

# DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

## 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**

**Location: 2nd floor of Student Union**

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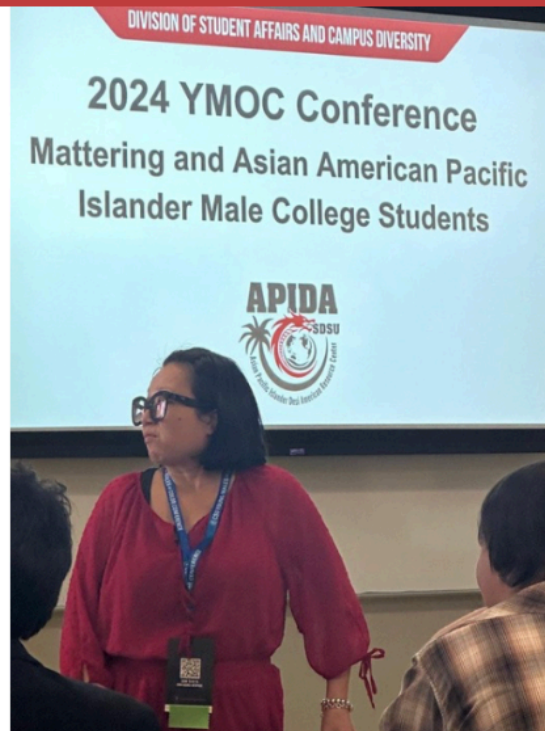


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# SDSU Office of AANAPISI Affairs & APIDA Center Executive Director's Message

November 22, 2024



## From Dr. Loh-Hagan: All signs point to APIDA!

We're putting SDSU APIDA on the map - literally and figuratively! First, we have a new sign that represents all the centers in Suite 210: [APIDA Center](#), [Center for Commuter Life](#), [Center for Student Orgs and Activities](#), and [Glazer Center for Leadership and Service](#). Find your way to us and hang out! We have everything you need (for real!).

Second, Gi Vargas and I presented at two conferences this past weekend. At the CSU Young Men of Color conference, I presented on "Mattering and AAPI Male College Students." At the California Cambodian Model Curriculum conference, we promoted the teaching of APIDA histories and presented on "Blending Traditional and International: Cambodian Rock Music." We are working hard to brag about SDSU's APIDA community. We are doing amazing things and everyone should know about it!





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# Fall 2024 Break Modified Hours

Mon, Nov 25th from 10:00-8:00pm  
Tues, Nov 26th from 10:00-4:30pm  
Wed, Nov 27th from 10:00-4:30pm

\*Regular hours resume on Mon, Dec 2nd!



## Happy Fall Break!

The APIDA Center career and student staff would like to wish everyone a very happy fall break! Take this time to gather with loved ones and enjoy some yummy food. Please note our modified hours for November 26th and 27th. Our next newsletter will be Friday, December 6th.

# Know APIDA History!



## **APIDA Center learns about Loy Krathong in San Diego!**

*Loy Krathong* is one of the largest festivals in Thailand. It is celebrated on the full moon night of the twelfth month in the Thai lunar calendar. (This year, it falls on November 15, 2024.) It is typically celebrated by creating and floating *krathongs* (small, religious offerings). People also decorate homes with lanterns to welcome a bright future. They also watch parades, dance performances, and fireworks.

Thai immigrants have brought Loy Krathong to the United States. Major waves of Thai immigrants arrived here as a result of the Vietnam War (1955-1975). During the 1980s, about 6,500 Thai immigrants came each year. By 1990, approximately 91,000 people of Thai ancestry were living in the United States, with California having the highest concentration. In fact, San Diego County has almost 5,000 Thai American residents - making it one of the top ten counties with high populations of Thai Americans.

Several Thai American community organizations in San Diego host small-scale celebrations for Loy Krathong. One of the major events is the annual Loy Krathong Festival hosted at *Wat Buddhajak* (Thai Buddhist Temple) in Escondido. The festival includes traditional dancing, religious rituals, and traditional crafting activities.

On Monday, November 18th, the SDSU APIDA Center celebrated Loy Krathong in collaboration with South East Asian American Alliance (SEA^3). Participants learned about the historical and cultural significance of Loy Krathong. Afterwards, students made an origami lotus krathong and enjoyed a typical Thai dessert of tapioca pudding with mangoes and coconut milk.



# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center makes vision boards with APSA!

On Tuesday, November 19th, we collaborated with [Asian Pacific Student Alliance](#) (APSA) to present a workshop about vision boards. We learned about the history, benefits, science, APIDA connections, and more. Afterwards, participants created their own vision boards. Many thanks to **Nora Pham**!



## APIDA Center supports Basic Needs!

On Tuesday, November 19th, the APIDA Center tabled at the [Basic Needs Block Party](#). As a reminder, the SDSU Basic Needs Center connects students to resources and supports students through financial crises.

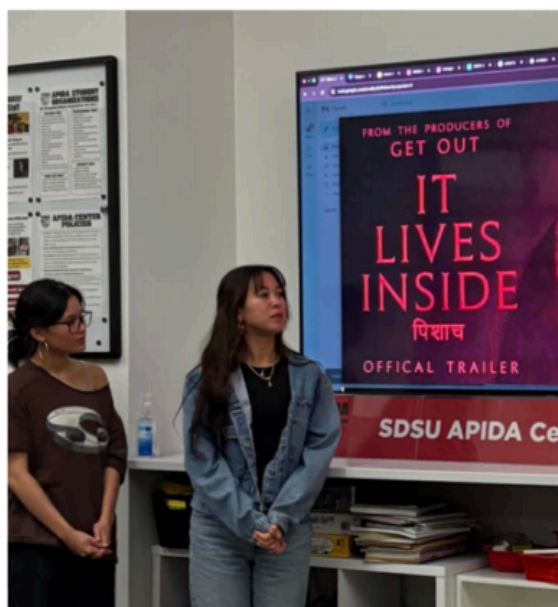




## APIDA Center reflects on food memories!

On Thursday, November 21st, we hosted a special program in collaboration with [Korean American Student Association](#) (KASA). In preparation of our super special author visit with Dr. [Grace M. Cho](#) on December 2nd, we hosted a workshop about food memories. KASA president, **Grace Cho**, beautifully read a passage from Grace M. Cho's [Tastes Like War](#). Dr. **Stephen Suh** gave a lecture about food memories and facilitated a writing activity. Then, we sampled a variety of kim chi side dishes.





## APIDA Center reads and more!

As always, the APIDA Center is poppin'! This past week, we hosted a reading night in support of [One Book One San Diego](#), a meet and greet with [Vanessa Casanova](#) (Counseling & Psychological Services), and our last Asian horror movie night with [SDSU Asian Cinema Club](#).



# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## 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).



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**APIDA CENTER HAPPY HOURS**

Join us for fun activities at the APIDA Center every day!  
NOTE: Schedule is subject to change if hosting special events.

 <b>Mondays (6-8pm) Craft Night</b>	
 <b>Tuesdays (6-8pm) Music Night</b>	
 <b>Wednesdays (6-8pm) TV Night</b>	
 <b>Thursdays (6-8pm) Game Night</b>	

## 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:

- [Sanskriti SDSU](#) is hosting a [Mission Beach Bonfire](#) on Fri, Nov 22nd at 4pm.
- [AB Samahan](#) is accepting FACN 40 Dance Head applications. [Apply](#) by Nov. 23rd.
- [Asian Pacific Student Alliance \(APSA\)](#) is hosting their annual [Kinda Sorta Formal \(KSF\)](#) on Sat, Dec 7th from 5-9pm at the Parma Payne Goodwill Alumni Center. [Buy your tickets](#).

## Community Center Partners:

- The [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#) is hosting their next [Student Parent Healing Circle](#) on Fri, Nov 22nd from 2-3pm.
- The [Native Resource Center](#) and [Elymash Yuuchaap Indigenous Scholars & Leaders Program](#), along with several other collaborators, are hosting [Beehive Design Collective](#) on Mon, Nov 25th from 11:30-1:30pm.
- The [Pride Center](#) is hosting their next [Trans Masc Support Group](#) on Tues, Dec 3rd from 3-4pm.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations \(CIR\)](#) is hosting a [Winter Clothing Drive: Support initiative for Migrants](#), in partnership with Refugee Aid Initiative on Tues, Dec 3rd from 5-7pm in Templo Mayor.

## Campus Partners:

- [The Daily Aztec](#), in partnership with students in Journalism and Media Studies, wants participants to take a survey that will be used to help improve *The Daily Aztec*. [Take the survey](#) today!
- [Aztec Student Union](#) is hosting [SDSU's Got Talent](#) on Tues, Dec 3rd from 6-8pm at the Student Union Courtyard.
- [SDSU Office of Educational Opportunities and Programs, Outreach, and Success \(EOPOS\)](#) is hosting [Grilling Up For Finals](#) on Thurs, Dec 5th from 11-2pm at Scripps Cottage.
- [Glazer Center for Leadership and Service](#) is looking for [volunteers](#) to join them at Sharia's Closet on Thurs, Dec 5th from 2-4pm.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- [Bridge The Gap San Diego](#) is hosting [Petals of Pasko](#) on Fri, Nov 29th at the Euflora Studio. Get [tickets](#).
- 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!

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

# Paid Internships & Scholarships

## Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** The Institute of Reading Development is looking for instructors to teach this upcoming summer 2025. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Sharp Grossmont Hospital is looking for an Intern-Pharmacist. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Voice of San Diego is looking for an Intern-Staff Writer to work this winter. [Apply](#) by Dec. 1st.
- The Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) is accepting applications for their summer internship program. [Apply](#) by Dec. 1st.
- **NEW!** SDSU Research Foundation is looking for three undergraduate student assistants for Spring 2025 to help with research on child and youth rights in La Mesa. [Apply](#) by Dec. 2nd.

## Scholarships:

- **NEW!** Burger King is offering \$1,000 to current college undergraduate and graduate students through the Nancy McLamore Scholarship. [Apply](#) today!
- 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.
- 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!** Amberd Design Studio is offering \$500 to a current college undergraduate or graduate student. [Apply](#) by Dec. 1st.
- The Japanese American Citizens League is accepting applications for the Norman Y. Mineta and Daniel K. Inouye Fellowships. [Apply](#) by Dec. 1st.
- Simmons and Fletcher, P.C. is offering \$1,000 and \$500 to two college students of any major. [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.
- **NEW!** Science Ambassador Scholarship Foundation is offering up to \$20,000 to five undergraduate women and non-binary students in science, technology, engineering, or math majors. [Apply](#) by Dec. 16th.
- 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.