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

February 7, 2025

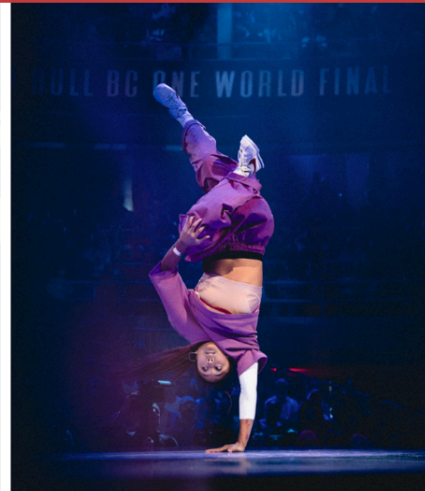


From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Spreading APIDA joy in San Jose!

Gi Gonzales and I have had a whirlwind weekend. We spoke at two conferences in San Jose. At the Cambodian American Model Curriculum Conference, we met with teachers in Northern California and shared our commitment to teach about the Cambodian American experience. At the California School Librarian Association's annual conference, we hosted five author panels, booksignings, and more. One of the panels was about Asian American children's literature and the power of representation. I challenge you all to read a book or watch a movie about the APIDA experience!

One of the advantages of speaking at these events is the opportunity to brag about all the wonderful things that SDSU is doing to serve our APIDA students. Another advantage is getting an opportunity to meet others engaged in the work as well. Keep fighting for our communities.

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center welcomes Logistx!

Breaking, also known as breakdancing, is a dynamic, acrobatic street-born dance performed by individuals known as breakers. Breaking is one of the core elements of hip hop, along with DJing, MCing/rapping, and graffiti. Hip hop culture was created by Black and Latino youths in the Bronx in New York City in the 1970s.

All through the 1970s, breaking spread throughout New York and eventually around the world via street performance, house parties, and the media. Breaking crews started appearing on national television. Breakers started appearing in music videos and movies. As breaking and hip hop gained more media attention, its influence spread widely outside New York and into communities across the country, including San Diego.

Born in Chula Vista, California, Logan "Logistx" Edra (born 2003) is a Filipina American breaker, or b-girl. Edra began her dancing journey when she was seven years old, taking dance lessons at Culture Shock. She was inspired by a female breakdancing teacher. Her father also supported her pursuing breaking as a career.

Edra attended Wolf Canyon Elementary and Camarena Elementary and then was homeschooled. Her name, Logistx, was inspired by her father who said she "needed a plan." Today, her plan includes competing and winning numerous breakdancing competitions such as the 2018 Silverback Open Championships, the 2020 Junior Breaking 7-To-Smoke Radical Forze Jam, and the 2021 Red Bull BC One World Final. Most notably, she recently represented Team USA at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics which debuted the sport of breaking.

Logistx is coming to SDSU! Join the APIDA Center, One SDSU Community, and (AAPI)Phany on Tuesday, February 11th from 5-7pm in Montezuma Hall to meet and move with Logistx! She will present her [S.E.L.F. \(Self Expressing Life Fearlessly\) Intensive](#), where she will engage attendees in healing through movement grounded in the origins and fundamentals of hip hop culture. All are welcome! Come join us!

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center finger weaves snakes!

On Monday, February 3rd, we hosted a Lunar New Year-themed cultural crafting workshop in which we learned about the art and tradition of finger weaving and then made snakes to celebrate the Year of the Snake!



APIDA Center hosts workshops!

This past week, the APIDA Center hosted several workshops with our campus partners. On Wednesday, February 5th, we hosted a food safety training with Ms. **Claire Norberg** from Environmental Health and Safety. On Thursday, February 6th, we hosted a Student Success Fee workshop with Mr. Craig Winton from Student Success Fee. On Thursday, February 6th, we also hosted a Meet the Counselor event with Dr. **Koko Nishi** from Counseling and Psychological Services.

APIDA Recommendation: Diego Del Mundo



Diego Del Mundo is a second-year Undergraduate Student majoring in Television, Film, and Media with an emphasis in Critical Studies. He is also an APIDA Center Student Assistant. He recommends the book *Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay. The book tells the story of a Filipino-American boy who travels to the Philippines to uncover the truth about his cousin's murder. Diego said, "I first read this book for a summer reading assignment in high school. The books we were given to choose from didn't really pique my interest, until I came across this book. It's so rare to see books about Filipino Americans in the mainstream and when I saw that this book was an option for me to read, I was just so excited. And that excitement continued as I was reading the book, which is truly harrowing in its storytelling. It is beyond profound in its portrayal of a Filipino American visiting the Philippines during the Duterte presidency. I connected with so many moments from this book, which deepened my love and respect for my culture and heritage."

FUN FACT: Dr. Loh-Hagan and Gi Vargas met Randy Ribay (National Book Award finalist) at the California School Librarian Association Conference in San Jose this past weekend!

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

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.

Meet Olympic B-Girl and Hometown Hero: Logistx*

Location: Montezuma Hall

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 from 5-7pm

Get ready to move with B-Girl Logan "Logistx" Edra, a Filipina American Olympic breaker and APIDA Hometown Hero! Logistx will present her "S.E.L.F." (Self Expressing Life Fearlessly) Workshop, which will engage attendees in healing through movement grounded in the origins and fundamentals of hip hop culture. This collaborative event is presented by the SDSU APIDA Center, (AAPI)Phany, and One SDSU Community.

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 accepting [Shadow applications](#) until Sun, Feb 9th.
- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting a [Valentine's Day Bouquet Making Social](#) on Fri, Feb 7th from 4-6pm in Legacy Suite.
- [Taiwanese Student Association \(TSA\)](#) is hosting a [Karaoke Social](#) on Sun, Feb 9th at 7pm at Melody Karaoke & Cafe.
- [Vietnamese Student Association \(VSA\)](#) is hosting a [fundraiser](#) all day on Mon, Feb 10th at Lee's Sandwich.
- [SDSU Nikkei Student Union \(NSU\)](#) is promoting the Intercollegiate Nikkei Council's Nikkei Professionals Event on Sat, March 1st. [Register](#) by Feb 15th.

Community Center Partners:

- The [Black Resource Center \(BRC\)](#) is hosting a series of events for [Black History Month](#).
- The [Center for Graduate Life and Diversity](#) is hosting "[Mental Health with Mario: Digital Detaching](#)" on Tues, Feb 11th from 12-2pm.
- The [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#) is starting their virtual sessions for [The Brave Project](#) on Wednesdays, starting on Feb 12th from 1:00-2:30pm. [Register](#) today!
- The [Undocumented Resource Center \(URC\)](#) is hosting a [Know Your Rights Workshop](#) on Wed, Feb 12th at 6pm on Zoom. This session will be presented in Spanish.
- The [Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) is hosting "[Celebrating Art, Culture, and Community: Mural Dedication](#)" on Thurs, Feb 13th from 4-6pm.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations \(CIR\)](#), Center for Graduate Life and Diversity, and Young Men of Color Alliance are hosting "[YMOCA Real Talks](#)" on Thurs, Feb 13th from 12-1pm.
- The [Pride Center](#) is partnering with the SDSU Pride ERG and the URC to host a [Thank You Card and Flower Crafting Workshop](#) on Thurs, Feb 13th from 12:30-1:30pm.

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Campus Partners:

- Commuter Life at SDSU and SDSU Residential Education Office are hosting a series of events for [Sophomore Week](#) from Feb 10-13th.
- SDSU University Library is hosting "[Love Data Week: Finding Data Sources](#)" on Mon, Feb 10th from 2-3pm on Zoom. [Register](#) today!
- The Charles Wei-hsun Fu Center for Asian and Pacific Studies is hosting guest speaker Park Jeong-Mi, author of [The State's Sexuality: Prostitution and Postcolonial Nation Building in South Korea](#) on Mon, Feb 10th at 4pm in Physics 148.
- SDSU EOPOS is hosting "[Breaking Barriers: Navigating Boundaries, Pride, and Family Expectations](#)" on Wed, Feb 12th from 1-2pm in SSW 2109.
- SDSU Career Services is hosting their [Meet the Boss: CEO of Turtle Beach](#) on Thurs, Feb 13th from 2-3pm.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The AjA Project is hosting the "[Record of Truth](#)" [Photography Exhibition](#) in partnership with Karen Organization of San Diego on Sat, Feb 8th from 3-6pm. [Register](#) today!
- The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association is hosting their 42nd Annual [San Diego Chinese New Year Fair](#) on Feb 8-9th from 10-5pm in Downtown San Diego.
- Japanese American Citizens League San Diego will host their next Monthly Virtual Dialogue on Thurs, Feb 13th at 6:30pm. The event will feature Nancy Sasaki, President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Way of San Diego County. RSVP for Zoom link to jaclsandiego@gmail.com.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#).

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- The Asian Pacific American Coalition is looking for Summer Interns. [Apply](#) by Feb. 10th.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The California Local News Fellowship is a full-time, paid program open for early-career journalists. [Apply](#) by Feb. 21st.
- The Center on Policy Initiatives is looking for participants for their Students for Economic Justice Summer Internship Program. [Apply](#) by March 9th.
- **NEW!** La Jolla Playhouse is looking for Summer interns. [Apply](#) by March 14th.
- CVS Pharmacy in El Cajon is looking for a Graduate Pharmacist Intern. [Apply](#) by May 1st.

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Scholarships:

- 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.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The Bettersworth Law Firm is offering \$1,000 to students pursuing a career in legal, law enforcement, pre-law, or government. [Apply](#) by March 26th.
- **NEW!** Earl Pascua Filipino-American Scholarship is offering \$500 to an undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a STEM or History degree. [Apply](#) by March 31st.
- 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.