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## SDSU Office of AANAPISI Affairs & APIDA Center



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### Hours:

**Mon-Thurs 10:00-8:00pm**

**Fridays 10:00-4:30pm**

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

November 1, 2024



## From Dr. Loh-Hagan: APIDA is a safe space!

We have shown strength and resilience this past week. Several of our events have been interrupted by unforeseen incidents. Despite this, we have deftly pivoted and provided a safe space for all. I want to thank everyone for the part they played in keeping each other safe. Folks stayed calm, followed instructions, and more. This past week has demonstrated our success in managing crises and serving as a safe space. Please know that APIDA Center is here for you!



## Don't forget to vote!!!

Tuesday, November 5th is Election Day in the United States. Make sure you cast your vote to ensure your voice is heard. California requires that employees otherwise unable to vote must be allowed two hours off with pay at the beginning or end of a shift. [SDSU](#) has many options for voting! Drop off your ballot at the ballot box located in the Student Union. Or, if you plan on voting in person, go to the vote centers at the Love Library or Alumni Center. VOTE!!! It matters!



# Know APIDA History!



## APIDA Center meets Cynthia Bonta!

On Sunday, October 27th, the APIDA Center proudly sponsored a table at the inaugural Larry Itliong Community Breakfast. One of the major highlights was listening to and meeting Mrs. Cynthia Arnaldo Bonta (the mother of Rob Bonta, the first Filipino American to be Attorney General of California).

Cynthia Arnaldo Bonta was born on October 9, 1937 in the Philippines. She graduated from the University of the Philippines Diliman with a BS in Zoology in 1958. She also earned a Master's Degree in Religious Education at the Pacific School of Religion in 1968.

Bonta is a longtime activist who organized alongside labor leaders Larry Itliong and Philip Vera Cruz, helping organize Filipino and Mexican farmworkers for the United Farm Workers. She was a member of the Union of Democratic Filipinos (KDP) and Anti-Martial Law Coalition (AMLC). In addition, she is a mother of three children: Lisa Ligaya (born 1969), Robert Andres Bonta (born 1971), and Jonathan Marcelo Bonta (born 1973). She proudly commented how her children were born and raised in activism.

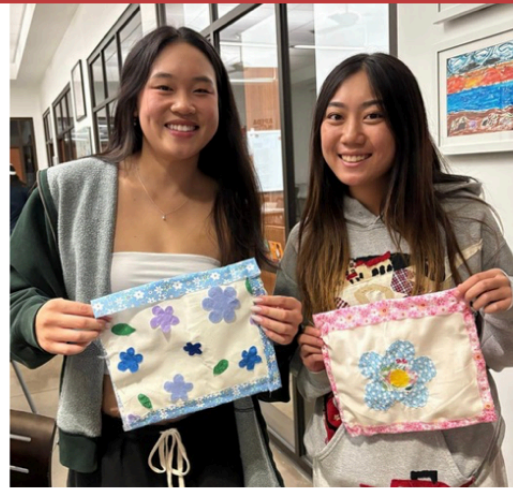
Bonta was active in the Civil Rights, anti-Vietnam War, and farmworker movements. She volunteered at the Filipino Hiring Hall at Delano during the Grape Strike of 1965. Six years later, Bonta volunteered full time to work on the LA Boycott and later at the United Farm Workers Headquarters at La Paz to set up the UFW health clinics up and down the imperial Valley. In 1977, she protested the eviction of elderly Manongs at the I-Hotel.

In her keynote, she said two things that resonated with us: "History shapes us" and "Community is our conscience."

**Neil Catungal** was one of the students who met Mrs. Bonta. He said, "The speech by Cynthia Bonta is something that really changed my direction into how I want to contribute to my community. Initially, I thought being a high school teacher was my ultimate goal. However, I now know I can do much more. After hearing Cynthia Bonta's speech about the way people should know their identity, find their community, and look toward how they want to be a part of that community is something that really spoke to me. I can be a more community-centered teacher and use teaching as a platform for change."



# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center hosts Quilting in the Philippines!

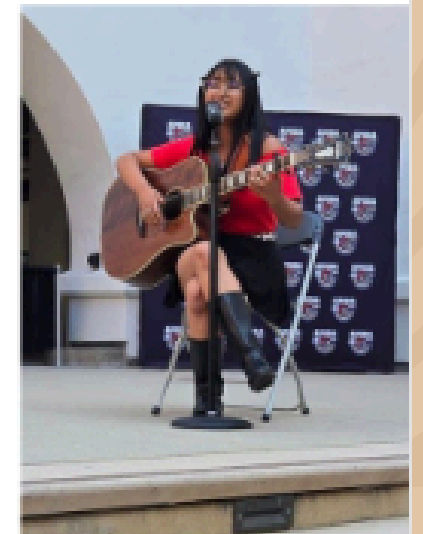
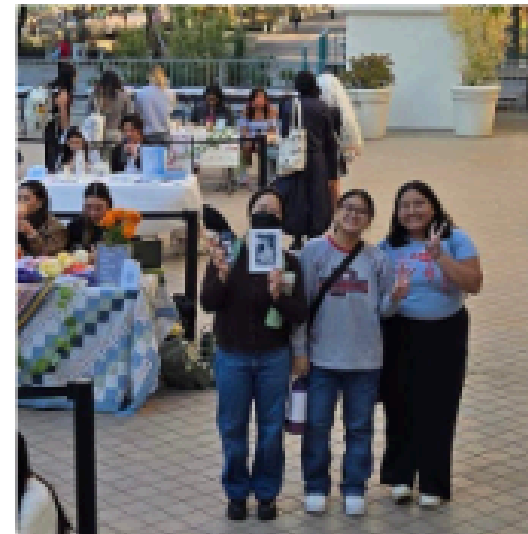
Did you know that a Japanese couple introduced quilting to Caohagan Island, a small island off Lapu-Lapu City in the Philippines? Today, Caohagan Island's quilts are world-class. These quilts are known for their local scenic designs and have been exhibited all around the world. On Monday, October 28th, the APIDA Center hosted a workshop about Caohagan quilting. Then, of course, we made our own versions!



## APIDA Center celebrates the end of FAHM!

October was Filipinx American History Month. This past week, we hosted several events: FAHM dinner at The Garden (thanks to our collaboration with SDSU Dining), The Dr. Rey Monzon Data Lecture by Dr. Darlene Daclan, a student-led panel about mixed Fil-Am identities, and a cultural education program about the Hanapepe Massacre. We learned a lot about Filipinx American history, culture, data, and more.



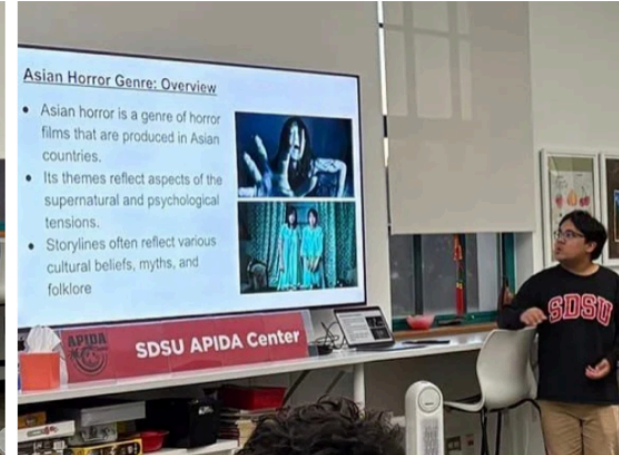


## APIDA Center hosts 5th Makers Market!

On Thursday, October 31st, we hosted our [5th Makers Market](#)! This year's Market will go into the history books, for sure. We had over 30 vendors including performances by **Samantha Cabacungan** and **Paola Sanchez**. Many of our guests showed up in their Halloween costumes which added more flavor to our already pretty spicy event!

Many thanks to our wonderful vendors including: Angel's Cute Creations, AAJA, beadedby.izzy, Cataya Zines, Claudia's Bracelets, Core5 Crafts, CremesCafe, Crochet by Maya, Dan's Designs, Doodlebunni, Dumpocap, eighty22.designs, Emma and Katelin's Arts and Crafts!, Intrinsic Hearts, J & K Bouquets, Jaipur Junction, justsoemi, Kawachi Crafts, made with love, make my heart beat 4 u, morethanlettering, Ninang Cheryl, Paola's Nook, Push My Buttons, ShopSlimeSavvy, Smiley's Customs & Crafts, Sosaeji Station, Spiral Studios, The Friend Collective, and The Joymail Inbox.





## APIDA Center hosts Asian Horror series!

In collaboration with the [SDSU Asian Cinema Club](#), we are hosting a spook-a-cular series about Asian Horror. We kicked off this series on Wednesday, October 30th - We learned about the Asian Horror movie genre and specifically about Philippine Horror. The SDSU Asian Cinema Club gave an overview of Aswang (shape-shifting monster in Filipino folklore) and then screened the 1994 "Aswang" film. Future weeks will focus on Japan & South Korea (Nov. 6th), China, Hong Kong, South Asian, and Southeast Asia (Nov. 13th), and the United States (Nov. 20th).

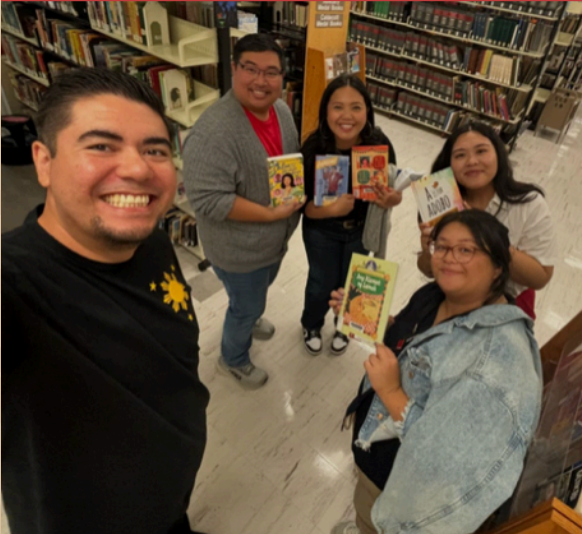


## APIDA Center celebrates Diwali!

[Diwali](#) is the Indian festival of lights, celebrating the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. We started our festivities this year with our popular workshop - D.I.Y. Chai. Attendees learned about the popular tea flavor and then made their own versions. We even had special guests - SDSU alum from the Community-Based Counseling graduate program learned about our program via a google search and came!



# News from APIDA & Bayanihan ERG



## APIDA ERG hosts Dr. Jennifer Imazeki!

The [SDSU APIDA Employee Resource Group](#) (ERG) is a network for APIDA faculty and staff members. We are open to all SDSU employees who identify as APIDA and/or who support the APIDA community at SDSU. If you would like to join the APIDA ERG, please contact Dr. Loh-Hagan at [vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu](mailto:vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu). Our newest initiative is a "Lunch and Learn" series. The next event on November 5th is entitled "Never Too Smart to know Basic Economics." Dr. **Jennifer Imazeki**, AVP for Faculty and Staff Diversity will share her expertise about ways you can maximize your personal economics (i.e., debt, tax savings, mortgage, etc.).

## Bayanihan ERG hosts potluck and library field trip!

The [SDSU Bayanihan \(ERG\)](#) is a network for Filipino-American faculty and staff members. The mission of the Bayanihan ERG is to increase awareness, education, and promotion of Filipino-American culture at SDSU. If you would like to join the Bayanihan ERG, please contact [ERG-FilAm@sdsu.edu](mailto:ERG-FilAm@sdsu.edu). Follow the [Bayanihan ERG](#) to learn more. For FAHM, Bayanihan hosted a potluck and a field trip to the Love Library to see the FAHM book display, curated by **Jeremy Buenviaje**, Love Library staff.



# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## **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.

## **Asian Horror Film Series: Japan & South Korea**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 from 6-8pm**

For four weeks, we will learn about Asian horror movies from a different country. In partnership with SDSU Asian Cinema Club, explore Asian horror movies with us! Snacks will be provided.

## **Meet Your Counselor**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024 from 2-3pm**

Each month, we are hosting a meet and greet with an APIDA-identifying counselor from Counseling and Psychological Services.

## **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!)



# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- [Tabletop Gaming Club at SDSU](#) announced their [November Calendar](#) for their Tuesday and Saturday game sessions.
- [Korean American Student Association \(KASA\)](#) is hosting a [Field Day with UCSD](#) on Sun, Nov 3rd from 1-5pm at Civita Park. They are also hosting their next [General Body Meeting \(GBM\)](#) on Wed, Nov 6th from 2:30-3:30pm in Metzli Suite.

## Community Center Partners:

- The [Undocumented Resource Center \(URC\)](#) is hosting a series of programs for [Election Week](#) from Nov 4th to Nov 7th.
- The [Pride Center](#) & [Black Resource Center \(BRC\)](#) are hosting a series of programs for [Black Gay Pride Week](#) from Nov 4th to Nov 7th.
- The [Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) is hosting [Juntxs Avanzamos: Latinx Grad Student Support Group](#) on Wed, Nov 6th from 12-1pm.
- The [Black Resource Center \(BRC\)](#) is hosting [Wellness Wednesday](#) on Wed, Nov 6th from 12-1pm.
- [Cross Cultural Center IV](#) is hosting a [Cooking Session](#) on Thurs, Nov 7th from 1:00-2:30pm at the Stepling Art Gallery in SDSU Imperial Valley.
- The [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#) and [Black Resource Center \(BRC\)](#) are hosting [Black Women's Healing Circle: Burning Generational Curses](#) on Thurs, Nov 7th from 3:00-4:30pm.

## Campus Partners:

- [Aztec Student Union](#) is hosting [Campground Cookout](#) on Mon, Nov 4th from 4-6pm at Scripps Cottage.
- [Glazer Center for Leadership & Service](#) is hosting ["Create a Holiday Card"](#) Workshop on Tues, Nov 5th from 10-11am on Centennial Walkway.
- [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) is hosting a [Post-Election Day Wellness Space](#) on Wed, Nov 6th from 1-2pm in the Calpulli Center.
- The [International Student Center \(ISC\)](#) is hosting a [J-1 Academic Training Info Session](#) on Thurs, Nov 7th at 10:30am.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- The 25th Annual San Diego Asian Film Festival is hosting their opening night premiere on Thurs, Nov 7th featuring the film ["Cells at Work!"](#) at 6pm in the San Diego Natural History Museum. Buy [tickets](#) now!
- The Japanese American Citizens League San Diego is hosting a [virtual dialogue with John Suzuki](#), author of *American Grit: From a Japanese American Concentration Camp Rises an American Hero* on Thurs, Nov 14th from 6:30-8:00pm. RSVP to get Zoom link: [sandiegojacl@gmail.com](mailto:sandiegojacl@gmail.com).
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). Their next webinar is ["Teaching with APIDA Graphic Novels"](#) on Tues, Nov 12th from 4-5pm.

Do you have an opportunity to share?  
Email us at [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).



### APIDA Center goes to the JACL Gala!

We are so proud to have the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) as our community partner. (JACL is the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States.) For the second year in a row, we attended the JACL annual gala. We ran into **Ryan Tomita** of SDSU's Japanese Student Association! It was a fabulous event!



# Paid Internships & Scholarships

## Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** San Diego Padres is looking for a part-time Ballpark Operations Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** NBC Universal is looking for a San Diego Station (NBC 7 and Telemundo 20) News Internship for Spring 2025. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** San Diego Mojo Pro Volleyball Federation is looking for a Game Day Marketing & Promotions Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Sony Electronics is looking for a Social Media Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- 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:

- 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.
- **NEW!** RJ Jimenez Counseling, Inc. is offering \$500 to students pursuing a career as a mental health professional. [Apply](#) by Dec. 6th.
- **NEW!** The Medical Scrubs Collection is offering \$1,000 to students pursuing a career as a medical professional. [Apply](#) by Dec. 15th.
- The Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship program is accepting applications, offering funding for undergraduate and graduate students. [Apply](#) by Dec 31st.
- 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.