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## SDSU Office of AANAPISI Affairs & APIDA Center



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**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

October 25, 2024



## From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Hanging with our Fresno friends!

On Friday, October 18th, I was invited to speak at Fresno State. I spoke about the importance of building AANHPI capacity on college campuses. I also facilitated a workshop about empowering APIDA leadership. This was all part of a campaign to nurture APIDA-servingness. I was super proud to brag about all the wonderful things we are doing at SDSU; in addition, I got the opportunity to learn about Hmong history and culture. I was treated to a private tour of the Hmong Cultural Heritage Center and Museum. It was amazing to see how this community is working hard to preserve their stories. I learned a lot! Many thanks to Dr. Jenny Banh and Dr. Shimel Her Saychou.





# Know APIDA History!



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# Celebrate Diwali!

## APIDA Center learns about Diwali in San Diego!

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is a five-day celebration of the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and wisdom over ignorance. Diwali is celebrated every year by billions of Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and Buddhists around the world.

One of the largest Diwali celebrations in San Diego takes place at Balboa Park. The annual event was established by the San Diego Indian American Society, which was founded in 1984. Since 2012, the Festival of Lights in Balboa Park has been a highly-anticipated, city-wide celebration held annually in October. It is one of the unique cultural events in San Diego that attracts over 10,000 people each year. Balboa Park's Diwali celebration involves the exhibition of large lamps featuring ancient designs that represent various regions and faiths of India as well as a procession of over 1,000 lights. This year, the 12th annual Diwali festival was held on October 19th.

The APIDA Center has been celebrating Diwali since 2020. This year, Diwali is celebrated from October 29th to November 3rd. Join the APIDA Center for a series of event to celebrate Diwali, including Poker Night at the APIDA Center, D.I.Y. Chai, and Rangoli Coasters Workshop.



## APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



### APIDA Center finger paints!

On Monday, October 21st, the APIDA Center hosted a [cultural crafting night](#) as part of our FAHM programming. We learned about fingerpainting in the Philippines, specifically about the work of Vicente Alvarez Dixon and Rafael Pacheco. And, then we dipped our [fingers into paint](#) and got creative!



### APIDA Center hosts a transfer student mixer!

On Wednesday, October 23rd, the APIDA Center hosted a [mixer](#) for transfer students as part of National Transfer Student Week. We gave an overview of the APIDA Center's services and programs, ate snacks, and played an icebreaker game where we learned [fun facts](#) about each other.



### APIDA Center hosts events game and movie nights!

This week, the APIDA Center continued our movie and game nights on Wednesday and Thursday nights. But, we had a special event this week where we collaborated with the Undocumented Resource Center and played games with them. A fun time was had by all.



# APIDA Flex Alerts!

**Fa'aea Tumanuvao**, fourth-year history major and president of the Pacific Islander Student Association, has been selected as a member of this year's Homecoming Royal Court. She is featured in a SDSU NewsCenter article entitled, "[Fa'aea Tumanuvao honors her Samoan heritage on the big stage](#)." She said, "I ran because I never really saw somebody like me on the court. Having that representation really matters, and I wanted (Samoan) people to see that they can be in these big spaces other than just sports."

**Reychel Robles**, graduate student, is featured in a SDSU Newscenter article entitled, "[Fundraising fuels educational innovation and more at SDSU](#)."

Six SDSU faculty members have been selected as Presidential Research Fellows. Each presidential fellow received \$25,000 to further support their work. Congrats to Dr. **Parag Katira**, associate director of the Computational Sciences Research Center at SDSU and a professor of mechanical engineering, is exploring how cells and tissues in our bodies generate and sense mechanical forces. Dr. **Jillian Lee Wiggins**, professor of psychology, studies how functional brain imaging improves mental health screenings and interventions for children. She recently gave a [TEDxSanDiego talk](#).



**We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!**

**Have a flex to share?**

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# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

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

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, October 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, and more.

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

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, October 28 from 4-5pm**

This student-led presentation and panel will address what it means to be a "mixed Filipino American."

## FAHM at The Garden

**Location: The Garden**

**Date: Monday, October 28 from 4-8pm**

For Filipinx American History Month, The Garden is cooking up a special Filipino dinner including adobo, sinigang, pancit, banana turon, and more.

## Cultural Crafting Night: Quilting in the Philippines

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, October 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, October 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.

## Asian Horror Film Series: The Philippines

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, October 30 from 6-8pm**

In partnership with the SDSU Asian Cinema Club, we are hosting a four-week series about Asian horror movies. Upcoming weeks will feature horror movies from Japan & South Korea, China, Hong Kong, South Asia, & Southeast Asia, and the United States.

## 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.

## Poker Night at the APIDA Center

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 6-8pm**

Card-playing is a big part of Diwali celebrations. It invokes Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth. Learn more and then play poker with us! No experience needed!

## D.I.Y. Chai

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Friday, November 1, 2024 from 1-2pm**

Learn about the historical, cultural, and religious significance of Chai and then make your town tea mix!

## Rangoli Coasters

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 from 6-8pm**

Rangoli is an Indian folk art that involves colorful geometric patterns. Learn about the historical, cultural, and religious significance of Rangoli and then make your own Rangoli coaster.

## Film Screening: "Chinatown Rising"

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024 from 4-6pm**

The APIDA Center and Weber Honors College is hosting a screening of the documentary, "[Chinatown Rising](#)."

## Meet Author: Dr. Grace M. Cho

**Location: Templo Mayor**

**Date: Monday, December 2 from 5:00-6:30pm**

Dr. Grace M. Cho will be talking about her book, *Tastes Like War*. Come for the author talk, Q & A, and booksigning. (Bring your copy of her book!)

## 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).



## 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:

- [Southeast Asian American Alliance \(SEA^3\)](#) is hosting a [Matcha Fundraiser](#) on Fri, Oct 25th.
- [Vietnamese Student Association \(VSA\)](#) is hosting a [Bowling Social](#) on Fri, Oct 25th from 2-3pm.
- [Taiwanese Student Association \(TSA\)](#) is hosting their [General Body Meeting \(GBM\)](#) on Fri, Oct 25th from 3:30-5:00pm in.
- [Asian Pacific Student Alliance \(APSA\)](#) is hosting their [Meet Your Major Mentor/Mentee \(M^4\) Night](#) on Fri, Oct 25th from 5:00-6:30pm.
- [Tabletop Gaming Club \(TTGC\)](#) at SDSU is hosting a [Saturday Tabletop RPG Session](#) on Oct 26th at 12:30pm. TTGC is also hosting a [Horror Games](#) session on Tues, Oct 29th at 5:30pm.
- [SDSU Anime & Manga Club](#) is hosting a [Halloween Social](#) on Sat, Oct 26th from 3:30-7:30pm.
- [Nikkei Student Union \(NSU\)](#) is hosting a [SDSU X UCSD NSU Bonfire](#) on Sat, Oct 26th at 7pm.
- [AB Samahan](#) is accepting board applications for their Filipino American Culture Night 40. Deadline to [apply](#) is Sun, Oct 27th.
- [Japanese Student Association \(JSA\)](#) is hosting a [Fall Picnic](#) on Thurs, Oct 31st from 4-6pm.
- [Asian Business Association \(ABA\) SDSU](#) is hosting a [Dave & Buster's Fundraiser](#) and Social on Fri, Nov 8th from 6-8pm. Purchase game cards by Fri, Nov 1st.

## Community Center Partners:

- [Cross-Cultural Center](#) at SDSU Imperial Valley is launching a live [One SDSU Podcast Episode for LGBTQIA2S+ History Month](#) on Fri, Oct 25th from 10-11am.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center \(URC\)](#) and [Center of Intercultural Relations \(CIR\)](#) are hosting [Future Leaders: Student Stories of Immigration](#) on Mon, Oct 28th from 3:30-5:00pm.
- [Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) is hosting [En Confianza](#) on Tues, Oct 29th from 1:30-2:45pm and Thurs, Oct 31st from 3:00-4:15pm. They are also hosting [Espuki Lotería](#) on Thurs, Oct 31st from 1:30-2:30pm.
- The [Black Resource Center \(BRC\)](#) is hosting [Unplug Study Night](#) in collaboration with [Afrikan Student Union \(ASU\)](#) on Tues, Oct 29th from 5-7pm.
- The [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#) is hosting [Healing Through Art: A Domestic Violence Awareness Gallery](#) on Wed, Oct 30th from 12:00-1:30pm.
- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting [North American Indigenous Political Theory](#) on Fri, Nov 1st from 2:00-2:50pm.

## Campus Partners:

- [SDSU Career Services](#) is hosting a virtual workshop entitled, "AI Series: ChatGPT and Resumes + Cover Letters" on Thurs, Oct 31st from 1:00-1:45pm. Register on [Handshake](#).
- [SDSU Basic Needs Center](#) is hosting a [DIY Costume Party](#) on Tues, Oct 29th from 11-12pm.
- The [Center for Asian & Pacific Studies \(CAPS\)](#) is hosting [Asian Studies Fall Meet 'n Greet](#) on Wed, Oct 30th at 12:30pm.
- [Aztec Student Union](#) is hosting [Nightmare in the Union](#) on Wed, Oct 30th from 6-8pm.
- [Aztecs Rock Hunger](#) is accepting donations until Sun, Oct 27th. [Donate](#) today!
- The College of Arts and Letters and Undergraduate Research Office California are accepting submissions for [Splice](#). [Submit](#) your work by Nov 1st.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- CSU Long Beach is conducting a study regarding Asian international and immigrant students' experiences in higher education in California. [Take the survey](#) and enter a raffle to win a \$100 gift card, \$50 gift card, or \$25 gift card from Amazon or Target.
- The Japanese American Citizens League of San Diego is hosting their [95th anniversary gala](#) on Sat, Oct 26th starting at 5pm at the Marriott Mission Valley.
- Donald A. Strauss Foundation is hosting a [Scholarship Webinar](#) on Tues, Oct 29th from 4-5pm. [Register](#) today!
- [Lotus Magazine](#) is accepting submissions for their Q1 issue focusing on the theme "Roots and Reflections." Send your submission to [danna@lotus-mag.com](mailto:danna@lotus-mag.com) by Nov. 13th. They are also looking for volunteer staff writers, page designers, graphic designers, or photographers. Email [info@lotus-mag.com](mailto:info@lotus-mag.com) for more information.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). Their next webinar is about the [Hanapepe Massacre](#) on Wed, Oct 30th from 4-5pm via Zoom.

**Do you have an opportunity to share?**  
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# Paid Internships & Scholarships

## Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** Nissan is looking for an Automotive Interior Design Intern for Summer 2025. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Thermo Fisher Scientific is looking for a Sustainability Intern for Summer 2025. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** K-16 Talent Pipeline Collaboration, Border Region has 100 internships available to undergraduate education majors for their K-16 Education Work Experience Program. [Apply](#) by Nov. 3rd.
- Salk Institute for Biological Studies is looking for an undergraduate research intern. [Apply](#) by Nov 17th.

## Scholarships:

- **NEW!** The Donald A. Strauss Foundation is offering \$15,000 to 10 to 15 California sophomore and junior undergraduate students with an interest in public service. [Apply](#) today!
- The Kumar Family Scholarship is offering \$500 to a first-generation, low-income high school or college student. [Apply](#) by Oct 30th.
- Simeone & Miller LLP is offering \$1,000 to undergraduate students or law school students. [Apply](#) by Oct 31st.
- The Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) is accepting applications for the Simon and June Li Leadership Transformation Fellowship Program. [Apply](#) by November!
- **NEW!** The Association of Women in International Trade is offering \$3000 to juniors, seniors, or graduate students. [Apply](#) by Nov. 1st.
- 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 Nov 4th.
- ACES: The Society for Editing is offering five scholarship awards to college Juniors, Seniors, or Graduate students. [Apply](#) by Nov 15th.
- The Fatilua family is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to an undergraduate or graduate student who identifies as Pacific Islander. [Apply](#) by Nov 25th.
- Anne Napolitano Consulting is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to aspiring female accountants. [Apply](#) by Nov 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 Nov 30th.
- The Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship program is accepting applications, offering funding for undergraduate and graduate students. [Apply](#) by Dec 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 Jan 31st, 2025.