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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

November 15, 2024



## From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Celebrating Dr. Sandra Wawrytko!

On Wednesday, November 13th, we celebrated Dr. **Sandra Wawrytko**! Many thanks to Dr. Wawrytko for her transformative [\\$1 million gift](#) to the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies (CAPS). The College of Arts and Letters hosted a re-naming ceremony - CAPS is now the Charles Wei-hsun Fu Center for Asian and Pacific Studies. It was great to hang out with Dr. Wawrytko, Dr. **Minjeong Kim**, Dean/Dr. **Todd Butler**, and more!

Dr. Wawrytko has been a great friend to the APIDA Center since we opened in 2020. I thank her so much for her support, her allyship, and her donations. We are so lucky to have her in our circle. In general, we are also lucky to be collaborating with the Charles Wei-hsun Fu Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, the Asian American Studies program, and College of Arts and Letters. Together, we are building a strong APIDA presence at SDSU. I'm feeling very grateful for the many friends we have across our campus!



# Dewey the APIDA Dog Update



## Dewey visited the APIDA Center!

On Wednesday, November 13th, Dewey (aka "[The APIDA Dog](#)") visited his friends at the APIDA Center. He first started coming to the APIDA Center when he was 7 pounds and 3 months old; now, he is over 55 pounds and 10 months old. The students haven't seen him since May and they couldn't get over how big he is now. (He's huge!) **Angelo Ramos** nicknamed him "Dew Deng" (after the super cute pygmy hippo, Moo Deng) and said he is "ungovernable." **Kae Nguyen** suggested adding a "What's Dewey Doing?" section to our newsletter. Students promised to actually read the newsletter if we did it. :)





# Know APIDA History!



## **APIDA Center learns about Southwestern Community College's APIDA learning communities!**

On Tuesday, November 12, 2024, students, faculty, and staff from Southwestern Community College (SWC) visited the APIDA Center. Students from the Bayan and Sangam Learning Communities learned from a panel of current transfer students, who shared the joys and challenges they faced in their transition to San Diego State University.

Southwestern Community College (SWC) is located south of San Diego close to the U.S.-Mexico border. It began offering classes to 1,657 students in 1961, with temporary quarters at Chula Vista High School. Eventually, it expanded its off-campus locations by establishing the Higher Education Center in San Ysidro, National City, and Otay Mesa.

Learning communities at SWC were established in 2006 with the formation of Bayan, which became the first Filipino American student-focused learning community in Southern California. Bayan was founded by Professors Maria Abuan, M.S., and Henry Aronson, M.S., both of whom wanted to amplify and acknowledge the issues and experiences faced by Filipino American students in higher education. (Learning communities at SWC involve linked classes taught by faculty members who make the course content more relevant to students' identities and experiences; they also build collaboration and community among peers.)

SWC's newest learning community is the Sangam Asian Pacific Islander (API) Learning Community. Sangam was established in 2024, with Dr. Samone Sayasenh and Assistant Professor Joseph Allen "JoJo" Ruanto-Ramirez serving as the community's inaugural coordinators. The Sangam Learning Community links professional development courses with Asian American studies courses. The Sangam Learning Community also offers support through field trips, workshops, and community-building programs.



# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center hosts Origami Party!

On Tuesday, November 12, the APIDA Center teamed up with the Aztec Student Union Board to host "[Folded Traditions](#)." Participants had the opportunity to learn about the history of paper-folding by visiting nine stations - each representing a period of history and featuring a cultural paper-folding craft from various cultures. In addition, participants could earn yummy treats (i.e., Mochinut, corn dogs, boba teas, etc.) by flexing their folding skills. Many thanks to [Kripa Mayureshwar](#), former A-LISTer and current ASUB Chair of Culture, Arts and Film, for her leadership; she had approached the APIDA Center to collaborate. She wanted to do something to support World Origami Day (November 11) and was inspired by our cultural crafting nights. In addition, many thanks to all those who supported the event including **Jeanie Maidona, Sarah Alhasri, Chloe Morimoto, Czarina Casino, Marlena Ngim, JiJi Winner, Momo Dhanuwidjaja, Japanese Student Association**, and others!





## APIDA Center drops everything and reads!

The APIDA Center designed Tuesday, November 12th and November 19th as our community reading nights! In support of the KPBS [One Book On San Diego](#), we gave students free books, snacks, and a place and time to read. Recreational reading is a great way to de-stress and expand your mind.



## APIDA Center hosts more events!

As always, APIDA Center had a busy week. In addition to the events aforementioned, we hosted a [student-led workshop](#), another [Asian horror movie night](#), and a tabling event at the A.S. Community Connects event. For the student-led workshop, **Mia Aguimatang** coordinated a student panel about growing up as APIDA creatives and their journey in turning their passions in the arts into businesses. Panelists included Diana Celebrado and **Ana Figeracion**.





## **APIDA Center finishes another puzzle!**

Our students have loved puzzles since we started the APIDA Center in 2020 but lately, they are on a roll. We've been finishing a puzzle a week since the start of this semester. As per tradition, we like to take and post photos of the person/people who finished the last piece of the puzzle.



## Upcoming APIDA Center Events

### Loy Krathong: Lotus Flower Origami

**Location:** APIDA Center

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

The APIDA Center and [SEA^3](#) are hosting a Loy Krathong cultural crafting night. Krathong are small offerings that are released into water during Loy Krathong, a Thai festival. Learn more about this festival and make your own origami lotus! Also, enjoy some Thai desserts.

### Vision Board Workshop

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Tuesday, November 19, 2024 from 2-3pm

Visualize your future! Learn about the benefits of creating vision boards and then create your own vision board.

### Read with APIDA: Know My Name

**Location:** APIDA Center

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

Come read the 2024 One Book One San Diego books with us. We will give you your own copy of the books, Asian snacks, and a time and place to read.

### Asian Horror Film Series: U.S./Asian American

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Wednesday, November 20, 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 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.

### Food Memories

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Thursday, November 21, 2024 from 4-5pm

In preparation for our Author Talk event with Dr. Grace M. Cho on Dec 2nd, learn about the significance of food memories. Join us for a reading of *Tastes Like War* and engage in a writing activity with us. Participants will be treated to some yummy Korean food. Our Special Guest Lecturer will be Dr. Stephen Suh.

### 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!)

### Game Night: Tien Len/Thirteen

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Thursday, December 5 from 6-8pm

In collaboration with [VSA](#), we are playing Tiến lên, a Vietnamese card game. Learn about its historical and cultural significance and then play it with us!

### 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:

- [Nikkei Student Union \(NSU\)](#) is hosting a [Sports Day](#) on Fri, Nov 15th at 2pm at the ARC.
- [Taiwanese Student Association \(TSA\)](#) is hosting a [Big Little Program Field Day](#) on Fri, Nov 15th from 3:30-5:30pm on ENS Field.
- [SDSU Vietnamese Student Association \(VSA\)](#) and CSUSM Vietnamese Student Association are hosting an [Ice Skating Social](#) on Fri, Nov 15th from 7:20-9:20pm at the UTC Ice Skating Rink.
- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting a [Social x Sports n' Rec Picnic](#) on Sun, Nov 17th from 12:00-4:30pm at Kate Sessions Park.
- [\(AAPI\)Phany](#) is hosting [Flavors of Friendship](#) on Thurs, Nov 19th from 4:00-5:30pm in Visionary Suite.
- [Pacific Islander Student Alliance \(PISA\)](#) and the Language Exchange Community (LEC) are hosting [Hawaiian GBM](#) on Wed, Nov 20th from 3:30-4:30pm in Mata'yuum.
- PISA is also hosting a [Handel's Fundraiser](#) on Wed, Nov. 20th at 4:30pm.
- [Japanese Student Association \(JSA\)](#) is hosting an [Ice Skating Social](#) on Fri, Nov 22nd from 3:30-5:15pm at Kroc Center.

### Community Center Partners:

- The [Native Resource Center \(NRC\)](#) is hosting [Stand Up Comedy](#) on Fri, Nov 15th at 5pm. The NRC is also hosting a [Talking Circle](#) on Mon, Nov 18th from 2:00-3:30pm.
- The [Black Resource Center \(BRC\)](#) is hosting a [Black Mens Warrior Collective](#) on Mon, Nov 18th from 6-7pm.
- The [Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) is hosting [Discussion on The Four Agreements](#) with Don Miguel Ruiz, Jr. on Wed, Nov 20th from 12:30-2:00pm.
- The [Pride Center](#) is hosting their next [Pride in Progress](#) support group on Wed, Nov 20th from 3:30-4:30pm.

### Campus Partners:

- The APIDA ERG is hosting a Lunch and Learn session on Wed, Nov 20th from 12-1 via Zoom. This session will feature Jacqueline Toy and focus on starting a small business side gig.
- The [Office of Educational Opportunity Programs, Outreach, and Success \(EOPOS\)](#) in collaboration with Young Men of Color Association SDSU, [CIR](#), and [LRC](#), is hosting [Beast Young Men of Color Smash Bros Tournament](#) on Wed, Nov 20th from 1-4pm in the E-Sports Engagement Center.
- [Associated Students \(AS\)](#) is hosting a [Safety & Wellness Town Hall](#) on Thurs, Nov 21st from 12:00-1:30pm in the Student Union Theatre.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

### Community Partners:

- Pacific Arts Movement is hosting a [NEW WAVE-inspired After-Party](#) for their San Diego Asian Film Festival closing night on Friday, Nov. 15th from 9-11pm at the Royal Banquet. [Buy tickets](#) soon!
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). Their next webinar is "Rap, Race, and Revolution" with guest speaker, Jason Chu, on Wed, Dec 4th from 4-5pm. [Register](#) today!



# Paid Internships & Scholarships

## Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** Sempra is offering a hybrid position for a Human Resources Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance is looking for a Wildlife Care Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- Salk Institute for Biological Studies is looking for an undergraduate research intern. [Apply](#) by Nov 17th.
- **NEW!** The City of Coronado is looking for a Library Administrative Intern. [Apply](#) by Nov. 18th.
- The Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) is accepting applications for their OCA Summer Internship Program. [Apply](#) by Dec. 1st.

## Scholarships:

- The Fatilua family is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to an undergraduate or graduate student who identifies as Pacific Islander. [Apply](#) by Nov 25th.
- Vasquez Law Firm, PLLC is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to two DACA recipients in higher education. [Apply](#) by Nov. 27th.
- **NEW!** Simmons and Fletcher, P.C. is offering \$1,000 and \$500 to two college students of any major. [Apply](#) by Dec. 1st.
- 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.
- Designli is accepting applications for their Empowering Women in Tech Essay Scholarship. [Apply](#) by Nov. 30th.
- **NEW!** The Japanese American Citizens League is accepting applications for the Norman Y. Mineta and Daniel K. Inouye Fellowships. [Apply](#) by Dec. 1st.
- 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.