

# DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

## SDSU Office of AANAPISI Affairs & APIDA Center



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If you didn't get it, don't miss out! Everyone is reading it!

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

January 17, 2025



## **From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Spring 2025, here we are!**

Welcome back to SDSU! The first day of classes for the Spring 2025 semester is Tuesday, January 21st. We can't wait to see students in our space again. The winter break was a great time to re-charge and re-set but the APIDA Center has been awfully quiet. Bring on the noise!

This past week, we have been getting ready for the spring semester. Staff from all the communities centers participated in a retreat; in addition, the APIDA Center staff also had our own retreat. We also had the honor of tabling at the New Student Orientation for Spring Admits.

Over the next few weeks, we will be hosting events to welcome students back and also to celebrate Lunar New Year. Join us!





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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Center

Spring 2025

# Welcome Back Mixer

**Date: Tuesday, January 21st**

**Time: 12-1pm**

**Location: APIDA Center**



Let's kick off the Spring 2025 semester together! Join us at the APIDA Center. We will provide hot cocoa and tea, plus fun toppings and snacks.



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Celebrate Lunar New Year with us!

**When:**  
**Wed, Jan 29, 2025**

**4-5pm: Lion Dance**  
**@Student Union**  
**Courtyard**

featuring:  
White Dragon of East County

**Wed, Jan 29th**  
**5-6pm**

**Join us at the APIDA**  
**Center for activities,**  
**tea, and snacks!**





# Know APIDA History!



## **APIDA Center celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!**

In the 1960s, the United States was immersed in the Civil Rights Movement, a struggle for justice and equal rights led by Black Americans. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968), who was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, is widely recognized as one of the leaders of the movement.

Did you know Dr. King visited SDSU? In May 1964, Dr. King spoke in our Open Air Theatre to over 4,000 people. Less than two months later, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was signed. It outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Dr. King has often credited Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948) as a major source of inspiration. Gandhi led a movement to liberate India from British colonial rule and espoused the idea of nonviolence. King embraced Gandhi's nonviolent philosophy. Gandhi, however, was not the only South Asian influence on the Civil Rights Movement. Manmatha Nath Chatterjee (1888-1964) and Krishnalal Shridharani (1911-1960), two [South Asian American activists](#), also played important roles in this fight for liberation.

Other Asian American activists also stood in solidarity and joined the fight for civil rights along with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For example, Kiyoshi Kuromiya (1943-2000), a Japanese American civil rights and gay rights activist, served as an aide to Dr. King. Kuromiya supported the marches from Selma to Montgomery in Alabama. He helped Black high school students register to vote. During the week of Dr. King's funeral, Kuromiya cared for his children.

Days after Dr. King's assassination, community leaders started a campaign for a holiday in his honor. On November 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan (1911-2004) signed the King Holiday Bill into law, designating the third Monday of January a federal holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The campus will be closed on Monday, January 20th to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King.

The San Diego community continues to honor Dr. King. The [Gus and Emma Thompson Black Resource Center](#) will be participating in the 43rd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade this Sunday, January 19th starting at 11:00am on Harbor Drive in downtown San Diego. Join us!



## Upcoming APIDA Center Events

### **Welcome Back Mixer**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Tuesday, January 21 from 12-1pm**

Let's kick off the Spring 2025 semester together! We will provide hot cocoa and tea, plus fun toppings and snacks. Faculty, staff, and students are all invited!

### **Residential Advisor/Community Assistant Info Session\***

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Dates: Thursday, January 23 from 1-2pm**

Interested in becoming a resident advisor or community assistant with the Residential Education Office? Attend an information session to learn more!

### **Lunar New Year Celebration**

**Locations: Student Union Courtyard & APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, January 29 from 4-6pm**

Join us from 4-5pm for our Lion Dance performance in the Student Union Courtyard (featuring White Dragon of East County). Then, join us at the APIDA Center from 5-6pm for fun activities, tea, and snacks!

### **National Puzzle Day!**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, January 29 from 6-8pm**

Of course the APIDA Center is celebrating National Puzzle Day! We love puzzles! Join us to learn more about Asian connections to puzzles and then puzzle with us! We will have lots of different types of puzzle activities!

### **Cultural Education Program: Fred Korematsu Day\***

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Thursday, January 30 from 1-2pm**

January 30th is Fred Korematsu Day. Learn more about Korematsu (1919-2005), a Japanese American civil rights leader, who resisted the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II (1939-1945). We are partnering with [@sdsujsa](#).

### **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!

### **Leveling Up: Navigating Upper Division Status\***

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 from 1-2pm**

Are you around 60 completed units and planning to take upper division courses soon? If so, join us to learn more about what being "upper division" status means and take advantage of campus resources.

### **Craft for a Cause**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Dates: All Semester Long!**

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.

*NOTE: In order to participate in the workshop (i.e., crafts, food, etc.) and/or earn APIDA SWAG, course extra credit, etc., you must attend events on time and in their entirety and be engaged for the entire event. For events marked with an asterisk (\*), we will not permit attendees after the indicated start time. We don't want you to miss out on anything and we want to be courteous to the presenters.*

### **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).



# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- [Vietnamese Student Association](#) is looking for cast and crew members for their annual [Vietnamese Culture Night \(VCN\)](#). [Sign up](#) by Sat, Jan 19th.
- [AB Samahan](#)'s [2025 Alumni Mentorship Program applications](#) are currently open. Alumni must apply by 11:59pm on Fri, Jan 24th.

## Community Center Partners:

- The [Undocumented Resource Center \(URC\)](#) is hosting a [Build Your Own Semester Survival Kit workshop](#) on Thurs, Jan 23rd from 11:30am-2pm.

## Campus Partners:

- [SDSU Career Services](#) is looking for [student volunteers](#) to provide support during their upcoming career fairs. [Sign up](#) and [register for training](#) today!
- SDSU Residential Education Office is accepting applications for Residential Advisors and Community Assistants. [Apply](#) by Jan. 31st. REO is hosting several [information sessions](#). The next info session is on Tues, Jan. 21st at 6pm in Tula.
- [SDSU Education Opportunity Programs Learning Support Center](#) is hosting a workshop focused on [Support Programs & Resources for STEM Majors](#) on Wed, Jan 22nd from 1-2pm.
- The [International Student Center \(ISC\)](#) is hosting a [J-1 Employment Information Session](#) on Thurs, Jan 23rd at 11am.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- Asian Business Association San Diego is hosting a Lunar New Year Celebration on Fri, Jan 24th from 5:30-8:30pm at Sycuan Casino Resort. [Buy tickets](#) today!
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). Their next workshop is "The First Lunar New Year Celebration in the U.S." on Mon, Jan. 27th at 4pm (PST). [Register](#) today!



# Paid Internships & Scholarships

## Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** Pacific Arts Movement is looking for a Community Engagement and Outreach Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Penske is looking for Supply Chain Management and Logistics Interns. [Apply](#) today!
- The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 Congressional Fellowship Program. [Apply](#) by Jan. 31st.
- **NEW!** SDSU and UCSD Cancer Research and Education to Advance Health Equity (CREATE) Program is looking for undergraduate student interns pursuing careers in research, STEM, healthcare, public health, and other jobs related to cancer, cancer health disparities, and cancer prevention. [Apply](#) by Feb. 14th.
- CVS Pharmacy in El Cajon is looking for a Graduate Pharmacist Intern. [Apply](#) by May 1st.



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## Scholarships:

- Seeding Change is accepting applications for the 2025 National Fellowship Program for Asian American Organizing and Civic Engagement. [Apply](#) by Jan. 19th.
- **NEW!** The Society of Women Engineers is offering \$2,500 to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a career in engineering/technology. [Apply](#) by Jan. 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.
- The National Institute for Labor Relations Research is offering \$1,000 to undergraduate students pursuing a degree in education. [Apply](#) by Jan. 31st.
- 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. 14th.
- **NEW!** The Hospitality Diversity Action Council is offering \$5,000 to college students pursuing a career in a hospitality-related field. [Apply](#) by Feb. 14th.
- **NEW!** The Lao Community Cultural Center of San Diego is offering \$500 to undergraduate students of Lao American heritage. [Apply](#) by March 15th.
- 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.