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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
Resource Center**

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

February 21, 2025

All students, regardless of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin, who are interested in APIDA Center programming and services are welcome.



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Proud to be R1!

Woohoo! SDSU is officially classified as a R1 research institution, the highest distinction given to doctoral universities by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. SDSU is also among only 15 R1 universities who are also designated as both a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI). Such a designation means increased opportunities for funding and collaborations; in addition, it increases our prestige and recognizes our top-tier contributions to research. We should be very proud of our connection to SDSU - as a student, alum, faculty, staff, family, community member, and more. SDSU for life!



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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Center

APIDA in Research Institute: The Power of Student Research

When: Friday, Feb. 28th
from 10:00am-3:30pm

Where: APIDA Center



RSVP Today!



Are you interested in conducting research? Join us to gain support and to be inspired to be a student researcher! All participants will receive professional development, swag, and a free lunch. The APIDA Center will also provide support for attendees' future research projects, including funding, coaching, finding mentors, providing regular check-ins, and more!

The APIDA Center is launching a new initiative to nurture our student researchers! Join us on Friday, February 28th from 10:00am-3:30pm for [APIDA in Research Institute: The Power of Student Research](#). All participants will receive professional development, swag, and a free lunch. We will also provide support for attendees' future research projects, including funding, coaching, finding mentors, providing regular check-ins, and more! [RSVP](#) by Feb 26th.

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about APIDA sheroes!


Political measures and media portrayals have shaped the harmful perceptions of Asian and Asian American women as submissive and exotic. Asian American women have endured a long history of hypersexualization and fetishization. As a result, APIDA women have often become victims of sexual assault and violence.

Sexual assault and harassment are prevalent among college students. According to the [2022 Sexual Violence Campus Climate Survey Report](#) by SDSU, 22% of over 5,000 respondents indicated that they had experienced some form of sexual assault. Out of the 5,000 respondents, almost 30% identified as APIDA.

Several APIDA activists have spoken out about their experiences, amplifying the narratives of other victims and advocating for their rights. One such advocate is Amanda Nguyen (born 1991), a Vietnamese American activist who survived sexual assault while attending Harvard University. Her experience navigating the complexities of the legal system ignited her to seek justice and ensure that other victims have more support. Nguyen created *Rise*, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating for the rights of sexual assault survivors. Nguyen's efforts led to the passage of the Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights in 2016, a landmark legislative achievement ensuring that survivors have essential rights, such as the preservation of their rape kits. Nguyen also brought her movement to the United Nations, where they unanimously voted to pass a resolution recognizing rape in peacetime and condemning all forms of sexual and gender-based violence.

Another advocate is Chanel Miller (born 1992), a Chinese American writer who was an anonymous victim of sexual assault at Stanford University in 2015. After being known as "Emily Doe" through the investigation of her case, Miller published a victim impact statement in 2019 reclaiming her name and her story. In August 2019, Miller's memoir entitled *Know My Name* was published. It sparked a nationwide discussion about rape on college campuses and how survivors were not being heard.

Nguyen and Miller bravely shared their stories in an effort to help others. SDSU offers many resources to help students facing sexual harassment. Please reach out to the APIDA Center so we can connect you to a support system.




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x One Book One San Diego


Join us for a virtual Q&A with:

Chanel Miller

Come to our Watch Party & Book Discussion!



KNOW MY NAME
CHANEL MILLER



Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Time: 4-5pm
Location: APIDA Center

Chanel Miller's *Know My Name* tells a story of trauma and transformation. Her story sheds light on the stigma toward victims and the failing criminal justice system.

*Content warning: This book explores mature themes including sexual assault, subsequent trauma, and other challenging subject matter.

Get a copy of the book before the Watch Party by attending our pre-book discussion and silent reading time on Wed. March 5th from 4-5pm at the APIDA Center!

Get a free copy of Chanel Miller's *Know My Name*! Join the APIDA Center on Wednesday, March 12th at 4pm for a watch party of One Book One San Diego's virtual [Q&A event with Chanel Miller](#). We will also be giving out free copies on Wednesday, March 5th from 4-5pm during our pre-book discussion gathering. Join us to talk about books, sheroes, and more.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center honors Day of Remembrance!

The [Day of Remembrance](#) is observed to memorialize the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945) on February 19, 1942. This order authorized the forced removal and incarceration of over 120,000 Japanese Americans, two-thirds of whom were U.S. citizens. This incarceration has impacted and continued to impact generations of Japanese Americans. The purpose of this day is to honor the resilience of those affected, educate future generations about the dangers of wartime hysteria and racial prejudice, and ensure that such injustices never occur again.

On Wednesday, February 19, 2025, the APIDA Center in partnership with the University Art Gallery hosted a [Cultural Education Program](#) about the Day of Remembrance. We learned more about the Japanese American incarceration experience, Clara Breed (a San Diego librarian who wrote letters to children in the incarceration camps), contemporary examples, and more.



When: Tuesday, February 25th, 2025 from 2-5pm
Where: APIDA Center

2-3pm: Film screening & discussion of Sharon Yamato's "A Flicker in Eternity"

3-5pm: Collaging with Artist Devon Tsuno

Join us as we reflect on over 80 years of the impact of Executive Order 9066, which led to the forced removal and incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II (1939-1945).



We will continue our [Day of Remembrance](#) activities on Tuesday, February 25th. Join the University Art Gallery, the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego, and the APIDA Center as we reflect on over 80 years of the impact of Executive Order 9066. From 2-3pm, we will host a film screening of Sharon Yamato's "A Flicker in Eternity." From 3-5pm, we will host a collage-making workshop with Artist Devon Tsuno.

Opportunity: Angel Island



APIDA Center supports NEH trip to Angel Island!

In partnership with Montclair University and The Asian American Education Project, the APIDA Center is hosting an educational trip to San Francisco, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). This NEH K-12 Institute invites K-5 educators to dive deep into the overlooked stories of Asian American immigration through Angel Island. Over two weeks, teachers will explore the impact of exclusionary policies on individuals and communities, learning how to bring these complex histories into the classroom in meaningful ways. Through site visits, workshops, and lectures, participants will gain the skills to approach immigration as more than a single story and to guide students in asking critical questions. By the end, participants will create resources for their own classrooms and districts, supporting a richer, more inclusive approach to teaching history. All participating teachers will be given a \$2200 stipend to use to travel to Angel Island in San Francisco. More information (including the application) can be found at [NEH bridging histories | angel island](#).

This program was inspired by the APIDA Center's trip to the Angel Island Immigration Station and San Francisco, which we took last December. We learned so much about early Asian American immigration and visited museums, the oldest Chinatown in the United States, and more.

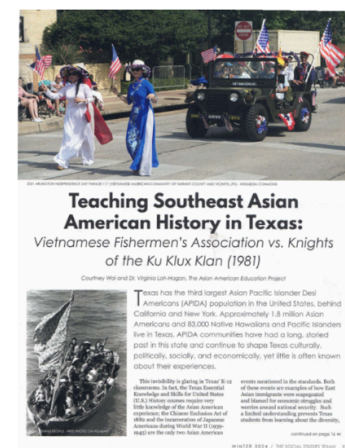
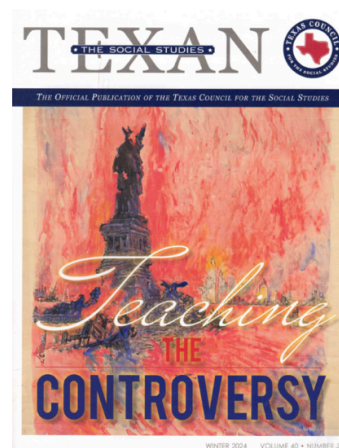
APIDA Flex Alerts!

Karl Horcasitas, SDSU alum, was an invited panelist on the [CSSC STEM Professionals Alumni Panel](#) on February 20th. Horcasitas is an IT DevOps Engineer at San Diego City Sheriff's department. (Fun Fact: Dr. Loh-Hagan was his third and fourth grade teacher at Liberty Elementary in Chula Vista.)

Dr. Y. Barry Chung, the Dean of the College of Education, was selected for the 2025 [Award for Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training in Psychology](#) from the American Psychological Association (APA). He said, "As a first generation Chinese immigrant using English as a second language and as an openly gay man, there was a lot against me...this award is a tremendous honor."

Dr. Yin Yu, School of Art and Design Assistant Professor, joins 27 other fellows selected for the 2025 [Business-Higher Education Forum \(BHEF\) Faculty Innovation Fellowship](#), a national network of faculty innovators advancing student success through business-higher education collaborations to implement capstone projects aimed at improving student success at their institutions.

Dr. Loh-Hagan co-authored an article entitled, "Teaching Southeast Asian American History in Texas" for the "Texan" journal.



We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

APIDA Recommendation: Riley Realica



Riley Realica is a transfer student and third-year Business Management Major. He recommends Piattos, a potato chip snack brand based in the Philippines. Piattos potato chips are available at Seafood City Supermarkets. They come in several unique flavors including roast beef, cheese, nacho pizza, roadhouse barbecue, and more. Riley said, "Back when I was living in the Philippines, I used to go around different stores in my school to look for snacks to munch on with my friends. After a lot of trial and error, Piattos potato chips ended up becoming my favorite go-to snack! The different flavors they have are very addicting and it is definitely something that everybody should try at some point in their lives. Piattos potato chips is the perfect companion for movie nights and study sessions. Once you open a pack, you'll find it impossible to stop eating!"

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

Talk it Out!

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, February 24, 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.

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!

A Day of Remembrance at SDSU's APIDA Center: Learning about the Japanese American Incarceration Experience

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 from 2-5pm

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Cultural Education Program: Wong Kim Ark and Birthright Citizenship*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 from 4-5pm

Wong Kim Ark (1873-death unknown) was a San Francisco-born Chinese American. He fought for birthright citizenship in the 1898 Supreme Court case *United States v. Wong Kim Ark*. Learn more about Wong Kim Ark and birthright citizenship. Be in community with us as we discuss ways to protect our rights.

APIDA in Research Institute: The Power of Student Research*

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Pre-Book Discussion: Chanel Miller*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 from 4-5pm

Come get a free copy of Chanel Miller's *Know My Name* to prepare for the March 12th Watch Party. Engage with us as we discuss the book and/or silently read together.

Watch Party: Chanel Miller*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 from 4-5pm

Virtually meet Chanel Miller and get a free copy of her book, *Know My Name*. Engage in discussion and ask her questions.

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:

- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting [Kasama Orientations](#) for their mentor/mentee program. Check out their [schedule](#) for upcoming sessions.
- [Japanese Student Association \(JSA\)](#) and [Nikkei Student Union \(NSU\)](#) are hosting a [Picnic](#) on Fri, Feb 21st from 3:30-5:00pm at Liberty Station.
- [Pacific Islander Student Association \(PISA\)](#) is hosting [Slide and Glide: PISA Ice Skate Social](#) on Fri, Feb 21st from 7:20-9:20pm at UTC Ice.
- [Asian Pacific Student Alliance \(APSA\)](#) is hosting [Jurassic Park Spring FamBam](#) on Sat, Feb 22nd from 11-3pm at Crown Point Park.
- [Korean American Student Association \(KASA\)](#) is collaborating with UCSD and UCI to host a [Bonfire](#) on Sat, Feb 22nd at 2pm in Oceanside Beach.
- [AAPI Pre-Law Society \(APLS\)](#) is hosting a guest speaker event featuring [Associate Attorney Marshall Fern](#) from Wilson Turner Kosmo LLP on Mon, Feb 24th from 4-5pm in State Suite.
- [Taiwanese Student Association \(TSA\)](#) is accepting submissions for their [T-Shirt Design Contest](#). Submissions are due at 11:59pm on Fri, Feb 28th.

Community Center Partners:

- The [Center for Intercultural Relations \(CIR\)](#) is hosting a [Learning Arabic Workshop](#) on Tues, Feb 25th from 4:00-5:30pm.
- The [Cross-Cultural Center in Imperial Valley](#) is hosting [Black History Month Movie Day](#) on Wed, Feb 26th from 12:30-3:00pm.
- The [Pride Center](#) is hosting their next [Trans Masc Talk](#) on Wed, Feb 26th from 2-3pm.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center \(URC\)](#) is hosting [Reclaim Your Story](#) safe spaces every Thursday starting on Feb. 27th from 2:30-3:45pm.
- The [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#) is hosting their next virtual session for [The Brave Project](#) on Wed, Feb 26th from 1:00-2:30pm. [Register](#) today!
- The [Gus & Emma Thompson Black Resource Center \(BRC\)](#) is hosting their 5th annual [Black Research Symposium](#) on Fri, Feb 28th from 12-3pm at the Love Library.
- The [Native Resource Center \(NRC\)](#) is partnering with the UCSD Intertribal Resource Center to host [Striking Connections: Inter-Collegiate Bowling Night](#) on Fri, Feb 28th from 3-6pm at Aztec Lanes. [RSVP](#) today!

Campus Partners:

- The [Office for Graduate Life and Diversity](#) is hosting a discussion entitled, "Graduate Funding Opportunities: Student Success Stories and Insights" on Mon, Feb 24th from 12-1pm.
- EOP Student Advisory Board and EOP Learning Support Center are hosting a workshop entitled, "[Profile 2 Pro: Mastering LinkedIn for Career Success](#)" on Tues, Feb 25th from 5-6pm and Wed, Feb 26th from 11-12pm.
- SDSU Career Services is hosting their [Spring Career & Internship Fair](#) on Thurs, Feb 27th from 10-2pm.
- Glazer Center for Leadership and Service and Associated Students are hosting a [Service Organization Fair](#) on Thurs, Feb 27th from 1-3pm.
- Charles Wei-hsun Fu Center for Asian and Pacific Studies is hosting a [Panagbenga Festival Craft Workshop](#) on Thurs, Feb 27th at 4pm.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- Asian Business Association San Diego is hosting [Feature Friday: Network, Learn, and Support Local Small Businesses](#) with guest speaker Mahalene Dulay, founder of Modern Wealth Collective. The program is on Fri, Feb 21st from 9:00-10:3am. [RSVP](#) today!
- Lotus Magazine is accepting submissions for their Q2 issue. The theme of the issue is "Healing". [Submit](#) by Wed, Feb 26th.
- The Asian and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California (APIDC) is accepting applications for their Youth Leadership Institute Program. [Apply](#) by Sun, March 16th.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). Their next workshop is "Wong Kim Ark and Birthright Citizenship" on Wed, Feb 26th at 4pm. [Register](#) today!

Do you have an opportunity to share?
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Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** The Scripps Research Institute is looking for a Research Intern for the Schiffner Lab. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** HealthFitness is looking for a Summer Corporate Wellness Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- Border Region Talent Pipeline is looking for business, computing, and engineering students for their summer internship program. [Apply](#) by Feb. 28th.
- The Center on Policy Initiatives is looking for participants for their Students for Economic Justice Summer Internship Program. [Apply](#) by March 9th.
- Asian Health Services is looking for interns for their Real-world Exposure & Advocacy in Community Health (REACH) program. [Apply](#) by March 9th.
- La Jolla Playhouse is looking for Summer interns. [Apply](#) by March 14th.
- **NEW!** Viet Voices is accepting applications for San Diego's first AAPI Emerging Artist Fellowship. [Apply](#) by March 16th.
- Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) is looking for participants for their LEAP Emerge Fellowship Program. [Apply](#) by April 11th.
- CVS Pharmacy in El Cajon is looking for a Graduate Pharmacist Intern. [Apply](#) by May 1st.

Scholarships:

- 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 Bettersworth Law Firm is offering \$1,000 to students pursuing a career in legal, law enforcement, pre-law, or government. [Apply](#) by March 26th.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The Women in Technology Scholarship Program is offering up to \$2,500 to students who identify as female pursuing a degree in computer science, information management system, and other IT-related fields. [Apply](#) by March 31st.
- **NEW!** The Society for the Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity is offering the Bisexual Foundation Scholarship Award of up to \$1,000 to graduate students interested in advancing the research on the psychology of bisexuality. [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.
- Ho'omau Foundation is offering scholarships to college students of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander descent. [Apply](#) by April 16th.
- Against The Grain Productions is offering \$1,500 to current college students of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity. [Apply](#) by May 31st.

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