

# DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

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



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**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

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**HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK**  
**BASIC NEEDS EVENTS**

<b>M 11/15</b> Off-Campus Housing for Grad Students - Via Zoom at 2pm - 3pm
<b>T 11/16</b> Basic Needs Resource Fair & CalFresh Day - Aztec Union at 10am - 2pm <span style="float: right; color: red;">Free lunch for students!</span>
<b>W 11/17</b> A.S. Food Pantry & Mobi Cooking Demo - Meet at Calpulli Center at 12pm - 2pm
<b>W 11/17</b> ECRT at Imperial Valley Campus - Room LA3 at 10am -12 pm
<b>Th 11/18</b> Housing Webinar: Understanding Homelessness - Via Zoom at 1pm - 2:30pm
<b>F 11/19</b> ECRT Advocate Training - Via Zoom at 9am - 11:30am

**STAY CONNECTED!**  
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REGISTER FOR THE  
EVENT HERE:  
[SDSU.EDU/ECRT](https://sdsu.edu/ecrt)

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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

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## Focus on basic needs!

In the upcoming week, I want to highlight two events/initiatives. First, from November 15-19, the [SDSU Economic Crisis Response Team \(ECRT\)](#) is hosting a series of events in observance of [Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week](#). Please plan to attend as many events as possible. These events are designed to help you learn more about basic needs resources. APIDA Center will be participating in the Basic Needs Resource Fair on November 16 from 10-2pm in the Student Union Courtyard. Come visit us! If you are experiencing a food, housing, or financial crisis, please do not hesitate to contact ECRT: <https://sacd.sdsu.edu/ecrt>. We are here to help you!

Second, on Monday, November 15 from 10-2pm, APIDA Center in collaboration with [Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars](#) is hosting a [Virtual Fall Symposium](#) about learning from this land. Protecting and respecting our land - which gives us food, shelter, and sustenance - should be a basic, fundamental driving force of our daily living. RSVP [here](#). Come learn from amazing speakers:

- Mai Nguyen (they/them), also known as [Farmer Mai](#), is an independent farm owner-operator who grows heirloom crops, as well as a social justice activist. Nguyen is also co-Director at Minnow, an organization that secures farmland tenure for California's farmers of color while supporting indigenous sovereignty. Her talk is entitled, "Farming As Activism." Farming can be a way of fighting climate change, advancing racial justice, and supporting human and bio-diversity if we choose.
- [Mark Sung Alapaki Luke](#) is an Associate Professor and the Division Chair of Hawaiian Programs at Honolulu Community College. His teaching is centered around culture and place-based pedagogy. He focuses on native 'ike (knowledge) from the kūpuna (elders) that have given us a foundation of 'ike 'āina (learning from the land/earth). His talk is entitled, "Native Knowledge Now." Taro has deep roots in Hawaiian genealogy, culture, and land. Luke will address issues of community, sustainability, and food security.
- Margo Robbins is the co-founder and executive director of the [Cultural Fire Management Council](#). She comes from the traditional Yurok village of Morek. She gathers and prepares traditional food and medicine. She is a basket weaver and regalia maker. Her talk is entitled, "Fire is Medicine." Indigenous peoples have used fire to maintain a healthy, productive, and balanced ecosystem. Such practices have cultural and ecological benefits and helps keep communities safer from wildfire. Learn more about Robbins' work in reclaiming fire as a land management tool.

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center is ready for Bollywood!

As part of our Diwali celebration, we hosted a Bollywood dancing lesson taught by [Anar Mehta](#) on Wednesday, November 10th. Coined around the 1960s, Bollywood refers to the Mumbai (formerly known as Bombay) Film Industry. In many Bollywood movies, dancing and singing play a central part. Bollywood dance and films have gained international recognition. Bollywood dancing is a hybrid of traditional Indian folk dances and western dance styles. It incorporates head, neck, and body movements, footwork, and mudras, which are symbolic or ritual gestures or poses. We had so much fun moving our bodies and learning more about Diwali!





## It was an A-LIST week at APIDA Center!

It was so great to be able to spend time with our A-LIST students this week. A-LIST stands for APIDA Leadership, Identity, Scholarship, and Togetherness. (As a reminder - In Fall 2021, we launched the very first [APIDA-focused residential learning community](#) and APIDA-focused university seminar.)

This week's A-LIST University Seminar focused on intersectionalities. Students were given the option to attend an online class, an in-person class, or one of our Support Spaces which focused on the theme of [intersectionalities](#). (We will be hosting more themed Support Spaces. Stay connected with us on [Instagram](#) for more information.) It was great to see A-LIST students in our space all week long!

On Wednesday, November 10th, Dr. Loh-Hagan visited the A-LIST dorms and was treated to a tour and a super fun cooking adventure by four of our male A-LIST students. The best lines from that night include: "How do you turn the stove on?"; "I'm sautéing??? Wow!"; "I need to watch my mom cook more."; and "I have a plate. I'm happy to share it with you." The most favorite comment, however, was about washing rice: "I want to make sure the rice is having a good time in the pot." Pure gold! Our students are so much fun!

# APIDA Flex Alerts

- Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to be [VSA](#) Interns for the 2021-22 academic year: **Amy Hoang, Bradley Chong, Diemthu Tran, Ethan Reynolds, Kai Fernandez, Ling Lai, Sandy Mach, Sonny Tran, and Tracy Lam.**
- Dr. [Giang T. Pham](#), Associate Professor in the School of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences and the Director of the [Bilingual Development In Context Lab](#), assumed her role as the Associate Dean for Research for the [College of Health & Human Services](#) on July 1, 2021.

**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](mailto: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
<b>Mindful Monday</b>	<b>Taboo Tuesday</b>	<b>Wind Down Wednesday</b>	<b>Family Talk Thursday</b>
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
		<b>APIDA Homeroom</b>	<b>APIDA Homeroom</b>
		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 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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## 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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SDSU APIDA CENTER x  
CIE JEDI Discussion Circle

## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Read the texts on the next slide and join our discussion!

**Date:** Tuesday, November 30  
**Time:** 3:00-4:00pm  
**Location:** APIDA Center Conference Room

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### APIDA x CIE JEDI Discussion Circle

**Location:** APIDA Center Conference Room  
Nov 30 at 3pm  
Read the texts and join the discussion on Native American Heritage Month!

- [Is Travel Next in the Fight Over Who Profits From Native American Culture?](#)
- ['We the People' - the three most misunderstood words in US history](#)
- [America's Native Prisoners of War](#)
- [Re-Thinking Thanksgiving: Myths & Misgivings](#)

### Fall 2021 Holiday Schedule

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

#### 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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### 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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# Opportunities

- SDSU is hiring two Asian American Studies Tenured/Tenure-Track positions. We are looking for amazing people. Read more about the job description and the application process here: <https://apply.interfolio.com/95906>. If you or someone you know fits the criteria, apply!
- Students are invited to apply to become an SDSU Ambassador. SDSU Ambassadors are a highly selective group of students who are trained to be the official student representatives, tour guides, and orientation leaders of SDSU. Apply by November 15. Register for an info session [here](#).
- On November 18 from 11-2pm, [One SDSU](#) and the [International Student Center](#) are hosting an [International Peace Village](#) in the Student Union courtyard.
- [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!
- The [International Rescue Committee in San Diego](#) is currently hiring full-time positions. Learn more [here](#).
- The [Union of Pan Asian Communities \(UPAC\)](#) is currently hiring full-time and part-time positions. Learn more [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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