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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

March 7, 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: Apply for the AANAPISI Advisory Board!

As of August 2024, SDSU launched an Office of AANAPISI Affairs. To support our work, we are forming a SDSU AANAPISI Advisory Board. The main goals of this board include but are not limited to: (1) helping to define what it means to be an APIDA-serving campus, (2) building campus-wide support, and (3) nurturing and/or developing initiatives that promote student recruitment, retention, and graduation.

We hope to launch this Advisory Board this Spring 2025 semester to establish a mission, goals, term limits, meeting frequency, etc. Initially, Board members should expect to serve at least two years and be available to convene at least once a month.

Board members will reflect the campus-at-large consisting of members from across a variety of campus entities. For example, we aim to have one representative from each college, division, job classifications, student groups, etc.

Nominate yourself or another person today! We're looking for faculty, staff, management, students, alumni, and community members committed to amplifying the APIDA community at SDSU. Join us! We want you!!!

Questions? Comments? Contact me at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu.

Adventures with Dewey



SDSU APIDA Center Adventures with Dewey



Check out Dewey's Debut!

This week, we released the first (and possibly only) episode of "[SDSU APIDA Center Adventures with Dewey](#)." Dewey gave a riveting and moving performance about how to get academic advising support from the APIDA Center. This short film was directed by **Neil Catungal** and produced by Dr. **Loh-Hagan**. It starred **Dewey Hagan** as the lead actor and **Matthew H Garcia** in a supporting role with cameos from **Jalen Olsen** and **JP Pacheco**.) According to insiders, the Talent (aka Dewey) was difficult and uncooperative at times; he needed a lot of handling and motivation. He also passed out whenever he felt like it. It is uncertain whether or not he will be casted again; talks about future episodes are uncertain. However, thus far, the film has been critically acclaimed in the indie market...so who knows?

Know APIDA History!



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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Center
Let's celebrate Guam's history and heritage!

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APIDA Center celebrates Guam History and CHamoru Heritage Day!

CHamoru refers to the indigenous people of the Mariana Islands including Guam. (CHamoru is the preferred term used by the Indigenous people of Guam; Chamorro is the more conventional spelling.)

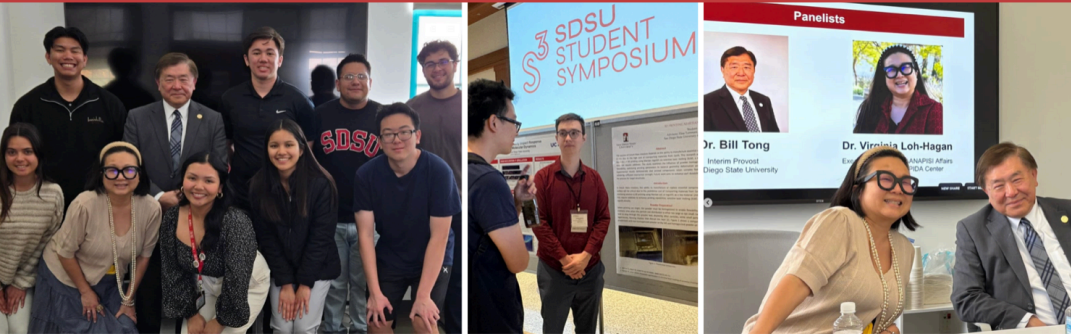
Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day was previously a commemoration of the anniversary of the island's "discovery" by the Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan (1480-1521). Over the years, the spirit and purpose of the day have evolved. The enormous loss of culture and heritage due to a long history of colonization in Guam continues to impact its politics and society. As a result of cultural advocacy by the global CHamoru community, Guam History and CHamoru Heritage Day is now a national public holiday on the island that celebrates indigenous heritage/culture and the right to self-determination.

On March 3rd, 2025, San Diego's CHamoru community leaders and organizers spoke at City Hall to uplift the rich history, culture, and contributions of the CHamoru people in San Diego and beyond. In a unanimous vote by the council, March 3rd was announced as "Guam History and CHamoru Heritage Day" in the City of San Diego!

This year, Che'Lu San Diego is hosting their 13th annual [CHamoru Cultural Festival](#) on Saturday, March 22nd from 10-6pm at the Oceanside Pier Ampitheater. The SDSU APIDA Center is planning to take students on the field trip to visit the festival! RSVP by Friday, March 14th and join us!

In addition, the APIDA Center is hosting several Mes CHamoru events including [SPAM in Guam](#), [Jazz in Guam](#), [CHamoru Feast](#), [Climate Change & Guam](#), and a featured speaker Mr. [Melvin Won Pat-Borja](#). Mr. Pat-Borja is the Executive Director of the Commission on Decolonization and the President of the Department of CHamoru Affairs. He will discuss the history of colonization and decolonization movements in Guam. Join us all month long!

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts Research Institute!

On Friday, February 28th, the APIDA Center hosted a 5-hour training about the [power of student research](#). In the morning, participants attended the SDSU Student Symposium (S3). In the afternoon, participants heard from speakers. **Gi Vargas** and **Shaye Phung** spoke about their S3 experience as both of them had won awards for their student research projects. Then, Dr. **Bill Tong** and Dr. **Loh-Hagan** spoke about their roles as mentors. The last part of the institute was focused on brainstorming strong research questions. All institute participants will have the opportunity to get a mentor, get supported, and get funding for their their research projects. Stay tuned as we will be hosting more institutes!



APIDA Center prepares for Chanel Miller event!

On Wednesday, March 5th, the APIDA Center hosted a pre-book discussion about *Know My Name* in preparation for our [Watch Party with Chanel Miller](#) which will take place on Wednesday, March 12th. Student attendees enjoyed some silent reading time and discussed significant quotes from the memoir.



APIDA Center hosts "Meet the Counselor"!

In collaboration with Counseling and Psychological Services, the APIDA Center has been hosting [APIDA-identifying counselors](#) each month. On Thursday, March 6th, students were able to chat with Interns, **Anthony Pham** and **Malkie Hematillake**.

News from APIDA ERG

APIDA ERG hosts a workshop about Giving!

The [SDSU APIDA Employee Resource Group](#) (ERG) is a network for APIDA faculty and staff members. We are open to all SDSU employees who identify as APIDA and/or who support the APIDA community at SDSU. If you would like to join the APIDA ERG, please contact Dr. Loh-Hagan at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu.

Our newest initiative is a "Lunch and Learn." On Monday, March 3rd, we hosted a workshop about ways to give to support campus initiatives. Many thanks to **Jen Stanley** and **Karina Perez Helgeson** for sharing their expertise.



Big or small - Everyone can give! Employees have many options: cash donations/pledges, planning giving, monthly payroll deductions, named scholarship, etc. Remember: SDSU Day of Giving is [March 12](#)! Feel free to donate to the [APIDA Center Program Fund](#)! We would appreciate the love!

APIDA Recommendation: Nora Pham



Nora Pham is a third-year marketing major. She is a student leader in several student organizations (i.e., APSA, SEA³, and AMA.) She was an APIDA Center Intern last semester! Nora recommends Happytime Tea, a local Vietnamese boba shop and cafe near SDSU. Nora said, "This is one of my favorite small businesses by campus! It's easily accessible by car as well as public transit. It's a Vietnamese cafe offering smoothies, tea, and coffee. The prices are reasonable. The service is quick and there's a lot of room for seating inside and outside of the cafe. The vibe and ambiance are reminiscent of cafes in Vietnam. This is a great place to go get some studying done or to hang out with friends! I'd recommend their Vietnamese coffee."

Share all things APIDA (i.e., books, movies, food, restaurants, etc.).

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Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Talk it Out!

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, March 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.

Women's History Month Cultural Crafting Night: Ruth Asawa-Inspired Art*

Location: APIDA Center

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

We will be celebrating Women's History Month and preparing for our field trip to the SDSU Art Gallery! Ruth Asawa (1926-2013) was a Japanese American multimedia artist from California. Asawa was inspired by a community of artists after being incarcerated at Rowher. She is known for her abstract wire sculptures. Learn about Asawa and then create wire sculptures inspired by her!

ElevateHER Conference Keynote Speech*

Location: Student Services East 1200

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 from 12-1pm

Be energized by Dr. Loh-Hagan, the inaugural Executive Director of the Office of AANAPISI Affairs and the Director of the APIDA Center. Learn about her unique and empowering professional journey.

APIDA Center Field Trip: Reflecting on Ruth Asawa and the Garden of Remembrance*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 from 2-3pm

Visit the SDSU University Art Gallery's exhibit, "Reflecting on Ruth Asawa and the Garden of Remembrance." This exhibition explores family histories impacted by Executive Order 9066. Meet at the APIDA Center and walk to the Gallery with us.

Mes CHamoru Cultural Education Program: SPAM in Guam*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 from 2-3pm

Learn more about the historical and cultural significance of SPAM in Guam. Then, join us to make and eat SPAM Kelaguen.

Watch Party: Chanel Miller*

Location: APIDA Center

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

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

Holi Festival at SDSU Children's Center*

Location: SDSU Children's Center

Date: Friday, March 14, 2025 from 10:30-11:30am

Holi Festival is a Hindu Festival of Colors that celebrates spring, love, and the triumph of good over evil! At the SDSU Children's Center, we will implement a lesson about Holi Festival including a read-aloud, dance activity, and art project. If you're interested in volunteering with us, contact apida@sdsu.edu.

Holi Festival: Watercolor Fun!*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Friday, March 14, 2025 from 2-4pm

Learn more about Holi and then watercolor a Holi-themed art project.

Holi at The Garden

Location: The Garden

Date: Friday, March 14, 2025 from 4-8pm

The APIDA Center is teaming up with SDSU Dining to host a Holi-themed dinner. We will be tabling there. Join us!

Women's History Month Cultural Crafting Night: Mary Pritchard-Inspired Art*

Location: APIDA Center

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

Mary J. Pritchard (1905-1992) was born and raised in American Samoa. She was an artist and advocate for the rebirth of the art of Siapo. She is known as the "Savior of Siapo" as she was among the few who passed on the cultural form to future generations after its decline during World War II (1939-1945). Learn about Siapo and Pritchard's role in preserving the art form. Then, create our own versions of Siapo!

Mes CHamoru Screening and Cultural Education Program: Jazz in Guam*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 from 6-7pm

Watch "Tradewinds" (PBS short film) with us and learn about Patrick Palomo, a CHamoru jazz pianist and composer. Learn about the history of jazz in Guam and then practice some jazz exercises with us!

APIDA Field Trip: CHamoru Cultural Festival*

Location: Oceanside Pier Ampitheater

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025 from 10-6pm

Join the APIDA Center on a field trip to the CHamoru Cultural Festival at the Oceanside Pier. Celebrate Mes CHamoru and connect with the local community! [RSVP](#) by 5pm on March 14th.

Women's History Month Cultural Crafting Night: Pacita Abad-Inspired Art*

Location: APIDA Center

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

Pacita Abad (1946-2004) was an Ivatan and Filipina American painter. She created over 4500 artworks and developed a technique of trapunto painting that included stitching and stuffing. She used found objects she collected from around the world to enhance her art. We will create our own paintings inspired by Abad.

Mes CHamoru Featured Speaker: Mr. Melvin Won Pat-Borja

Location: Watch Party at APIDA Center or [Zoom](#)

Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 from 4-5pm

Join us to learn more about the history of colonization and decolonization in Guam from Mr. Melvin Won Pat-Borja, Executive Director of the Commission on Decolonization and President of the Department of CHamoru Affairs

Mes CHamoru: CHamoru Feast!*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025 from 12-1pm

Learn about Mes CHamoru and then join us for a catered feast. We will be serving kadun pika, chicken kelaguen, red rice, kimchee daigo, cucumber salad, finedene sauce, latiya, and more.

Mes CHamoru Cultural Education Program: Climate Change & Guam*

Location: APIDA Center

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

Learn more about the impacts of climate change on Guam. Human-caused climate change is a serious threat to the Pacific Islands, causing rising sea levels, more frequent extreme weather, and damage to coral reefs. Colonization and militarization have played a big role.

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.*

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [Taiwanese Student Association \(TSA\)](#) is looking for Board Members for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. [Sign up](#) today!
- [Tabletop Gaming Club at SDSU](#) released their [March Event Calendar](#). Their [next event](#) is on Sat, March 8th at 12:30pm.
- [Vietnamese Student Association \(VSA\)](#) published their [March 2025 Event Calendar](#).
- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting a [Kasama Reveal Social and Fundraiser](#) on Sat, March 8th from 5-7pm at Dave & Busters.
- [SDSU Badminton Club](#) is hosting Aztec Open Badminton Tournament on Fri, March 14th at 7pm at the ARC South Court. [Sign up](#) by Sun, March 9th.
- [Asian Pacific Student Alliance \(APSA\)](#) is accepting applications for their Mentor/Mentee program. [Apply](#) by 11:59pm on Tues, March 11th.
- [\(AAPI\)Phany](#) is hosting a series of events for March 2025. The next event is [Journaling for the Soul featuring Jacqueline Toy and Dr. Amy Wong](#) on Thurs, March 13th from 4:00-5:30pm at the CIR.

Community Center Partners:

- The [Native Resource Center \(NRC\)](#) is hosting a hybrid [Native & Indigenous Graduate Student Support Group](#) on Tues, March 11th from 1-2pm.
- The [Office for Graduate Life and Diversity](#) is hosting a [Writing Literature Reviews](#) workshop on Tues, March 11th from 4-5pm on Zoom. [RSVP](#) today!
- The [Gus and Emma Thompson Black Resource Center \(BRC\)](#) and [SDSU's South African American Brotherhood \(SAAB\)](#) are hosting [Brother to Brother Luncheon](#) on Wed, March 12th from 11:30am-1:30pm at the Faculty Staff Club.
- The [Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) is hosting [Jotería Sin Fronteras](#) on Wed, March 12th from 1-2pm.
- [Pride Center](#) is hosting the next [Trans Masc Talk](#) on Wed, March 12th from 2-3pm.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center \(URC\)](#) and the College of Education are hosting [COE UndocuALLY Training](#) on Wed, March 12th from 4:00-6:30pm at the Extended Studies Center 206/208. [RSVP](#) today!
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations \(CIR\)](#) along with One SDSU Community, Aztec Student Union Board, International Student Association, and more, are looking for student models for the upcoming FACE Intercultural Fashion Show. [Apply](#) by March 21st.

Campus Partners:

- SDSU Well-being & Health Promotion is hosting [GYNO Chats: Birth Control/Contraception](#) on Mondays from 9-10am at Calpulli Center.
- The [Commuter Resource Center](#) is hosting [Clay Creations](#) on Tues, March 11th from 1-2pm.
- One SDSU Community, Student Disability Services, and the Disability Employee Resource Group are hosting a [screening of "Patrice: The Movie"](#) on Wed, March 12th from 11:30-2:30pm in Montezuma Hall.
- SDSU's Young Men of Color Alliance (YMOCA) in collaboration with several campus centers are hosting Barber Shop Talks on Thurs, March 13th from 1-5pm at the Gus and Emma Thompson BRC.
- The Aztec Student Union Board (ASUB) is currently hiring part-time Program Assistants for the 2025-2026 academic year. [Apply](#) by Sun, March 16.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- Several local Japanese American community organizations are collaborating to host an [Anju Madoka So-Cal tour](#). Her next performance is on Sat, March 8th from 2:30-3:30pm at the La Jolla Library.
- The San Diego Japanese American Citizens League is hosting their next [Monthly Dialogue](#) program featuring Carly Doi and Grant Yasukochi on Thurs, March 13th at 6:30pm. RSVP to sandiegojacl@gmail.com for Zoom link.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). Their next workshop is "Committee of 100 Workshop: Chinese American Excellence in Business & STEM" on Thurs, March 27th from 1-2pm and 4-5pm. [Register](#) today!

Do you have an opportunity to share?
Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** The San Diego Growlers are looking for a Social Media intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** North Island Credit Union is looking for a Business Insights & Analytics intern. [Apply](#) today!
- 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.
- Viet Voices is accepting applications for San Diego's first AAPI Emerging Artist Fellowship. [Apply](#) by March 16th.
- EdTrust-West is accepting applications for their Parenting Students Success Summer Fellowship Program. [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:

- The AICPA Foundation is offering up to \$10,000 to minority accounting students. [Apply](#) by Mar. 15th.
- The Lao Community Cultural Center of San Diego is offering \$500 to undergraduate students of Lao American heritage. [Apply](#) by March 15th.
- **NEW!** Banatao Family Filipino American Education Fund is offering up to \$20,000 to college freshmen of Filipino descent enrolled at a four-year college or university. [Apply](#) by March 21st.
- 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!** Self-Help Federal Credit Union is offering \$1,000 to students attending or who will attend any post-secondary educational institution. [Apply](#) by March 31st.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- The BHW Group is accepting applications for the Women in STEM scholarship. [Apply](#) by April 15th.
- 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.