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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

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

February 1, 2025



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: ISO APIDA history at SDSU!

The APIDA history at SDSU is strong but hidden. The APIDA Center and the Office of AANAPISI Affairs aims to uncover all the APIDA stories at SDSU. We have dreams to write a book, create a campus historical tour, create a virtual museum, and more!

For example, we know that Filipinos studied at SDSU in 1903 as “pensionados” who came to the United States following the acquisition of the Philippines from Spain after the Spanish American War in 1898. And, we want to know so much more! We want to know all things APIDA! Some questions we want to find out are: Who was the first APIDA graduate in each college? Who was the first APIDA professor in each college? What was the college experience like for APIDA students in each decade?...and so much more!

We will be working with various campus and community partners to collect our stories. Most importantly, we would love to connect with APIDA alumni and long-serving faculty and staff. We want to hear from you. Standby as we create a process for collecting SDSU APIDA stories. In the meantime, feel free to email apida@sdsu.edu if you have a story you can't wait to share! We want to hear from you!

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about the UVSA Tết Festival!

Tết, also known as Tết Nguyên Đán, is the Vietnamese Lunar New Year. Tết Nguyên Đán translates to "Feast of the First Morning." Tết celebrates the arrival of spring and lasts for up to seven days. During this time, families reunite, honor ancestors, and wish for good fortune in the upcoming year.

The largest Tết celebration in the United States is the [UVSA Tết Festival](#) that takes place annually in Southern California. The festival is organized by the [Union of Vietnamese Student Association \(UVSA\)](#), which was established in 1982. UVSA brings together Vietnamese American youth including students from different colleges and high schools throughout Southern California. Its goal is to build unity and advocate for social justice issues that affect the larger Vietnamese and Vietnamese American community.

For over 40 years, the UVSA Tết Festival has brought over 50,000 guests from across the United States. The celebrations include a vibrant showcase of Vietnamese culture, food, and entertainment. This year, the UVSA Tết Festival theme is "A Spring of Remembrance," or "Xuân Hoài Niệm." To celebrate the Year of the Snake, the UVSA Tết Festival will take place from Friday, January 31st to Sunday, February 2nd at Garden Grove Park.

SDSU's Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) was established in 1968 and is a member of UVSA. They hosted an activity table at our Lunar New Year festival and are preparing for their Vietnamese Culture Night in April. Our student orgs are amazing!

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center learns to crochet!

Did you know that crocheting has Chinese origins? It probably developed from Chinese needlework known as tambouring. On Monday, January 27th, we hosted a workshop to teach crocheting. We are so excited to be passing on these skills; we want to spread the love for the fiber arts!



APIDA Center makes red envelopes!

Lucky red envelopes are given out at Lunar New Year to the younger generation. They are usually filled with money and symbolize good fortune, wealth, and luck. On Tuesday, January 28th, we made and decorated our own red envelopes.



APIDA Center celebrates Lunar New Year!

On Wednesday, January 29th, we celebrated the Year of the Wood Snake. We hosted our third annual Lunar New Year celebration in the Student Union Courtyard. (In previous years, we celebrated online and at the APIDA Center.) It was soooo amazing! We had eleven lions dancing in the courtyard. We gave away snacks and hosted activity tables. Many thanks to the following groups for tabling: AAS, CAPS, REO, AAJA, APSA, VSA, PISA, ChASA, and of course, the APIDA Center staff! Let's shed off the bad energy and slither into a year of regeneration and regrowth!



APIDA Center hosts Puzzle Day!

January 29th is National Puzzle Day! As our loyal readers know, the APIDA Center loves puzzles. Our students finish at least one puzzle a week. We hosted a workshop in which students learned more about the Asian origins and/or connections to puzzles and then we played with different Asian puzzles, plus our new Lunar New Year-themed jigsaw.



APIDA Center celebrates Fred Korematsu Day!

The Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution is celebrated on January 30. It was first signed into law in California in 2010 and is now celebrated in at least seven other states. It commemorates the birthday of Fred Korematsu (1919-2005), a Japanese American activist who resisted the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II (1939-1945). It is the first day in U.S. history named after an Asian American.

On Thursday, January 30th, the APIDA Center teamed up with the Japanese Student Association (JSA) to host a cultural education program about Fred Korematsu.

APIDA Recommendation: Tyler Lum



Tyler Lum is the Assistant Coordinator for REO and CSOA. He is currently a graduate student in the PELSA program. He recommends [Bamboo Stickers](#), an APIDA-owned eco-friendly sticker company based in Hawaii. He said, "I love Bamboo Stickers because they are different from ordinary stickers. I like that they promote sustainable living by creating eco-friendly stickers made of bamboo instead of plastic. They also offer a variety of designs. I personally enjoy their marine life collection because they remind me of my time in Hawaii."

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Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Cultural Crafting Night: Finger Weaving Snakes*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, February 3, 2025 from 6-8pm

Celebrate the Year of the Snake with us! Learn more about Lunar New Year, the significance of the Snake, and the history and art of finger weaving across cultures. Then, create your own finger-knitted yarn snake.

SDSU Food Safety Training*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 from 1-2pm

Do you plan to serve food at your events? If so, SDSU requires Food Safety training. The training is good for one year. All are welcome! Next training dates are on February 21st and March 11th.

Student Success Fee Workshop*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025 from 1-2pm

The Student Success Fee (SSF) is a funding opportunity for students. The deadline to submit an application/grant proposal is March 7th. To learn more, the APIDA Center is teaming up with the SSF team to host an info session.

Meet Your Counselor*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025 from 2-3pm

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.

Talk it Out!

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 from 4:30-6:30pm

In collaboration with Counseling & Psychological Services, the APIDA Center is hosting "Talk It Out," a program where students can speak with a therapist for about 20 minutes about anything and everything. No appointments are needed. Just come and talk it out with Dr. Tri Nguyễn on Mondays from 4:30-6:30pm.

Snake Bead Applique*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 from 6-8pm

Celebrate the Year of the Snake with us! Learn more about Lunar New Year, the significance of the Snake, and the history and art of bead applique across cultures. Then, create your own snake bead applique.

Vietnamese Đông Hồ*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, February 17, 2025 from 6-8pm

Celebrate the Year of the Snake with us! Learn more about Tết, the Vietnamese Lunar New Year and the Vietnamese traditional folk art history of Đông Hồ used to decorate homes for the holidays. Then, create your own Đông Hồ inspired stamp art.

DIY Daruma Dolls*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 from 6-8pm

Celebrate the Year of the Snake with us! Learn about the history and art of Japanese daruma dolls which symbolize good fortune and are often used to set goals and make wishes. Then, create your own daruma doll - crochet or clay!

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.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [Asian Pacific Student Alliance \(APSA\)](#) is selling [Sanrio Valentine Grams](#) from Tues, Jan 28 through Fri, Feb 6.
- [Tabletop Gaming Club at SDSU](#) announced their February Calendar. [Check it out!](#)
- [Taiwanese Student Association \(TSA\)](#) is hosting a [General Body Meeting](#) on Fri, Jan 31 from 3:30-5:30pm in Matayu'um.
- [Delta Sigma Psi](#) is hosting a [Ding Tea Fundraiser](#) on Fri, Jan 31 from 6-8pm.
- [Badminton Club at SDSU](#) is hosting a [BBQ and Board Games Social](#) on Thurs, Feb 6th at 7:30pm.
- [AAPI Pre-Law Society \(APLS\)](#) is hosting a [San Diego Courthouse Tour](#) on Fri, Feb 7 from 8:00-12:30pm. [Sign up](#) today!

Community Center Partners:

- [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#) is hosting virtual sessions for [The Brave Project](#) on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30pm. [Register](#) now.
- [Pride Center](#) is partnering with Counseling and Psychological Services to host [Lounge with Luna](#) on Mon, Feb 3 from 3-4pm. They will also be hosting [Free HIV Testing](#) in partnership with CHIP and San Ysidro Health on Thurs, Feb 6 from 11-4pm.
- [Project Rebound SDSU](#) is hosting a [screening of "The Strike"](#) on Mon, Feb 3 at 5pm in PSFA 108.
- The [Black Resource Center \(BRC\)](#) and the Africana Studies Department are hosting a [Black History Month Opening Ceremony](#) on Mon, Feb 3rd from 3-4pm at the Love Library Africana Studies Collection (3rd Floor). The BRC and the [WRC](#) are also launching their [Women of Color Empowerment Group](#) on Thurs, Feb 6 from 5:30-7:00pm.
- [Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) is launching their monthly [Juntxs Avanzamos](#) on Thurs, Feb 6th from 2-3pm.

Campus Partners:

- [SDSU's University Seal of Biliteracy and Cultural Competence \(USBCC\)](#) is offering a digital badge that SDSU students can earn by participating in a cultural and linguistic immersion experience through standardized testing that covers reading, writing, listening, and speaking in a language other than English. [Sign up](#) today!
- The [Charles Wei-hsun Fu Center for Asian Pacific Studies \(CAPS\)](#) wants to showcase the incredible accomplishments of Asian+ Studies students. Submit your story and photos to caps@sdsu.edu.
- SDSU's Division of Research and Innovation in collaboration with the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts and the Institute for Innovative Governance are hosting [a conversation with former Ambassador Nina Hachigian](#) on Fri, Jan 31 from 9-10am at SDSU Love Library 431.
- SDSU Career Services is hosting [STEM Career Fair Day 1](#) on Wed, Feb 5th from 10-2pm in Montezuma Hall. Attendees must register through [Handshake](#).
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- [Bridge the Gap San Diego](#) is hosting "Sarap Sounds" on Fri, Jan 31 from 3-10pm at Friends of Friends in National City.
- The Vietnamese American Youth Alliance (VAYA) is hosting their annual [San Diego Tết Festival](#) from Fri, Jan 31 to Sun, Feb 2 at NTC Park in Liberty Station.
- Scholarships Corner opened applications for an all-expense-paid 7-week Summer Internship in South Korea from July to August. [Apply](#) by Wed, Feb 5.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#).

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** The Asian Pacific American Coalition is looking for Summer Interns. [Apply](#) by Feb. 10th.
- **NEW!** The Asian American Journalists Association and ABC News is looking for Summer Interns for the ABC News/Alexa Valiente Internship Program. [Apply](#) by Feb. 14th.
- 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.
- The Center on Policy Initiatives is looking for participants for their Students for Economic Justice Summer Internship Program. [Apply](#) by March 9th.
- CVS Pharmacy in El Cajon is looking for a Graduate Pharmacist Intern. [Apply](#) by May 1st.

Scholarships:

- **NEW!** The Asian American Journalists Association is offering \$2,500 to undergraduate students of AAPI descent pursuing a career in sports journalism through the AI Young Sports Journalism Scholarship Program. [Apply](#) by Feb. 14th.
- 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 Asian Pacific Islander Capitol Association (APICA) is offering a 10-week summer fellowship for college students (21+) interested in public policy. The fellowship includes a \$6,400 stipend, orientation, and meaningful work experience in a legislative office. [Apply](#) by Feb. 21st.
- National Parent Volunteer Association is offering \$1,000 to undergraduate and graduate students. [Apply](#) for the Act of Kindness Scholarship by Feb. 28th.
- The San Diego Foundation is offering multiple scholarships to current undergraduate and graduate students. [Apply](#) by March 5th.
- The Lao Community Cultural Center of San Diego is offering \$500 to undergraduate students of Lao American heritage. [Apply](#) by March 15th.
- 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.