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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

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## From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Happy FAHM 2024!

As an [Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution \(AANAPISI\)](#), we are thrilled to be celebrating our fifth annual [Filipinx American History Month \(FAHM\)](#) this October.

The Filipinx American community at SDSU is strong and thriving. In addition to the [Asian Pacific Islander Desi American \(APIDA\) Center](#), the Filipinx American community is active through the [Andrés Bonifacio Samahan](#) student organization, the [Asian Pacific Student Alliance \(APSA\)](#) student organization, the [Bayanihan Employee Resource Group](#), the [APIDA Employee Resource Group](#) and others. This year, SDSU has established an Office for AANAPISI Affairs, which aims to further elevate and amplify the SDSU APIDA community.

The APIDA Center will be supporting Filipino American National Historical Society's (FANHS) 2024 FAHM theme, "Struggle, Resistance, Solidarity, and Resilience." Struggle and resistance refer to the ways that the Filipinx American community has persisted through various types of systemic oppression and violence. Solidarity includes the ways that Filipinx Americans have organized to fight against injustice. Resilience involves the ways in which Filipinx Americans have successfully overcome adversity. The FANHS states, "From the painful to the triumphant, all of these moments contribute to a cumulative Filipino American history. We encourage our communities to reflect on our history and celebrate our collective love and joy."

To celebrate FAHM, the APIDA Center along with other campus partners has coordinated a robust and exciting series of events. Details can be found at [APIDA's program and events calendar](#) and/or this [Google folder](#).



# Know APIDA History!



## APIDA Center learns about Friendship Games!

The Pilipinx American Student Association (PASA) from California State University Fullerton (CSUF) created Friendship Games in 1985. Initially, it was an internal event among CSUF organizations. Today, it is the largest student-run Filipinx American event in the nation.

Over 40 Filipinx American student organizations from college campuses in California, Nevada, and Arizona participate in Friendship Games. These games consists of competitive picnic games and performances. All of which aim to celebrate "S.P.U.F." (Spirit, Pride, Unity, and Friendship).

Schools compete for the chance to take home trophies. Fun fact: The top prize is an eight-foot tall trophy! The first Friendship Games champion was Mt. San Antonio College's Kasama (known today as [Filamilya](#)).

SDSU's [Andrés Bonifacio Samahan](#) is an active participant in the games. The [39th Friendship Games](#) will take place on October 19, 2024. Wish our team luck!



# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center teams up with SDSU Dining!

On Monday, September 30th, the APIDA Center partnered with SDSU Dining to host a Hawaiian History Month dinner at The Garden. The Garden staff did a fantastic job of cooking up a Hawaiian-inspired meal featuring a combination of native and fusion dishes that reflected influences from waves of immigration, militarization, and colonization. Menu items included Kalua Pork, Ahi Tuna Poke, Huli Huli Chicken, Coconut Haupia, Poi, and more!

Many thanks to the SDSU Dining and Aztec Shops team who spent many hours prepping: **Tiago Battastini** (Executive Chef), **Edmond Ankiangco** (General Manager of The Garden), **Rehza Baraichi** (DEI Manager), **Timothy Gonzales** (Senior Creative Manager, Graphics & Marketing), and **Ben Eisenstein** (Associate Director).







## APIDA Center and PISA hosts Talk Story & Musubi Mixer!

On Monday, September 30th, the APIDA Center teamed up with the [Pacific Islander Student Association \(PISA\)](#) to host a [Talk Story & Musubi Mixer](#) event. PISA's Cultural Coordinator, **Ethan Concepcion**, led a discussion about what talk story is and encouraged students to share their college experiences. And, of course, we ate delicious Spam musubis. The [event](#) helped kick off PISA's [Pasifika Spirit Week](#).



## APIDA Center hosts Kumihimo and Fil-Am Comedy!

Last week's Kumihimo workshop was so popular that we decided to host another one on Monday, September 30th. In addition, our first FAHM event was on Wednesday, October 2nd; we are hosting Fil-Am TV/Movie Nights at the APIDA Center. This week, we watched stand-up comedy by Jo Koi.



# APIDA Flex Alerts!

**Rusti Rasing**, a graduate student in the MA History program, presented the first chapter of his thesis at the 2024 National Conference for Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) in July. His first chapter focused on the Filipinx cultural ideology of *Utang na Loob*. His thesis is entitled, *Choice v. Influence: Retelling Immigration Through Filipino American Agency*. His research aims to explain Filipinx American immigration through the perspective of individual agencies of Filipinx Americans after 1946 Philippine Independence. Specifically, he places significant focus on internal and cultural motives of Filipinx Americans rather than external factors. Currently, scholarship largely attributes Filipinx American immigration to the dominant western narrative of economic opportunity vis-a-vis the American Dream ideology. This dominant narrative perpetuates western hegemony while minimizing the histories and agencies of Filipinx Americans. Rasing's research highlights that Filipinx Americans actively made the choice to immigrate rather than be influenced by external factors.

Dr. **Minjeong Kim**, Chair of the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, has been elected to serve on the Northeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies (2024-2027). She was quoted in a *New York Times* article, "[Found in Translation: Asian Languages Onscreen.](#)"

Dr. **Minjeong Kim** and Dr. **Stephen Cho Suh**, Associate Professor of Asian American Studies, are co-Principal Investigators of the 2023 Laboratory Program for Korean Studies Grant from The Academy for Korean Studies. Their project is titled "Global Korea, Transnational Koreans: Comparative Approaches of Korean Migration and Dynamic Mobilities of Koreans and Asians."

Dr. **Stephen Cho Suh** was interviewed for: "[Return of the descendants,](#)" by Jessica Buchleitner in Aeon. April 23, 2024.

Dr. **Sandra Wawrytko** spent her sabbatical last year working on a book project entitled, "Reading *The Tale Of Genji* Through *The Lotus Sūtra*: Murasaki's Philosophical Insights." Rather than approaching the text as a literary work Wawrytko employs creative hermeneutics to examine the epistemological and neuroscientific aspects of what has been categorized as a psychological novel.



# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## **FAHM: Cultural Crafting Night: Pacita Abad-Inspired Art**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, Oct. 7 from 6-8pm**

With over 4500 artworks, Pacita Abad (1946-2004) was a Filipina American painter. She developed trapunto painting that includes stitching, stuffing, and found objects. We will create our own paintings inspired by her use of circles, lines, and mixed-media. This is one of the most popular programs!

## **APIDA Latinx Support Group**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 4-5pm**

If you identify as APIDA and Latinx, this group is for you! We will discuss experiences, share resources, be in community, and eat snacks! This month's theme is "Latinx and Filipinx Cultural Connections."

## **FAHM Fil-Am Movie Nights**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, Oct. 9, Oct. 16, Oct 23, and Oct. 30 from 6-8pm**

Watch movies with us all month long and support Fil-Am representation! Each week will be a different theme: Romantic Comedy, TV, Drama, and Horror.

## **Food Safety Training**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Dates: (Attend one!) 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.

## **FAHM Cultural Crafting Night: Carlos Villa-Inspired Art**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, Oct. 14 from 6-8pm**

Carlos Villa (1936-2013) was a Fil-Am multimedia visual artist and teacher. He helped shape modern art and was committed to representing his heritage in his art. Learn more about him and make art inspired by his works.

## **Meet Your Counselors: Dr. Mary Joyce Juan**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 2-3pm**

Meet APIDA-identifying counselors from SDSU's Counseling & Psychological Services. In this series, students have an opportunity to get up close and personal with our counselors.

## **FAHM Cultural Crafting Night: Finger Painting**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, Oct. 21 from 6-8pm**

Learn about artists like Vicente Alvarez Dixon (1905-1947) and Rafael Pacheco (died 2016). These artists helped popularize finger painting in the Philippines. Then, finger paint with us!

## **FAHM: Dr. Rey Monzon Data Lecture: Dr. Darlene Daclan**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, Oct. 28 from 1-2pm**

In this lecture, Dr. Darlene Daclan (Director of Academic and Student Affairs Business Systems at the CSU Office of the Chancellor) will share data about Fil-Am students in the CSU, show how to access data via CSU student dashboards, and discuss the importance of reporting.

## **FAHM: Student-Led Workshop: Fil-Am Mixed Identities Panel**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, Oct. 28 from 4-5pm**

This student-led presentation and panel will address what it means to be a "mixed Filipino American." Students will share research and their own lived experiences. Attendees will also be invited to share their experiences.

## **FAHM: Cultural Crafting Night: Quilting in the Philippines**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, Oct. 28 from 6-8pm**

Caohagan Island is a small island in the Philippines. Quilting was introduced to the island over 20 years ago and has become a source of revenue and a community-building activity. Learn more and then make a quilt square.

## **FAHM: Cultural Education Program: 1924 Hanapēpē Massacre**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 4-5pm**

The 2024 FAHNS FAHM theme is "Struggle, Resistance, Solidarity, and Resilience." This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Hanapēpē Massacre. On September 9, 1924, 16 Filipino plantation workers and 4 law enforcement officers were killed during the Hanapēpē Labor Strike in Kaua'i. Learn more about this event and how it is an example of Fil-Am struggle and resistance.

## **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.

## **FAHM: Cultural Education Program: FAHM Field Trip**

**Location: Historic Fil-Am Sites in San Diego**

**Date: Friday, November 1st, 2024 from 9-5pm**

The APIDA Center is planning a field trip to the "Filipinos of South Bay" exhibit at the Chula Vista Library. We will also tour historic sites in National City and Chicano Park. More info coming soon! Limited spots!

# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- [Vietnamese Student Association \(VSA\)](#) is hosting a [San Carlos R&B Tea Fundraiser](#) on Fri., Oct. 4th from 11:00-9:30pm.
- [SDSU Badminton Club](#) is hosting a [Hiking Social](#) at Cowles Mountain on Sat., Oct. 5th from 9-12pm.
- [Pacific Islander Student Association \(PISA\)](#) is hosting a [Tiki Tailgate](#) before the Hawaii vs. SDSU football game on Sat., Oct. 5th starting at 12pm.
- [Tabletop Gaming Club at SDSU](#) is hosting a [Jackbox Party Games](#) meeting on Sat., Oct. 5th at 12:30pm in SSW 2650. They're also hosting an [Intro to Wargaming](#) meeting on Tues., Oct. 8th at 5:30pm in SSW 2500.
- The [Southeast Asian American Alliance \(SEA^3\)](#) is hosting a [Yummy General Body Meeting \(GBM\)](#) on Mon., Oct. 7th from 12-1pm.
- [Japanese Student Association \(JSA\)](#) is hosting a [General Body Meeting \(GBM\)](#) on Mon., Oct. 7th from 3:00-4:30pm in Pride Suite.
- [Asian Pacific Student Alliance \(APSA\)](#) is hosting their [11th Annual Night Market](#) on Wed., Oct. 9th from 4-9pm at the Student Union Courtyard.
- [Nikkei Student Union \(NSU\)](#) is accepting sign-ups for their [SDSU Intramural Basketball Team](#). [Sign up](#) by Wed., Oct. 9th at 11:59pm.

## Community Center Partners:

- The [Cross Cultural Center](#) at SDSU Imperial Valley is hosting "Latinx Scholars Spotlight" on Monday, Oct 7th from 1-2pm in the SDSU-IV Rodney Auditorium.
- [Project Rebound SDSU](#) is hosting [Reclaiming Our Humanity Film & Panel](#) on Mon., Oct. 7th at 5:30pm in the Student Union Theatre.
- The [Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) is hosting "Meet the Libros y Cultura Collective" on Tues., Oct. 8th from 12-1pm. The LRC is also hosting [Juntxs Avanzamos Latinx Grad Student Support](#) Group on Wed., Oct. 9th from 12-1pm.
- The [Black Resource Center \(BRC\)](#) and [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#) are hosting a "Black Women's Healing Circle" on Tues, Oct. 8th from 5-6pm in the WRC.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations \(CIR\)](#) is hosting guest speaker, Dr. Ibrahim Al-Marashi to discuss "The Conflict in Lebanon & Healing Narratives: Processing Trauma Through Storytelling" on Tues., Oct 8th from 12:30-1:45pm.
- The [Pride Center](#) is hosting a [Gender Journey Support Group](#) on Thurs., Oct. 10th from 1-2pm.

## Campus Partners:

- The College of Education is hosting [International Student Advising](#) on Mon., Oct. 7th from 1:30-2:30pm in Lamden Hall 259.
- Campus Life is hosting a webinar entitled, "Cybersecurity: How to Spot Deepfakes?" featuring Rick McElroy (Principal Cybersecurity Strategist for VMware) on Tues., Oct. 8th at 11:00am. [Register](#) to join!
- [Basic Needs Center](#) is hosting a [Basic Needs Social Hour](#) on Tues., Oct. 8th from 12-2pm in Calpulli Suite 3200.
- [Counseling & Psychological Services](#) is hosting their next [Everyday Mindfulness & Meditation Drop-in Workshop](#) on Tues., Oct. 8th from 3-4pm in Calpulli Conference Room 4.
- [SDSU Career Services](#) is hosting "Intro to Internships (from a Google Engineer Manager)" on Wed., Oct. 9th from 12-1pm in Pride Suite. They are also hosting a [series of events](#) from Oct. 9th to Oct. 11th.
- [International Affairs](#) is offering an opportunity to earn a University Seal of Biliteracy & Cultural Competence. If interested, [sign up](#).
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#)

## Community Partners:

- [Pacific Arts Movement](#) is hosting [Chew the Scene Launch Party](#) on Tues., Oct. 8th from 6-9pm at UCSD's Park and Market. Buy your [tickets](#) now!
- 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 Wed., Oct. 9th from 4-5pm.



# Paid Internships & Scholarships

## Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** Axos Bank is looking for a part-time Marketing Communications Intern for Summer 2025. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Sharp Memorial Hospital is looking for a full-time Intern Pharmacist. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** CBRE is looking for an intern who can perform industry-specific research and other duties related to commercial real estate sales. [Apply](#) today!

## Scholarships:

- 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.
- The Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) is accepting applications for the Simon and June Li Leadership Transformation Fellowship Program. [Apply](#) by November!
- 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.
- **NEW!** The Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship program is accepting applications, offering funding for undergraduate and graduate students. [Apply](#) by December 31st, 2025.
- **NEW!** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is accepting applications for the 2025 Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship and Jose E. Serrano Education Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institution (EPP/MSI) Scholarship. [Apply](#) by January 31st, 2025.