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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

Location: 2nd floor of Student Union

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

December 13, 2024



At both aforementioned parties, we did a white elephant gift exchange. Did you know that this practice may have Asian origins? The term "white elephant" refers to an extravagant, impractical gift that cannot be easily disposed of. The phrase is thought to have originated when the King of Siam/Thailand gave away rare albino elephants to people who upset him. He did this so that they would be ruined by the animal's maintenance costs.

From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Party time!

As we wrap up the semester, we are taking time to party! Woot woot! On December 11th, we hosted our APIDA Center staff appreciation dinner at a K-BBQ joint. We ate tons of yummy food, had many laughs, and reflected on our favorite memories this semester.

On December 12th, the APIDA ERG hosted our annual holiday party at **Agnes Wong Nickerson's** lovely home. (Many thanks to CFO Nickerson for hosting!) It was nice to be able to gather with fellow faculty and staff and get to know each other outside of work. We shared stories about the things we collect and why. (Fun Fact: I collect all things "Anne of Green Gables." And, Provost **Bill Tong** has actually been to Prince Edward Island, which made me very jealous.)

Before you leave for winter break, make sure to take time to connect with friends and chuckle over a memory or two.



Winter Break Schedule

As a reminder: Starting next week, we will be on modified schedule for the winter break:

Dec 19-Dec 20: 10:00am-4:30pm
Dec 23- Dec 27: CLOSED
Dec 30- Dec 31: 10:00am-4:30pm (Appts Only)
Jan 2 - Jan 17: 10:00am-2:00pm
Jan 20: CLOSED for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

We will resume our regular hours starting Tuesday, January 21st.

When we are open and unless otherwise stated, we welcome folks to continue visiting our space during winter break. We will continue our [Craft for a Cause](#) initiative. Folks will still have access to our lounge area and other resources.

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about Karen refugees in San Diego!

On Wednesday, December 11th, APIDA Center and [Alpha Phi Omega](#) (APO) collaborated and made holiday cards, which will be gifted to Karen /kuh-wren/ refugee youth along with books.

The Karen are a large and dispersed ethnic group of Southeast Asia. Their origins can be traced to the Gobi Desert, Mongolia, and Tibet. The Karen settled in the hills along the Salween River in eastern Burma (now Myanmar) and Thailand. Many also settled on the southern Irrawaddy Delta of Myanmar. The Karen, as an ethnic minority group in Burma, were oppressed under Burmese dictatorship. In World War II (1939-1945), the Karen supported British and American allies while the Burmese government sided with Axis powers (i.e., Germany, Italy, and Japan). Tensions rose between the Karen and Burmese government during this time. After Burma achieved independence from British colonization in 1948, the Karen were denied rights to their own land. After the establishment of the Burmese military government in 1962, Karen communities faced terrorism, torture, and forced relocation. As a result, many fled to other countries and became refugees.

In the early 2000s, the U.S. government initiated a refugee settlement program to resettle Burmese refugees from camps in Thailand to the United States. After 2007, more than 117,000 Burmese refugees resettled in the United States, most of whom were Karen.

In 2007, Karen refugees began arriving in San Diego. Today, more than 2,000 Karen refugees have resettled in the county. Despite the social, economic, and emotional challenges that they faced in resettlement, the Karen developed a close-knit community in San Diego with support from local organizations. In fact, the [Karen Organization of San Diego](#) (KOSD) is a leading community organization dedicated to supporting the Karen and other refugee families from Burma in their resettlement in San Diego. In addition, KOSD is also dedicated to the preservation of Karen culture, histories, and narratives. The SDSU APIDA Center is a proud supporter of KOSD and will be donating the holiday cards, books, and other goods to support them.

If you want to support us, feel free to donate yarn for our [Craft for a Cause](#) initiative.

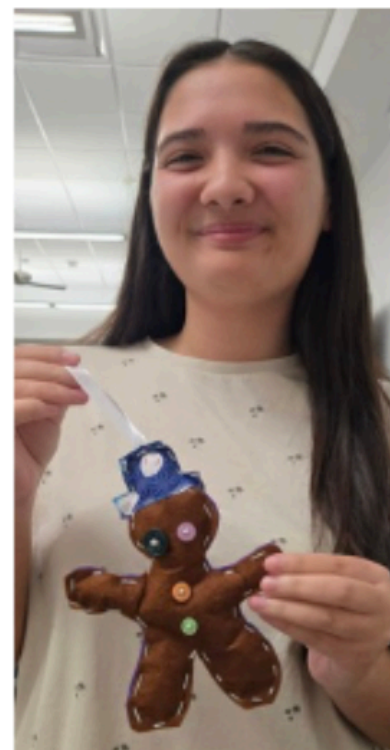
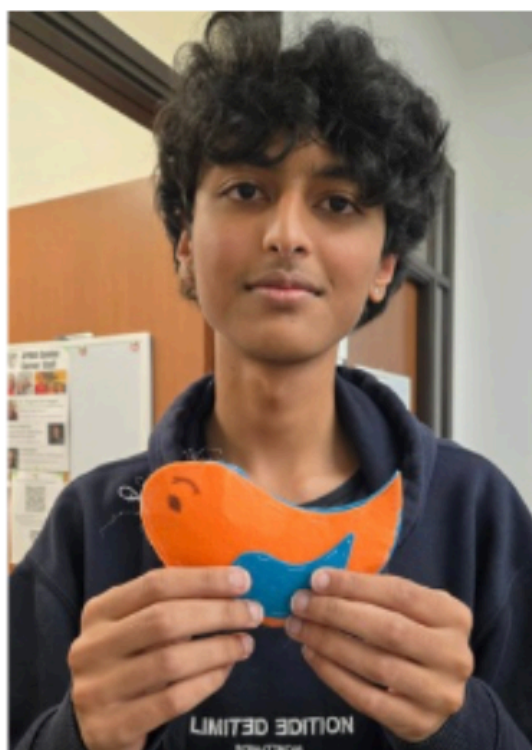
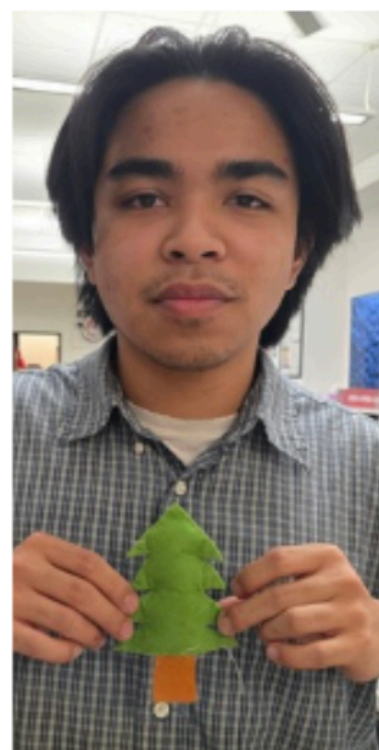
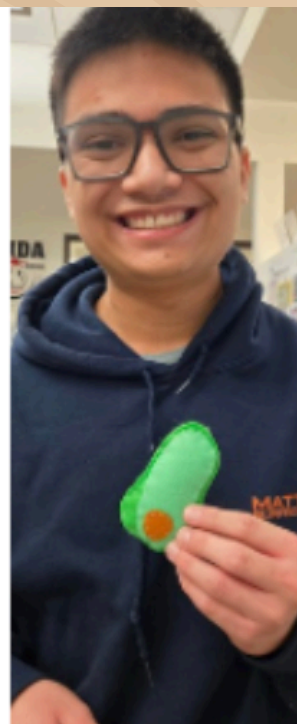
APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts student-led workshops!

On Monday, December 9th, we hosted three student-led workshops. First, **Grace Academia**, **Olivia Ernst**, and **Jianna Tablit** hosted a workshop about "Hawaiian Pidgin." Second, **Marlena Ngim** hosted a workshop about "APIDA and Native American Solidarity." Third, **Nora Pham** hosted a workshop about "APIDA & Collectible Culture." Nora's workshop included a crafting activity in which participants decorated their own toploaders.

All students are welcome to host a Student-Led Workshop, which is an opportunity for students to share their knowledge and/or expertise with others. If you are interested in hosting a Student-Led Workshop, please email us at apida@sdsu.edu.



APIDA Center hosts Mongolian felt crafts!

On Monday, December 9th, we hosted a cultural crafting night about Mongolian felt crafts. We learned about Mongolian Independence Day, Mongolian history and culture, and Mongolian felting practices. We also learned about the history of holiday ornaments. Then, we made our own felt ornaments.



APIDA Center hosts A-LIST USEM party!

On Tuesday, December 10th, we hosted our last A-LIST university seminar class with a pizza party. Via posters and a gallery walk, students showed off their final projects, in which they learned about an APIDA topic. Some of this year's topics include: Drifting Culture in the United States, History of Matcha in the United States, Asian Americans and the Drycleaning Business, History of Fil-Am Surfing, History and Contributions of APIDAs in Jazz, and more.



APIDA Center hosts Journaling & Calligraphy workshop!

On Wednesday, December 11th, we hosted a workshop about journaling. First, we learned about the history and benefits of journaling. Then, we learned about calligraphy. Last, we practiced calligraphy and made our own journals. Many thanks to Ms. **Jacqueline Toy**, Associate Director of Weber Honors College, for teaching the workshop. She also shared her journey as a small business owner of [morethanlettering](https://www.morethanlettering.com). It was a terrific workshop and a night to remember.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

Lia Escobar, former A-LISTER and third year Marine Biology major, is featured on the [College of Science IG](#) as a peer mentor. She is involved in the BioTech Scholars Program where she helps students with their professional development.

Destin Daniel Cretton is an [alum](#) of SDSU's MFA program in theater, television, and film. He will be directing, co-writing, and co-producing "Naruto," which is based on the popular manga series. He will also be directing the next Marvel "Spider-Man" movie.

Terry Matsuoka got his BFA and Teaching Credential at SDSU. He was featured in the [SDSU Alumni Spotlight](#). Today, he is a professional musician and teacher. We have been very lucky to have Matsuoka perform at several of our events.



We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Quiet Study Hall and Quiet Reading Time

Location: APIDA Center

Date: December 12-18 from 10-5pm

During finals week, APIDA Center will host quiet spaces for students to study. You can also drop in and read with us. Participants will get free One Book books. Come to the APIDA Center for all your end-of-semester needs!

Craft for a Cause

Location: APIDA Center

Date: December 12-18 from 10-8pm plus winter break

Crochet, knit, and loom hats, scarves, blankets, etc. with us. We will donate our hand/heart-made goods to local communities in need! Come to the APIDA Center and craft away. Instructions and supplies will be provided. Help keep our community warm this winter!

Finals Fun: Make Stickers and Color Anime

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, December 16 from 5-8pm

Take a break from studying and make stickers and color anime books!

Finals Fun: Play Games

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, December 17 from 5-8pm

All study and no play makes students cranky. Find time to play games with us!

Finals Fun: Watch TV

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, December 18 from 5-8pm

This will be the last day before winter break. Come watch TV 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.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [SDSU Anime & Manga](#) is hosting an [Ice Skating Social](#) on Sat, Dec 14th at 6pm at UTC Ice.
- [Nikkei Student Union \(NSU\)](#) is selling their [2025 merch](#). [Order](#) before Dec. 18th!
- [Vietnamese Student Association \(VSA\)](#) is selling tickets for their [Winter Retreat](#). Pay by Wed, Dec 25th.
- [AB Samahan](#) is accepting applications for their [FACN 40 Media Head](#). Application and interview deadline is Sun, Jan 5th.

Community Center Partners:

- [Native Resource Center \(NRC\)](#) is currently accepting applications for [Assistant Director](#). [Apply](#) today!
- [Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) is hosting [Recarga La Pilas](#) during Finals Week. From Dec. 12-18, they will be providing snacks and recharge stations from 10-2pm.

Campus Partners:

- [Basic Needs Center](#) is providing [CalFresh and Medi-Cal Enrollment Assistance](#) on Tues, Dec 17 and Thurs, Dec 19th from 9-3pm.
- [Bayanihan ERG](#) is hosting a [Parol Making Workshop](#) on Wed, Dec 18th from 12-1pm at SSW 2537.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The San Diego Public Library La Jolla/Riford Branch is hosting an [Ikebana Holiday Workshop and Party](#) on Sat, Dec 14th from 9:30-3:00pm.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). Their next workshop is "Chinese American Excellence in the Arts & Cuisine" on Thurs, Jan 17, 2025. Attendees can choose between two sessions: [Session 1](#) from 1-2pm or [Session 2](#) from 4-5pm. Register today!

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

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** Mom's Meals is looking for a Nutrition Outreach Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Brightline is looking for a Health Educator Intern for their BrightLife Kids program. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** CVS Pharmacy in El Cajon is looking for a Graduate Pharmacist Intern. [Apply](#) by May 1, 2025.

Scholarships:

- The Medical Scrubs Collection is offering \$1,000 to students pursuing a career as a medical professional. [Apply](#) by Dec. 15th.
- 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 American Association for the Advancement of Science is accepting applications for their Mass Media Science and Engineering fellowship. [Apply](#) by Jan. 1st.
- APIA Scholars is offering scholarships to Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) students. [Apply](#) by Jan. 15th.
- Association for Women Geoscientists is accepting applications for the Jane Cullen Tanaka Geosciences Undergraduate Scholarship. [Apply](#) by Jan. 15th.
- 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 31, 2025.
- **NEW!** The National Institute for Labor Relations Research is offering \$1,000 to undergraduate students pursuing a degree in education. [Apply](#) by Jan. 31, 2025.
- **NEW!** The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 Congressional Fellowship Program. [Apply](#) by Jan. 31, 2025.
- **NEW!** The Asian and Pacific Islander Queer Women and Transgender Community (APIQWTC) is offering \$3,500 to three Asian/Pacific Islander students who identify with the LGBTQIA+ community. [Apply](#) by Feb. 14, 2025.

Do you have a resource to share?

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