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SDSU Office of AANAPISI Affairs & APIDA Center



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Join the APIDA Center contact list: <https://bit.ly/SDSUAPIDA>



Hours:

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

November 8, 2024



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Celebrating APIDA First-Gen Students!

On November 8, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson (1908-1973) signed the Higher Education Act of 1965, which increased access to higher education by providing financial assistance and more. Since, November 8th has been designated as a day to celebrate our first-generation college students. At the APIDA Center, we are thrilled and honored to be serving and supporting our first-generation students such as **Lyle Nacua, Elena Chico, and Jaedason Ong**. So many things about college are hard; at the APIDA Center, we hope to help all of our students, especially first-gen students, navigate the college experience.

In addition to being the first person in my family to be born in the United States, I am also the first to earn a B.A., masters, and doctorate in this country. Like many first-gen students of color, I struggled my first year in college. I wish I had an APIDA Center - I truly believe it would have transformed my own experience. That's why I am so passionate about what we do. Please use the APIDA Center! We provide academic advising, resources, study spaces, activities, and more. We are here!

Academic Advising Support



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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Center



APIDA Center Drop-In Advising

Location: APIDA Center OR
ZOOM - <https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/mhgarcia24>

Wednesday, November 6th from 4-6pm
Thursday, November 7th from 4-6pm
Friday, November 8th from 10-12pm
Wednesday, November 13th from 4-6pm
Thursday, November 14th from 1-4pm
Friday, November 15th from 10:00-11:30am
Monday, November 18th from 4-6pm
Wednesday, November 20th from 4-6pm
Thursday, November 21st from 3-5pm

APIDA Center offers academic advising!

Matthew H Garcia is the Associate Director of the APIDA Center and a Coordinated Care Advisor. Including our A-LIST students, we serve about 500 advisees seeking support in the first two years of their college experience. This month, Matt is offering [drop-in advising hours](#) - both virtually and in-person. Come let us support you!

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2024 in observance of Veterans Day!

APIDA Center celebrates Veterans Day!

San Diego has a lot of APIDA military history!

Did you know that in 1941, the U.S. Armed Forces recruited Filipinos to serve on behalf of the United States during World War II (1939-1945)? Over 250,000 Filipinos served in the U.S. military. For many, military services was a pathway to citizenship. For example, immigration policies like the War Brides Act of 1945 allowed the spouses and children of U.S. military servicemen to enter the United States as non-quota immigrants. As such, large waves of Filipino immigrants arrived in San Diego after World War II.

Did you know that the Filipino American Veteran Association (FAVA) was formed in 1946? Members of the organization raised funds to build FAVA Hall which opened on October 16, 1949. It is located on 2962 Market Street in downtown San Diego. FAVA was the first Filipino organization to build a community center in San Diego. FAVA Hall continues to serve as a major hub for the growing Filipino American community.

Did you know Kurt Chew-Een Lee (1926-2014) was the first Asian American officer in the Marine Corps? Lee was born in San Francisco. His two brothers became distinguished Army officers who served in the Korean War (1950-1953). Inspired by his brothers, Lee joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1944. He started his military career at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, where he learned the Japanese language. After graduating, he was hired as a Japanese language instructor before serving in the Korean War (1950-1953) and Vietnam War (1955-1975).

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center makes rangoli coasters!

On Monday, November 4th, the APIDA Center celebrated Diwali by making [rangoli coasters](#). Rangoli is an Indian folk art that involves geometric patterns. It is made during Hindu festivals like Diwali, which is the festival of lights. Rangoli designs vary from region to region and range from simple to complex. The tradition of making rangoli during Diwali still thrives today.



APIDA Center hosts events!

For four weeks, the APIDA Center and the SDSU Asian Cinema Club have teamed up to host a series about the [Asian horror genre](#). On Wednesday, November 6th, we focused on scary movies from Japan and South Korea.

On Thursday, November 7th, we hosted our [Meet Your Counselors](#) series with Counseling and Psychological Services. This session featured Dr. **Mike Juan**.



APIDA Center hosts "Chinatown Rising" screening!

On Thursday, November 7th, the APIDA Center partnered with Webers College to present a screening of the documentary, "Chinatown Rising." Many thanks to **Jacqueline Toy**, Associate Director of Webers College, for donating the film to us and for co-hosting this event. Ms. Toy is one of our biggest supporters on campus and we appreciate her so much!)

APIDA Flex Alerts!

Jenna Ramiscal, a third-year Journalism major, wrote a *Daily Aztec* article entitled, "[National City: A microcosm of Filipino culture and food.](#)" She highlights Valerio's City Bakery, Kujo Eats, Zarlito's Family Restaurant, Grill City, and Red Ribbon Bakeshop.

Dr. **Jenny Wong-Welch**, the STEM librarian and Asian/Asian American liaison, curated the library book display for Filipino American History Month. (Fun Fact: Dr. Wong-Welch is the Director of [build IT @ SDSU Library](#), a student-run makerspace.)



**National City: A microcosm of
Filipino culture and food**

by **Jenna Ramiscal**, Contributor
October 24, 2024



We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Folded Traditions

Location: Templo Mayor

Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 from 4-7pm

Learn about the art of paper folding with nine cultural stations featuring origami, ddakji, pajarita and more — each with unique historical insights. Visit three stations to get free boba, rice hot dogs and Mochinut! Visit six stations to be entered to win a prize.

Read with APIDA

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, November 12 and November 19, 2024 from 6-8pm

Drop everything and read with the APIDA Center. We will be reading the 2024 One Book One San Diego books. Get free books and Asian snacks. Plus, be in community with other book-lovers!

Student-Led Workshop: Student Panel about Generational Gaps in Pursuing Business & Arts Careers

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 from 3-4pm

Learn about the speakers' experiences growing up as APIDA creatives and the challenges they faced turning their passions in the arts into businesses. Workshop led by **Mia Aguimatang** and featuring Diana Celebrado and **Ana Figeracion**.

Asian Horror Film Series: China, Hong Kong, South Asia, Southeast Asia

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, November 13, 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.

APIDA Latinx Support Group

Location: APIDA Center Conference Room

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024 from 1-2pm

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 "Cultures within Cultures."

Loy Krathong - Lotus Flower Origami

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 from 6-8pm

The APIDA Center and the [Southeast Asian American Alliance](#) are hosting a Loy Krathong cultural crafting night. Learn more about this Thai festival and about the historical, cultural, and religious significance of the lotus and then make your own origami lotus! Also, enjoy some Thai desserts.

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 to get it signed!)

Meet Your Counselor

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024 from 2-3pm

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

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.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [Asian Pacific Student Alliance \(APSA\)](#) is hosting a [Coin Wars](#) fundraiser from Nov 5-25.
- [AAPI\(Phany\)](#) is hosting [Boba & Breathe](#) on Fri, Nov 8th from 11-1pm.
- [Taiwanese Student Association \(TSA\)](#) is hosting their [Big Little Program Speed Friending](#) on Fri, Nov 8th from 4:30-5:30pm.
- [Delta Sigma Psi](#) is hosting a [Pie Fundraiser](#) on Sat, Nov 9th from 12-3pm.
- [Sanskriti SDSU](#) is celebrating [Diwali](#) on Sat, Nov. 9 at 5:30pm.
- [Japanese Student Association](#) is hosting a [Bowling Social](#) on Wed, Nov 13th from 2-4pm.

Community Center Partners:

- [Native Resource Center \(NRC\)](#) is hosting a series of programs for [Native American heritage Month](#).
- [Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) is hosting a [LRC Pachanga](#) on Tues, Nov 12th from 12-4pm.
- [Black Resource Center \(BRC\)](#) is hosting a [Graduate School Prep Workshop](#) on Tues, Nov 12th from 2:00-3:30pm.
- [Undocumented Resource Center \(URC\)](#) is hosting [Luna at the URC](#) on Thurs, Nov 14th from 12-1pm.
- [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#) is accepting responses to their monthly prompt. Check out their November prompt and [submit a response](#) by Nov. 30th.

Campus Partners:

- [SDSU Office of Educational Opportunity Programs, Outreach, and Success \(EOPOS\)](#) is hosting [Conchas with the Counselors](#) on Tues, Nov 12th from 10-11am.
- [Cal Coast Student Financial Center](#) is hosting a [Financial Literacy Program](#) on Wed, Nov 13th at 12pm.
- [Aztec Student Union](#) is accepting applications for [Battle of the Bands Apply](#) by Nov. 14th!
- [SDSU Career Services](#) is hosting [Acushnet Golf](#) on Thurs, Nov 14th from 10:30-11:30am.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- [Pacific Arts Movement \(PacArts\)](#) is looking for student volunteers for their 25th annual San Diego Asian Film Festival. For more information, visit the [SDAFF Volunteer Page](#). [Sign up](#) today!
- The [25th Annual San Diego Asian Film Festival](#) is from Nov 7-16. Their next special event is the [25th Annual SDAFF Awards Gala](#) on Sat, Nov 9th at 5:30pm. Get your [tickets](#) today!
- Asia-Pacific Academic (APA) is hosting a webinar titled, "Unlocking Global Careers: Internships and Project-Based Learning in the Asia-Pacific Region" on Thurs, Nov 14th at 7am. [Register](#) today!
- 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. To get Zoom link, RSVP at 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.

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** The San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance is looking for a Social Media Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** General Atomics is looking for a full-time Biotechnician Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- Salk Institute for Biological Studies is looking for an undergraduate research intern. [Apply](#) by Nov 17th.
- **NEW!** The Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) is accepting applications for their OCA Summer Internship Program. [Apply](#) by Dec. 1st.

Scholarships:

- 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.
- **NEW!** Vasquez Law Firm, PLLC is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to two DACA recipients in higher education. [Apply](#) by Nov. 27th.
- 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!** Designli is accepting applications for their Empowering Women in Tech Essay Scholarship. [Apply](#) by Nov. 30th.
- **NEW!** The Law Offices of Joseph J. Bogdan is offering \$1,000 through their Healthcare Professional Scholarship to students pursuing a career in healthcare that requires a professional license. [Apply](#) by Dec. 2nd.
- RJ Jimenez Counseling, Inc. is offering \$500 to students pursuing a career as a mental health professional. [Apply](#) by Dec. 6th.
- 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.