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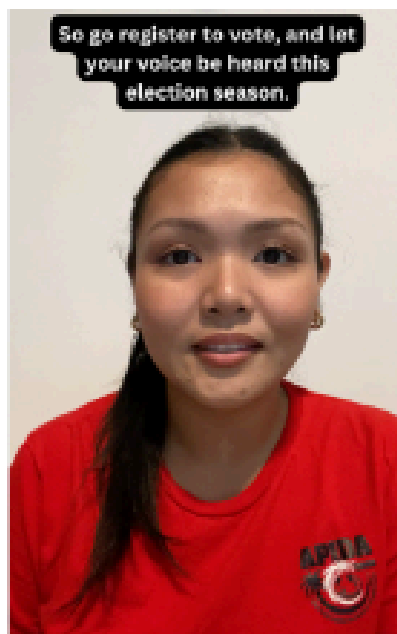
SDSU Office of AANAPISI Affairs & APIDA Center Executive Director's Message

October 11, 2024



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Visit from CAPIAA!

On Wednesday, October 9th, the APIDA Center hosted a very special visitor: Khydeeja Alam, Executive Director of the California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs (CAPIAA). Ms. Alam had heard many great things about the SDSU APIDA Center and took the time to stop by. In between meetings, she made time to check out our space and chat with some students. We are thrilled to have such a great partner in Ms. Alam and CAPIAA. We are cooking up some big, exciting things so stay tuned!



Check out our Elections Reel!

Many thanks to **Gi Gonzales**, APIDA Center Assistant Director, who put together a video reel about the importance of voting. The video features representative from APIDA, BRC, WRC, Pride, LRC, URC, and CIR. Please remember to register to vote and to show up at the polls! Your voice. Your vote.

Donate to the APIDA Center!



APIDA Center gets a CSU AANHPI SAP Grant!

The CSU Chancellor's Office announced in May that \$6.4 million in funding would be awarded to campuses as part of the CSU Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Student Achievement Program (SAP). These funds will be used to create programs and services to support low-income, underserved, first-generation AANHPI students. This money is part of an annual \$8 million appropriation as directed by Assembly Bill (AB) 190 to support Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs) and to establish a central statewide office.

Nineteen CSUs participated in a call for proposals for one-time funding last fall. Awards ranged from \$200,000 to \$460,000. SDSU received \$360,000 of those funds, one of the highest awards throughout the system.

The Chancellor's Office also allocated an additional \$500,000 to support AANAPISI efforts - of which \$350,000 will be made available to campuses in the form of mini-grants of \$10,000 to \$50,000 to support faculty and staff engaged in AANAPISI-centered work.

At the heart of the efforts to secure both of those funding sources for the university was Dr. **Virginia Loh-Hagan**. Dr. Loh-Hagan, who will manage the mini-grant funds for the entire CSU system and the AANHPI SAP funds for SDSU, said the funding signals the system's commitment to its Asian American students, faculty and staff.

Dr. Loh-Hagan said the \$360,000 will fund a project called ACCESS (APIDA College & Career Excellence in Scholarships and Success), which aims at improving college achievement for underserved APIDA students. The ACCESS project will have two major programs: (1) The APIDA College Experience Success (ACES) program which will create learning support communities that will target at-risk students, and (2) The Students and Teachers for APIDA Research and Scholarship (STARS) program which will build students' academic skills and help establish an APIDA Research Center. Dr. Loh-Hagan also said some of the funds will go to support the Asian American Studies program and help expand an APIDA collection. She said, "The funding gives us an opportunity to think about what we are doing and how we can do it better, with the ultimate goal of advancing our AANAPISI identity and supporting our students and faculty and staff."

Dr. Loh-Hagan credits the new funding to a statewide collaborative effort among AANAPISI leaders that started during the height of the pandemic, when escalating anti-Asian hate galvanized efforts within the CSU system to send a firm message of support to the system's APIDA students, which comprise more than 16 percent of the student body statewide. That working group was spearheaded by Dr. Loh-Hagan, Dr. Tim Fong (Sacramento State), and Dr. Simon Kim (CSU Long Beach).

"This really brought us all together in a way that we weren't before," Dr. Loh-Hagan said. "We know that solidarity and working together across the system is what got us the funding in the first place, so we want to ensure that we continue to have conversations and build networks."

One of the things the annual \$8 million allotment funds is the development of a statewide central office. The CSU System held a request for proposals in 2023 and chose Sacramento State as the location for the office. Dr. Fong was recently named the office's inaugural executive director and will oversee future grant distributions. Sacramento State has the oldest continuously funded AANAPISI program in the nation. (Note that Dr. Loh-Hagan had submitted an application on behalf of SDSU, marking our campus as a main player in the AANAPISI space.)

Dr. Loh-Hagan said, "To be able to have access to this funding and this support and this recognition is pretty powerful. We aim to continue to build and establish a strong APIDA presence at SDSU." With the establishment of the Office for AANAPISI Affairs, SDSU is poised to be a national model for APIDA excellence.

This version is adapted from an article written by **Aaron Burgin. Read the final copy entitled, "[Additional support for SDSU APIDA Center seen with boost in CSU funding](#)."*

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about Undocumented Filipinx Americans in San Diego!

[Undocumented Week of Action](#) is October 14-18, 2024. In addition, October is [Filipinx American History Month](#). So, let's learn about Undocumented Filipinx Americans in San Diego.

In October 1587, the first Filipinos landed in Morro Bay, California; as such, they are the oldest ethnic immigrant group in the nation. Today, they are the fourth largest immigrant group with over two million Filipino immigrants residing in the United States. They are also the seventh-largest undocumented community with over 310,000 undocumented immigrants in the United States; however, it's estimated that there are more in "hiding." (Undocumented Filipino immigrants are known as "TNT" or "tago nang tago" which is Tagalog for "hiding and hiding.")

The rise of the undocumented Filipinx American community occurred as a result of restrictive immigration policies, such as the Tydings-McDuffie Act of 1934, which classified Filipinos as "aliens." Many Filipino immigrants often become undocumented by overstaying their temporary visas to join relatives already residing in the United States.

According to a 2019 report by [Migration Policy Institute](#), about 9% of the total population of undocumented immigrants in San Diego identified as Filipino. In 2020, approximately 156,000 undocumented immigrants lived in San Diego County. About 5.6% of the undocumented immigrant population at the time was born in the Philippines.

In addition to the SDSU APIDA Center, the Undocumented Resource Center (URC) is a resource that supports undocumented students and mixed-status families. For those who identify with the Undocumented APIDA community, we are here for you! Come to our [UndocuAPIDA Support Group](#)!

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts Merienda & Family Weekend!

On Friday, October 4th, the APIDA Center hosted a [merienda](#) to kick-off Filipinx American History Month (FAHM). Merienda is a Filipino tradition in which people gather for a light meal. We gave a presentation about its colonial history, cultural significance, and variations across different cultures. Right after, we recycled the snacks and hosted an [Open House for Family Weekend](#). It was a pleasure meeting some of our students' parents.



APIDA Center hosts a Pacita Abad workshop!

On Monday, October 7th, we hosted one of our most popular workshops - our [Pacita Abad](#) cultural crafting night. We learned about Abad and then made art inspired by her use of colors, shapes, found objects, and multiple media. The cool thing about this particular session is that we were able to include pictures and testimonies from our field trip to San Francisco in which a group of us actually attended the [Pacita Abad exhibition](#) at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.



APIDA Center hosts events!

This past week, the APIDA Center also hosted our [APIDA Latinx Support Group](#), APIDA Student Council of Student Orgs (ACSO) meeting led by **Chloe Kim**, and our [FAHM Fil-Am Movie Night \(Rom-Com\)](#).

APIDA Flex Alerts!

Dr. **Texu Kim** is an Associate Professor of Music Composition and Theory and a composer. He was featured in a KPBS article, entitled, "[Composer Texu Kim's chemistry of home](#)." His music is influenced by his Korean heritage, his everyday experiences, and his scientific background.

PSFA Professor Emeritus **Wendy Maruyama** is the recipient of the [2024 Gold Medalist](#) by the American Craft Council College of Fellows. She trained originally as a furniture maker. She is famous for her works inspired by her Japanese American background. Her most important work is "The Tag Project: Executive Order 9066."

Dr. **Loh-Hagan** presented at the annual California Reading Association conference. She was part of a panel of diverse children's literature authors. As Chair of the Eureka! Excellence in Children's Nonfiction Awards, she announced the 2024 honorees.



We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community and all things APIDA!

Have a flex to share? Have a recommendation to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Food Safety Training

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: (Attend one!) **Monday, Oct. 14 from 3-4pm OR 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.

Cultural Crafting Night: Carlos Villa-Inspired Art

Location: APIDA Center

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

As part of FAHM, learn about Carlos Villa (1936-2013), a Fil-Am multimedia visual artist and teacher. He helped shape modern art and was committed to representing his heritage in his art. Make art inspired by his works.

UndocuAPIDA Support Group

Location: APIDA Center Conference Room

Date: **Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 3-4pm**

In honor of Undocumented Student Action Week (Oct 14-18) and Filipinx American History Month (FAHM), let's learn about the history, struggle, and resilience of the Undocumented Filipinx American community.

Fil-Am Movie Night: Fil-Am TV

Location: APIDA Center

Date: **Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 6-8pm**

For FAHM, watch movies with us and support Fil-Am representation!

Meet Your Counselors: Dr. Mary Joyce Juan

Location: APIDA Center

Date: **Thursday, 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. Come meet them and ask all your questions! We are here to help!

Club Karaoke

Location: APIDA Center

Date: **Thursday, Oct. 17 from 8-10pm**

Come join us "after hours" for a fun night of Karaoke, snacks, and spam musubi! This event is in partnership with REO and A-LIST.

Cultural Crafting Night: Finger Painting

Location: APIDA Center

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

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

APIDA Transfer Students Mixer

Location: APIDA Center

Date: **Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 5-6pm**

Come learn about the APIDA Center and meet other APIDA Transfer Students. We will eat snacks, engage in discussion, and build community! We are here for you! Join us!

Fil-Am Movie Night: Fil-Am Drama

Location: APIDA Center

Date: **Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 6-8pm**

For FAHM, watch movies with us and support Fil-Am representation!

Decoding U.S. Elections

Location: Love Library 430 or [Zoom](#)

Date: **Friday, October 25 from 1-3pm**

The Cultural Centers are collaborating with SDSU Librarians to make the voting process more approachable and friendly. Tune into a hybrid info session about the upcoming Presidential Election and learn what you need to know to make your vote count!

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.

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 as well.

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.

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.

Fil-Am Movie Night: Horror

Location: APIDA Center

Date: **Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 6-8pm**

For FAHM, watch movies with us and support Fil-Am representation!

Makers' Market

Location: Student Union Courtyard

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

Come to our fifth annual Makers' Market! Shop and listen to original music. Support our crafty vendors and talented songwriters.

Cultural Education Program: FAHM Field Trip

Location: Historic Fil-Am Sites in San Diego

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

Join the APIDA Center on a field trip to the "Filipinos of South Bay" (FoSBE) exhibit at the Chula Vista Library. We will also tour historic sites in National City (i.e., Seafood City, Kimball Park/Manila Square, COPAO, etc.), and Chicano Park. [Sign up](#) by 5pm on Tuesday, October 15th.

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.



Happy Hours at the APIDA Center

The APIDA Center is hosting "Happy Hours" on weekdays 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. Some nights will be structured. There may also be times we cancel in order to support planned programs.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting their next [General Body Meeting \(GBM\)](#) and their [Kasama Reveal Night](#) on Friday, Oct. 11th.
- [Pacific Islander Student Association \(PISA\)](#) and [Taiwanese Student Association \(TSA\)](#) are hosting a Lion Dance Workshop on Friday, Oct. 11th from 3:30-5:30pm in Parking Structure 3.
- [Vietnamese Student Association \(VSA\)](#) is hosting their second [ACE Social](#) on Friday, Oct. 11th from 5-7pm on Aztec Greens.
- [Tabletop Gaming Club at SDSU](#) is hosting a [Tabletop Role Playing Game Session](#) on Saturday, Oct. 12th at 12:30pm in SSW 2650. They're also hosting a [Mini Painting & Fantasy](#) on Tuesday, Oct. 15th at 5:30pm in SSW 2500.
- [Taiwanese Student Association \(TSA\)](#) is accepting applications for their [Big Little Program](#) until Sunday, Oct. 13th at 11:59pm.
- [Sanskriti SDSU](#) is hosting [Garba Night](#) on Sunday, Oct. 13th from 5-9pm in Montezuma Hall.
- [Japanese Student Association \(JSA\)](#) is hosting a [Language Table](#) on Tuesday, Oct. 15th from 1-2pm on Aztec Greens.
- [Asian Pacific Student Alliance \(APSA\)](#) is hosting "MP3 Night: Meet Your Potential Mentor/Mentee" at Aztec Greens on Thursday, Oct. 17th from 4:00-6:30pm. From 5-8pm, they're hosting a fundraiser at [Handel's Ice Cream](#).
- [SDSU Badminton Club](#) is hosting a [Dave's Hot Chicken dinner](#) social for paid members on Friday, Oct. 18th from 4:30-6:00pm in Aztlan room.
- [Nikkei Student Union \(NSU\)](#) is hosting an [Intercollegiate Nikkei Council Beach Day](#) on Saturday, Oct. 19th at 2pm on Dockweiler Beach, Los Angeles.

Community Center Partners:

- The [Undocumented Resource Center \(URC\)](#) is hosting a series of [programs](#) during UndocuWeek of Action (Oct. 14-18).
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations \(CIR\)](#) and [Graduate Life and Diversity](#) are hosting "Relax & Refuel Station" from October 14th-18th.
- The URC and CIR are hosting "Future Leaders: Student Stories of Immigration." Complete this [form](#) to share your immigration story!
- The [Native Resource Center \(NRC\)](#), [Undocumented Resource Center \(URC\)](#), and [Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) are hosting "Deconstructing/Decolonizing Borders & Politics of Immigration" featuring guest speaker Dr. Hernandez on Monday, Oct. 14th from 1:00-2:30pm.
- The [Pride Center](#) and [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#) are hosting [Queer Femme Healing Circle](#) on Monday, Oct. 14th from 3:30-4:30pm.
- The Pride Center is hosting ["Craft and Learn: Relationship Violence in Queer and Trans Relationships"](#) on Wednesday, Oct. 16th from 2-3pm.
- The [Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) is hosting [Re: Border Conference](#) on Tuesday, Oct. 15th at 9:30am in Montezuma Hall.
- The [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#) in collaboration with other partners is hosting ["A Parent's Guide to SD Schools"](#) on Tuesday, Oct. 15th from 9-10am. This will be a hybrid event.
- The [Native Resource Center \(NRC\)](#) and [Project Rebound](#) are hosting "Addiction, Harm Reduction, and Healing in Native Country" on Tuesday, Oct. 15th; This program includes a NARCAN Training from 3-4pm in PSFA 100 and a film screening from 5-6pm in the NRC.

Campus Partners:

- The [Aztecs Rock Hunger](#) Campaign is accepting donations from Oct. 4th-27th. [Donate](#) today!
- [SDSU Career Services](#) is hosting [Resumania](#) on Tuesday, Oct. 15th from 12-2pm in SSE 1200. They're also hosting a [Career and Internship Fair](#) on Thursday, Oct. 17th from 10-2pm in Montezuma Hall.
- The [Office of Educational Opportunity Programs, Outreach, and Success \(EOPOS\)](#) is hosting "Author Meet & Greet: La Luciernaga y Sus Estrellas Fugaces" on Tuesday, Oct. 15th from 1-2pm in SSW 2109. EOPOS, in collaboration with the BRC, NRC, CIR, URC, and Young Men of Color SDSU, is also hosting a [Brother Excellence Academically and Succeeding Together \(B.E.A.S.T.\) Study Jam](#) from 6-9pm in SSW 2109.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego is hosting a discussion of ["The Literature of Japanese American Incarceration" with Frank Abe](#) on Sunday, October 11th from 2:00-3:30pm at the Central San Diego Public Library.
- The [Mingei International Museum](#) is hosting "Liminal Space: What Was, What Could Be" on Monday, Oct. 14th at 5pm.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). Their next free webinar is entitled, "Chinese Americans and the Perpetual Foreigner Stereotype" on Thursday, Oct. 17th from 1-2pm.
- The [Asian Business Association San Diego](#) is hosting their [34th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala](#) on Friday, Oct. 18th from 5:30-10:30pm at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego. [Buy tickets](#) by Oct. 18th.

Do you have an opportunity to share?
Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** Exact Sciences is looking for a full-time Research & Development Technology Assessment intern. [Apply](#) by Oct. 14th!
- **NEW!** Salk Institute for Biological Studies is looking for an undergraduate research intern. [Apply](#) by Nov. 17th

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.
- **NEW!** The Council of Philippine American Organizations (COPAO) of San Diego County, Inc. is offering scholarships for high school and college students through their Yalong-Itliong Memorial Program. [Apply](#) by Oct. 21st.
- **NEW!** The Kumar Family Scholarship is offering \$500 to a first-generation, low-income high school or college student. [Apply](#) by Oct. 30th.
- 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.
- The Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship program is accepting applications, offering funding for undergraduate and graduate students. [Apply](#) by December 31st, 2025.
- 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.