumura**, 2019 marketing major graduate).
- [SDSU Career Services](#) is hosting a [Fowler College of Business Career Fair](#) on Thursday, Oct. 3rd from 10:00-2:30pm in Montezuma Hall.
- SDSU's [Information Technology Division](#) is conducting a campus-wide [survey](#) on generative AI (GenAI) technologies including tools like ChatGPT and Microsoft Copilot. The survey will be available from Sept. 23rd through Oct. 6th. Participants can enter to win an iPad or a \$10 gift card for Aztec Shops.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#)

Community Partners:

- [San Diego Filipino Cinema](#)'s fourth annual [San Diego Filipino Film Festival](#) will take place at the AMC Plaza Bonita from Oct. 1st to Oct. 6th.
- The [Filipino American National Historical Society San Diego \(FANHS SD\)](#) is featuring [Dr. Allyson Tintiangso-Cubales](#) as a keynote speaker on Wed, Oct. 2nd at 6pm in USD Copley Library's Mother Hill Reading Room.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). Their next free webinar is "Teaching with APIDA Graphic Novels" on Wednesday, Oct. 9th from 4-5pm.

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** Advanced Semiconductor Materials Lithography (ASML) is looking for a full-time intern pursuing a career in engineering. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** The Museum of Recording Arts is looking for a part-time Stagecraft Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- The National Security Agency is accepting applications for their Summer 2025 Internship Program. [Apply](#) by October 1st.

Scholarships:

- The BioPharmaceutical Technology Center Institute is seeking to support undergraduate students from underrepresented communities. [Apply](#) by September 30th.
- **NEW!** The Price It Here, Inc. is offering a \$1,000-scholarship to students with any immigration status enrolled full-time at an accredited U.S. college or university. [Apply](#) by October 1st.
- The SDSU College of Education is offering up to \$500 of research funding to doctoral students through their inaugural Student Difference Makers Research Support Program. [Apply](#) by October 3rd.
- The Gender Expansive and Transgender Scholarship is seeking to support students who are gender minorities during their college experience. [Apply](#) by October 15th.
- The Filipino-American Scholarship Fund is offering \$500 to three undergraduate students who identify as Filipino-American. [Apply](#) by October 15th.
- **NEW!** The Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) is accepting applications for the Simon and June Li Leadership Transformation Fellowship Program. [Apply](#) by November!
- **NEW!** DLA Piper Law Firm is offering up to 20 scholarships of \$6,000 each to U.S. military veterans interested in pursuing a legal degree. [Apply](#) by November 4th.
- The Fatilua family is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to an undergraduate or graduate student who identifies as Pacific Islander. [Apply](#) by November 25th.
- Anne Napolitano Consulting is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to aspiring female accountants. [Apply](#) by November 30th.
- Sandwich Islands Network, Inc. is awarding the "Aunty" Geri Kuhia Scholarship to two Pacific Islander students pursuing a career in the arts. [Apply](#) by November 30th.