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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

Location: 2nd floor of Student Union

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

December 20, 2024



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Farewell to 2024!

Happy Holidays! Can you believe we are a couple of weeks away from a brand new year?! 2024 flew by. At the beginning of this year, I brought around a cute little 7-pound puppy who is now a 60-pound monster. (Dewey will be turning 1-year old on December 26th!) Also at the beginning of the year, my hair was longer and darker; and today, my hair is much shorter with much more gray. ;)

We have much to be proud of this past Fall 2024 semester:

- We hosted 194 programs with 6,332+ attendees.
- We had 5873+ visits to the Center.
- We hosted 395 coordinated care advising appointments.

And just like that - in 2025, the APIDA Center will be celebrating our fifth birthday! More to come!

Our next newsletter will be on January 17th. Standby for our welcome back events and our Lunar New Year celebration. We are cooking up many other events for the Spring 2025 semester. In the meantime, have a wonderful winter break. Create as many cozy moments as you can!



Modified Winter Break Schedule

We will be on modified schedule for winter break. Come visit us and/or craft with us on the days we're open:

- Dec 23-Dec 27: CLOSED for holidays
- 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 on Tuesday, January 21st.

Donate to the APIDA Center!



Support our programs and initiatives!

The end of the year is around the corner. If you need to donate money for tax reasons or just because you're feeling generous, consider giving to the APIDA Center! There are different ways to support us:

- Donate to our [program fund](#)! Every contribution (big and small) supports our mission to nurture APIDA students' academic success and to amplify the voice and visibility of the SDSU APIDA community.
- Create scholarships for students.
- Contribute to our travel initiative to enable us to support our place-based learning initiatives. (Our trips cost a lot of money. Help us fund these impactful experiences for our students.)
- Donate your time! Let us know if you have a special talent to lead a workshop or if can mentor a student.
- Donate items such as: yarn, denim, puzzles, Asian American books, tea, etc.
- Send us a positive affirmation and let us know about the impact we are making.



Thanks to Dr. Jaemin Kim!

Every year since we opened, Dr. [Jaemin Kim](#), Interim Chair of Fowler's College of Business' Finance Department, donates to the APIDA Center. We appreciate that he thinks of us and are very grateful of his support.

Faculty and Staff: Please consider donating a couple of bucks a month to the [APIDA Center](#) or to the Office for AANAPISI Affairs. Money can be automatically deducted from your paycheck. [Payroll giving](#) is a tax-efficient way to donate! Contact [Dr. Loh-Hagan](#) if you are interested!

Know APIDA History!



In the late 1970s and early 1980s, about 5,000 Hmong refugees resettled in San Diego. Today, Hmong American communities in San Diego are dedicated to preserving their culture - an example is the celebration of Hmong New Year.

Hmong New Year typically takes places in October, November, and December, signifying the end of the harvest season. Hmong New Year traditions include paying respect to ancestors, feasting on traditional foods, and participating in courting and dancing rituals. They traditionally last for ten days but have been shortened in the United States to accommodate work schedules. Hmong festivals travel from Minnesota to various cities ending in Fresno. The Fresno celebration is the largest Hmong cultural gathering in the United States.

APIDA Center learns about San Diego's Hmong American Community!

The Hmong are an ethnic group originating from southern China. In the 19th century, they migrated to the mountainous regions of Southeast Asia, settling in northern Thailand, Burma, Laos, and Vietnam.

During the Vietnam War (1955-1975), the Hmong were recruited by the United States to fight against communist Northern Vietnamese armies. When Saigon and Laos fell to communist forces, the Hmong faced persecution; as a result, a majority fled to refugee camps in Thailand. From there, many Lao Hmong refugees were resettled in the United States.

Many Hmong refugees developed close-knit communities in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and California. The bulk of California's Hmong people live in an area ranging from Fresno to Chico. The two largest California Hmong populations are in Fresno and Sacramento; other California cities with large Hmong populations include Merced and Stockton.



This year, [San Diego Hmong Heritage Inc.](#) is celebrating [Hmong New Year](#) on Saturday, December 21st from 8-4pm at Kearny Mesa Community Park. **Pang Thao**, Recruiter in Employment Services, is one of the organizers. She said, "I am assisting as a volunteer coordinator. This year, we not only celebrate the 46th anniversary of Hmong New Year in San Diego, but we will also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Hmong journey to the United States. At this event, we will have a Hmong 50 Legacy exhibit, showcasing artifacts and Hmong historical items." (Side note: The APIDA Center is incredibly grateful to Pang for all her support in hiring our staff! She is amazing!)

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts student orgs luncheon!

On Friday, December 13th, the APIDA Center hosted a luncheon for the eight APIDA-serving recognized student organizations who have office spaces at the APIDA Center. We are looking forward to more collaborations and community.



APIDA Center hosts Study Hall & Finals Fun!

From December 12th-18th, the APIDA Center hosted quiet study hall hours and finals fun activities like decorating tote bags, making stickers and coloring books, playing games, and watching TV. In addition, we also provide test-taking supplies. We want to remind folks that the APIDA Center is here to support all your academic needs.



APIDA Center hosts Craft for a Cause!

During Finals Week and all through winter break, we will be [crafting for a cause](#)! Students made hats, scarves, and blankets using looms, crocheting, or knitting. All levels are welcome. We provide instructions and supplies - You provide the time and labor.



APIDA Center hosts hip hop webinars and institutes!

The APIDA Center is partnering with [The Asian American Education Project](#) (principal investigator) to learn more about APIDA contributions to hip hop. This work is being funded by the Mellon Foundation. The main charge is create a community-based curriculum development model by collaborating with teachers and artists and by focusing on "a fresh look at APIDA history." In the month of December, we hosted webinars featuring [APIDA hip hop scholars](#) (i.e., Jason Chu, Dr. Mark Villegas, Dr. Melvin Villaver, and Dr. Grace Jun) and teacher institutes in Los Angeles and San Diego. In the San Diego program, we had the privilege of connecting with many local teachers who are also APIDA alumni!

APIDA Flex Alerts!

Suganya Sankaranarayanan is in the [Ed.D. in Community College Leadership \(CCLEAD\) program](#). She is also a business instructor at MiraCosta Community College. She was raised in Chennai in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu and immigrated as a result of an arranged marriage to an Indian man in San Diego. Read more about her in the College of Education's (COE) [student spotlight](#).

Stephen Phan is in the [Ed.D. in Educational Leadership \(PK-12 School Leadership, Science & Math Focus\)](#). He was awarded [COE's 2024 Student Difference Makers Research Support Program](#) for his research entitled, "Launching Challenging Math Tasks in Elementary."

Joy Iwamoto recently completed the [Speech-Language Pathology Essentials](#) program through SDSU Global Campus. She was featured in their [newsletter](#).

Dr. **Loh-Hagan** was the subject of an 1882 Productions podcast about APIDA contributions and history entitled, "[Asian American History 101 with Gen and Ted](#)." (She enjoyed being interviewed by father-daughter duo, Gen and Ted Lai.) Her interview is featured in [Season 4, Episode 50](#).



A Conversation with Educator, Author, and Activist Dr. Virginia Loh-Hagan



ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY 101

A Conversation with Educator, Author, and Activist Dr. Virginia Loh-Hagan

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APIDA Recommendation: Neil Catungal



Neil Catungal, a fourth-year History major and APIDA Center Student Assistant, recommends Tasteria as a must-visit spot for boba, coffee, and smoothies. He said, "As a longtime Mira Mesa local, I have been a loyal customer since high school. Established in 2001, Tasteria has grown into a popular chain with multiple locations across California, offering convenient access for CA boba-lovers. The shop has creative and unique menu offerings. Its vibrant and colorful atmosphere enhances the experience, making it an excellent choice for anyone exploring new cafes. Whether you're a boba enthusiast or just looking for an Instagram-worthy drink, Tasteria's delicious creations are sure to impress and keep you coming back for more."

Share all things APIDA (i.e., books, movies, food, restaurants, etc.).

Send a picture of you with the product and your glowing review.

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Craft for a Cause

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: 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!

Meet Your Counselor

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025

Meet APIDA-identifying counselors from SDSU's Counseling & Psychological Services. If you need any help at any time, reach out! On Feb. 6th, come meet Dr. Koko Nishi and ask all your questions!

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:

- [Korean American Student Association \(KASA\)](#) has a few leadership roles open for their [Spring 2025 Board Application](#). [Apply](#) by Fri, Dec 20th.

Community Center Partners:

- The [Black Resource Center \(BRC\)](#) is looking for models and designers to participate in their [Black Fashion Week Fashion Show](#) in collaboration with Studio Black. [Apply](#) by Wed, Jan 1st.
- The [Pride Center](#) is looking for SDSU [student volunteers](#) for the Spring 2025 semester. [Apply](#) Mon, Jan 6th.

Campus Partners:

- SDSU Charles Wei-hsun Fu Center for Asian and Pacific Studies is creating a collaborative ["Asia Through Your Eyes"](#) calendar for 2025. Share your favorite photos of Asia that you took. Submit photos to caps@sdsu.edu by Wed, Jan 1st.
- SDSU Career Services has a series of [Career Fairs](#) during the Spring 2025 semester. The next career fair is the STEM Career Fair on Wed, Feb 5th. [Register](#) today!
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The Mira Mesa Public Library is hosting an [Ukulele Strum Along](#) on Tues, Dec 24th from 4-5pm.
- The Asian Business Association (ABA) of San Diego is looking for a [Part-Time Intake Advisor](#). [Apply via Handshake](#) by Mon, Jan 6th.
- San Diego Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is hosting an in-person panel discussion titled, "What Does It Mean to be Japanese American" on Tue, Jan 7th starting at 5:15pm at Mission Valley Public Library. RSVP to sandiegojacl@gmail.com by Mon, Jan 6th.
- 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 17th. [Register](#) today.

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** SDSU Bilingualism and Cognition Lab is looking for a Mandarin/English bilingual research assistant. Apply today by contacting [Preeti Rishi](#) for more information.
- **NEW!** Marriott is looking for a Hotel Operations University Intern for the Courtyard San Diego Sorrento Valley location. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** TikTok is looking for Ph.D. candidates in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering to be a Multimedia Streaming Research Intern for Summer 2025. [Apply](#) today!
- CVS Pharmacy in El Cajon is looking for a Graduate Pharmacist Intern. [Apply](#) by May 1, 2025.

Scholarships:

- **NEW!** Nurse.org is offering \$1,500 to students who are currently pursuing a degree related to nursing or medicine. [Apply](#) by Dec. 31st.
- 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.
- **NEW!** Network of Executive Women in Hospitality (NEWH) is accepting applications for the Green Voice Design Competition from Interior Design or Architecture Undergraduate or Graduate students. Apply by Jan. 8th.
- 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.
- **NEW!** Seeding Change is accepting applications for the 2025 National Fellowship Program for Asian American Organizing and Civic Engagement. [Apply](#) by Jan. 19th.
- 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.
- The National Institute for Labor Relations Research is offering \$1,000 to undergraduate students pursuing a degree in education. [Apply](#) by Jan. 31, 2025.
- The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 Congressional Fellowship Program. [Apply](#) by Jan. 31, 2025.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The Japanese American Citizens League is now accepting applications for their 2025 JACL National Scholarship Program. They are offering a variety of scholarship awards. [Apply](#) by March and April 2025.