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

January 24, 2025



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Attend our programs!

We just completed our first week of the Spring 2025 semester. It was wonderful to see students back on campus and at the APIDA Center. Come over! We want to see all the people! (That means YOU!)

We are thrilled to be kicking off another semester of programming! As you know, the APIDA Center loves hosting programs. We take great pride in creating and developing each one. To honor the presenters' time and efforts, we ask that folks be respectful audience members and adhere to our program attendance policies.

As a reminder: Please be sure to show up on time and engage the entire time. We often begin our programs with an educational component. In order to participate in the workshop (i.e., crafts, food, etc.) and/or earn **APIDA SWAG**, course extra credit, etc., you must be present for the educational component and participate in the hands-on component. Again, please attend events on time and in their entirety and be engaged for the entire event. For many of our workshops and guest speakers, 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. Also, most importantly, we want folks to be in community with us as we learn about APIDA histories, narratives, and experiences.

We welcome all into our space and ask that folks respect our program attendance policies. In doing so, you will learn with us and have fun with us - I promise!!

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about Lunar New Year Celebrations in San Diego!

Lunar New Year is a holiday that celebrates the arrival of Spring. It is typically celebrated in late January or early February and lasts for 15 days. Lunar New Year is an important celebration in several Asian countries including China, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, and Vietnam. This year, Lunar New Year is celebrated on January 29th, 2025.

There are several Lunar New Year celebrations across San Diego. One of the earliest celebrations is the [San Diego Chinese New Year Fair](#), which was started in 1983 by the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association. Many of the founding members are descendants of Chinese immigrants who settled in San Diego in the 1880s. This year, the organization is hosting their 42nd annual Chinese New Year Fair at Balboa Park from February 15th to 16th from 11-5pm.

Another big celebration that attracts thousands of attendees each year is the [San Diego Tết Festival](#). The San Diego Tết Festival was started by the Vietnamese American Youth Alliance (VAYA) over 20 years ago. Today, it is considered the second largest Tết festival in the United States. This year, the San Diego Tết Festival will take place from January 31st to February 2nd at NTC Park in Liberty Station.

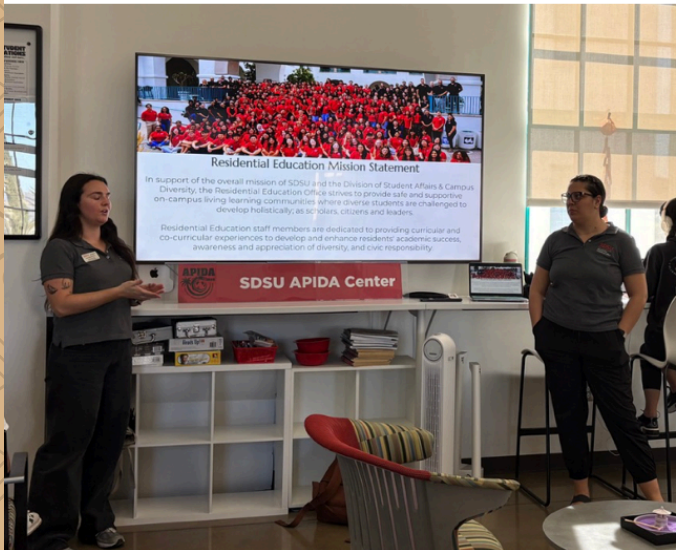
The APIDA Center has been celebrating Lunar New Year since 2021. This year, join us on Wednesday, January 29th from 4-6pm to celebrate the Year of the Snake. We will be featuring lion dancing from the White Dragon of East County from 4-5pm in the Student Union Courtyard. Then join us at the APIDA Center from 5-6pm for fun activities, tea, and snacks!

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts a Welcome Back Mixer!

Tuesday, January 21st was the first day of classes for the Spring 2025 semester. We hosted a mixer to welcome students, faculty and staff back to campus. We served hot chocolate, hot tea, and snacks. APIDA joy, here we come!



APIDA Center hosts an REO info session!

On Thursday, January 23rd, we hosted a [Residential Education Office \(REO\)](#) info session in our space. The APIDA Center loves our campus partners, especially REO. We have partnered with them for our [A-LIST residential learning community](#) and other initiatives.

Note: REO is accepting applications for Residential Advisors and Community Assistants. [Apply](#) by January 31st. Learn more by attending their other [information sessions](#).

APIDA Recommendation: Chloe Morimoto



Chloe Morimoto is a third-year Art (Interior Architecture) major. She is also an APIDA Center student staff member. She said, "I recommend [Ninang Cheryl](#) because she has so many adorable amigurumi creations. You may have seen her at the APIDA Center's Makers' Market as she has been a vendor for the past few years. As someone who crochets occasionally, I can say that the amount of work she puts in for each of her creations is very admirable. On top of her apparent dedication to her small business, she is also such a sweet and genuine person." Ninang Cheryl is owned by **Cheryl Cayabyab**, a graphic designer at KPBS and an APIDA creative. (She also gifted the APIDA Center a plant, for which we are so grateful!) *Amigurumi is the Japanese art of knitting or crocheting small, stuffed yarn creatures.



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: Learn to Crochet!*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, January 27 from 6-8pm

The APIDA Center is committed to making hats, scarves, and blankets to community members in need. We are hosting a workshop to teach folks how to crochet. Also, crocheting may have Asian origins! Learn with us!

D.I.Y. Lucky Red Envelopes

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, January 28 from 6-8pm

Make lucky red envelopes with us. Give them to family or friends OR feed the lions at our lion dance performance the next day!

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](#).

Reality Bites: Rising from Failure*

Location: Zoom

Date: Friday, January 31 from 2-3pm

Did you fail a course or not meet the minimum grade requirement? This workshop can help you identify academic barriers and create an action plan to pivot toward academic success for the Spring 2025 semester. Feel free to be anonymous by logging in to Zoom without a video and with your initials or another non-identifier. Register at bit.ly/APIDARealityBites.

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.

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Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [AB Samahan](#) announced their [40th FACN Rehearsal Schedule](#), which begins on Jan 27th.
- [Alpha Psi Rho](#), [Alpha Phi Gamma](#), [Delta Sigma Psi](#), [Sigma Phi Omega](#), and [Alpha Phi Omega](#) will be tabling from Jan 27th to Jan 31st from 10-2pm on North Library Walkway for their Spring 2025 Recruitment.

Community Center Partners:

- [Cross-Cultural Center](#) at SDSU Imperial Valley is hiring a [Cross Cultural Assistant](#). Submit resumes to Dlopez10@sdsu.edu.
- Bridge the Gap San Diego is looking for interns to support their BTGFEST planning. [Apply](#) by Fri, Jan 24th.
- [Project Rebound](#) is supporting the Playwrights Project to present the 13th season of [Beyond Prison Walls](#). Show dates are Jan. 24th at 7pm and Jan. 25th at 2pm and 7pm in the Student Union Theatre.
- [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#) is looking for volunteers to support their Spring 2025 programs. [Apply](#) by Jan 27th.
- [Undocumented Resource Center \(URC\)](#) is hosting a [Know Your Rights workshop](#) on Jan 29th at 6pm on Zoom. [Register](#) today!
- [Black Resource Center](#) is looking for artists to participate in their [2nd Annual Black Culture Art and Soul Showcase](#). [Register](#) by Jan 30th.
- [Pride Center](#) is hosting [Gender Journey](#) every Thursday from 2-3pm. Sessions begin on Jan 30th.
- [Native Resource Center \(NRC\)](#) and [Elymash Yuuchaap Indigenous Scholars and Leaders](#) are hosting a [Native & Indigenous Research & Arts Symposium Information Session](#) on Jan 30th from 2-3pm.

Campus Partners:

- [Career Services](#) is looking for [student volunteers](#) to provide support during their upcoming career fairs. [Sign up](#) and [register for training](#) today!
- [International Student Center \(ISC\)](#) is hosting a Social Hour on Jan 24th from 12:00-1:30pm.
- [Cal Coast Student Financial Center](#) is hosting California Dream Act Application Overview Webinar on Jan 28th at 5pm on [Zoom](#).
- [Education Opportunity Programs \(EOP\) Learning Support Center](#) is hosting a workshop entitled, ["First Generation Entrepreneurship Experiences Program"](#) with ZIP Launchpad on Jan 29th from 11-12pm.
- [Aztec Recreation Center](#) is hosting [ARC Fest](#) on Jan 30th from 6-9pm.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- Oklahoma State University PhD Candidate Marcia Sun is conducting a study to examine the role of language proficiency in the social integration process for Undergraduate Chinese International Students. For a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card, take the [survey](#).
- Asian Business Association San Diego is hosting a Lunar New Year Celebration on Jan 24th from 5:30-8:30pm at Sycuan Casino Resort. [Buy tickets](#) today!
- Little Saigon San Diego is hosting a [Lunar New Year Festival](#) from Jan 24-26th at Officer Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park. Admission is free!
- 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. [Register](#) today!
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice Chicago is hosting a webinar entitled, "Preparing Immigrant Communities" on Jan 30th from 1-2pm. [Register](#) today!
- Mālama 'Āina Foundation opened their applications for the [2025 Blue Water Exchange program](#), an all-expense paid, six-month leadership program for emerging leaders. [Apply](#) by Jan. 31st.
- Nominations for [One Book One San Diego](#) 2025 are now open! [Share your nominations](#) by March 15th.

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- 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's Summer 2025 Undergraduate College Student Internship Program applications are open, prioritizing college juniors pursuing degrees in engineering, computing, and business. [Apply](#) by Feb. 1st.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The Center on Policy Initiatives is looking for participants for their Students for Economic Justice Summer Internship Program. [Apply](#) by Mar. 9th.
- CVS Pharmacy in El Cajon is looking for a Graduate Pharmacist Intern. [Apply](#) by May 1st.

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Scholarships:

- The Society of Women Engineers is offering \$2,500 to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a career in engineering or 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.
- 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 San Diego Foundation is offering multiple scholarships to current undergraduate and graduate students. [Apply](#) by Mar. 5th.
- **NEW!** National Parent Volunteer Association is offering \$1,000 to undergraduate and graduate students. [Apply](#) for the Act of Kindness Scholarship by Feb. 28th.
- The Lao Community Cultural Center of San Diego is offering \$500 to undergraduate students of Lao American heritage. [Apply](#) by March 15th.
- **NEW!** The Aga Khan Foundation is offering scholarships to graduate students. [Apply](#) by March 31st.
- 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.