

# DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

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

March 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: New Orleans & New Award!

Forget the Academy Awards - SDSU swept the NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) Awards! The SDSU APIDA Center received the inaugural Outstanding Campus Program Award. Woohoo! On Tuesday, March 18th, we accepted the award at the NASPA annual conference in New Orleans, LA. Many thanks to **Jacqueline Toy**, Associate Director for Weber Honors College, for nominating us.

In addition, Ms. Toy won an award for Very Involved Participant and **Tyler Lum**, Assistant Coordinator for REO and CSOA, won an award for Outstanding Graduate Student Award.



### Beignets and Beyond!

From March 16-17th, several students (i.e., **Chloe Morimoto**, **Jalen Olsen**, and **Ethan Quinn**) traveled to New Orleans with me and **Gi Gonzales** to accept the NASPA award but also to learn more about APIDA historical sites. For example, we visited the areas that used to be Chinatowns as well as Little Saigon. We ate Vietnamese po'boys (aka banh mi), yakamein, and more. We also ate beignets every day. (Good thing we walked over 15,000 steps a day!) Standby as the students will be hosting a cultural education program about what they learned.



### NASPA Presentation!

On Monday, March 17th, Tyler Lum and **Chloe Marie Garcia**, Assistant Coordinator for REO and CSOA, invited me to present with them. We bragged about our work as an AANAPISI and our commitment to serving APIDA students.



# Know APIDA History!



## APIDA Center learns about New Orleans Chinatowns!

The earliest Chinese immigrants who migrated to New Orleans were contract workers. Following the Confederacy's loss in the American Civil War (1861-1865), enslaved African Americans left the plantations, leaving landowners and railroad investors in search of new, cheap labor forces. Male laborers were recruited from Cuba and Canton, China.

As a major economic center, New Orleans became a favored location for Chinese workers, who found jobs at restaurants and laundromats. Eventually, Chinese businesses began to pop up around the 1100 block of Tulane Avenue, creating the first Chinatown in New Orleans. The Chinese Presbyterian Church was established in 1881 to provide support for the New Orleans Chinese immigrant community, becoming the first neighborhood hub for the community.

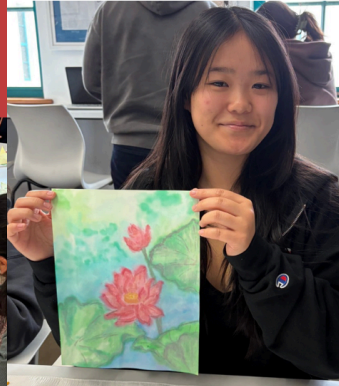
Due to the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, Chinese immigration to the United States decreased. This became a significant factor that led to the decline of New Orleans' first Chinatown on Tulane Avenue. As a result, business owners lost their leases and were forced to move to a new area. By 1937, a second Chinatown around the 500 block of Bourbon Street was established.

Today, there is no trace of the first Chinatown and only a hand-painted sign above a door for the second Chinatown. During our New Orleans trip, we actually lodged in the exact area where the old Chinatown was established. We also visited the last artifact of the second Chinatown - a sign for the On Leong Chinese Merchants Association. We were proud to be unveiling APIDA hidden history.

Fun Fact: Louis Armstrong (1901-1971), the famed African American trumpeter and vocalist, was born near the original Chinatown. A statue of him marks the border. Armstrong is quoted for eating in Chinatown to "have a Chinese meal for a change, a kind of special occasion."



## APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



### APIDA Center watercolors for Holi!

On Friday, March 14th, we hosted a [watercolor craft workshop](#) in honor of the throwing of colored powders which is an essential part of Holi festival celebrations. Each color is representative of something; for example, red symbolizes love and fertility.



### APIDA Center celebrates Holi at Children's Center!

Holi Festival is a Hindu Festival of Colors that celebrates spring, love, and the triumph of good over evil! On March 14th, we celebrated Holi by taking a field trip to the [SDSU Children's Center](#). In partnership with APIDA Pre-Teacher Alliance (PTA), we taught a mini-lesson which included a Holi-themed read-aloud, art project, and dance activity. We had so much [fun](#) and are looking forward to more collaborations! Thanks so much to our Children's Center partners and to our student volunteers: **Ethan Quinn, Alisha Sukhu, Surya Sivagnanam, Yashvi Babaria, and Shaye Phung**, with support from **Gi Gonzales** and **Neil Catungal**.



### APIDA Center celebrates Holi at The Garden!

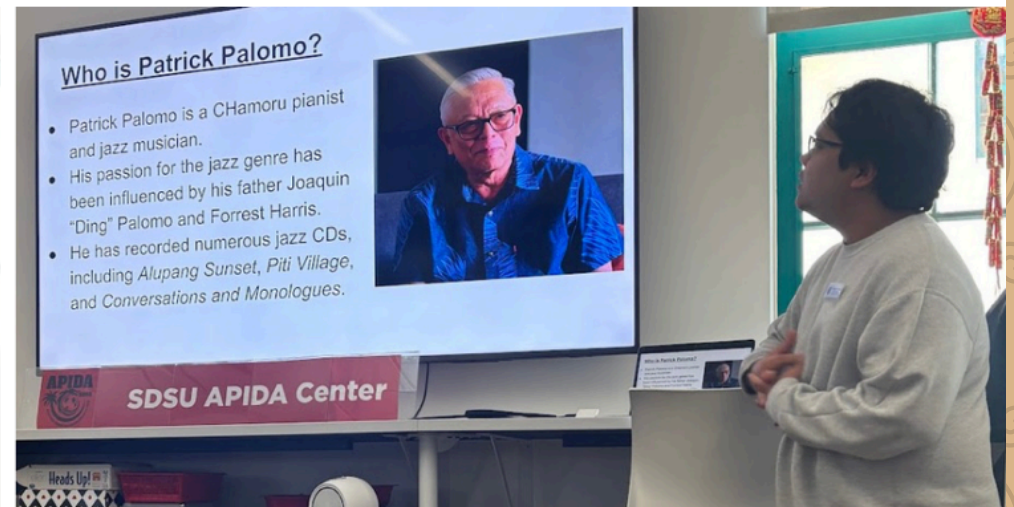
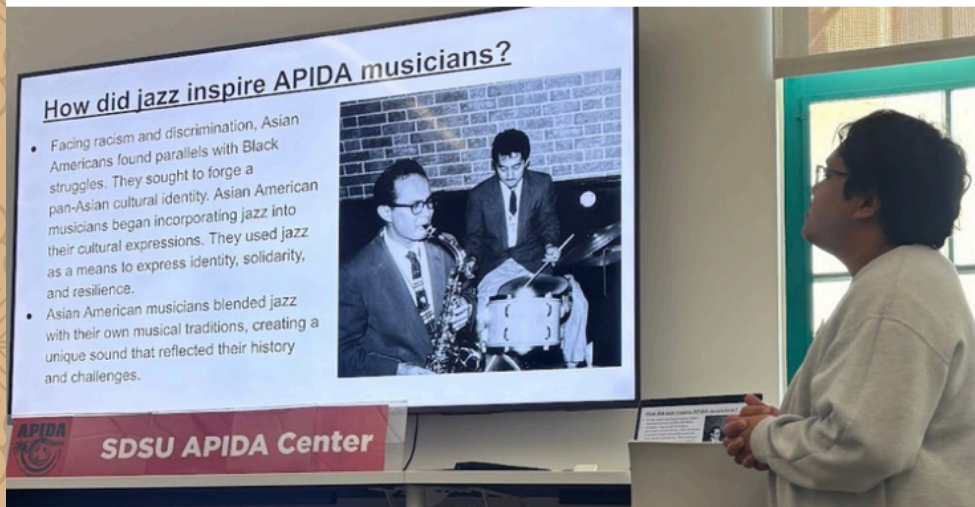
Once again, we teamed up with SDSU Dining (thanks to Executive Chef **Tiago Battastini**) to host [Holi at the Garden](#) on Friday, March 14th. It was a yummy night of South Asian-themed food.





## APIDA Center learns about Siapo!

On Monday, March 17th, as part of our Women's History Month programming, we hosted a cultural crafting night about [Mary J. Pritchard](#) (1905-1992), a Samoan artist and advocate for the rebirth of Siapo. Then, participants created their own versions of Siapo!



## APIDA Center learns about jazz in Guam!

On Tuesday, March 18th, as part of our Mes Chamoru programming, we hosted a cultural education workshop about [jazz in Guam](#), focusing on Patrick Palomo, a legendary jazz pianist from Guam. In addition, participants practiced some vocal exercises. Check out our social media campaign to learn more about [APIDA and Jazz History](#)!



# APIDA Recommendation: APIDA Center



The SDSU APIDA Center highly recommends [Dong Phuong Bakery & Restaurant](#), a family-owned Vietnamese American eatery in the Little Saigon area of New Orleans, Louisiana. Dong Phuong bakery was first established in 1982 by De and Huong Tran, Vietnamese immigrants who originally cooked and sold classic Vietnamese baked goods out of their home. In 2018, it gained national notoriety when it was awarded the James Beard American Classic Award. On Monday, March 17, 2025, the SDSU APIDA Center shared a meal at Dong Phuong Restaurant & Bakery. **Chloe Morimoto**, APIDA Student Assistant and third year interior architecture major, said, "We enjoyed authentic Vietnamese cuisine such as Bún thịt nướng (rice vermicelli noodles with grilled meat) and Phở (traditional beef noodle soup). We also enjoyed their local fusions such as their Vietnamese chicory coffee and their crawfish pie. Their meat pie was my favorite!" Fun Fact: Dong Phuong is famous for its Mardi Gras king cakes, selling 1600 a day during Carnival season. They offer [nationwide shipping](#)!

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# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## Talk it Out!

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, March 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 needed. Talk it out with Dr. Tri Nguyễn.

## 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.

## APIDA Women & Sexual Violence Prevention\*

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 from 4-5pm**

Learn about the history of hypersexualization and fetishization of APIDA women. Then, participate in a sexual violence prevention training.

## Vietnamese Language Workshop\*

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**Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 from 5-6pm**

The SDSU Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) and the APIDA Center will be hosting a Vietnamese language workshop. Learn more about the history of Vietnam, the Vietnamese language, and some basic Vietnamese words and phrases.

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## Cambodian Refugees in San Diego\*

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 from 1-2pm**

San Diego was a significant resettlement location for Cambodian refugees, especially after the Fall of Saigon in 1975. Cambodian refugees faced and continue to face challenges, including trauma from the Khmer Rouge genocide, threats of deportation, and more. Over the past few weeks, more than 100 Cambodians have been detained awaiting potential removal from the United States. Come learn more and then write letters to political leaders to support Cambodian refugee families with [SEA^3](#).

## 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.

## Movie Night at the SDSU APIDA Center\*

**Location: APIDA Center**

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

Learn about APIDA connections to "Wicked" and then join us for a special movie night with optional sing-alongs.

## 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.

## Music Festival 101: Alcohol and Drug Safety\*

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025 from 2-3pm**

Will you be attending a rave or concert? Learn about music festival etiquette, safety tips, and the history of APIDA substance use. Participate in a training to learn about alcohol and other drug basics, Narcan use, and how to prevent opioid overdose. Attendees will have access to FREE Narcan and Fentanyl testing strips.

## 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.

## Japanese Sashiko\*

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025 from 6-8pm**

Sashiko ("little stabs") is a traditional Japanese embroidery or stitching technique that combines decoration and functionality. It originated as a way to mend and reinforce clothing, becoming a part of the visible mending movement. Join us to explore its rich history and artistry. Then, make your own Sashiko project.

## Craft for a Cause

**Location: APIDA Center**

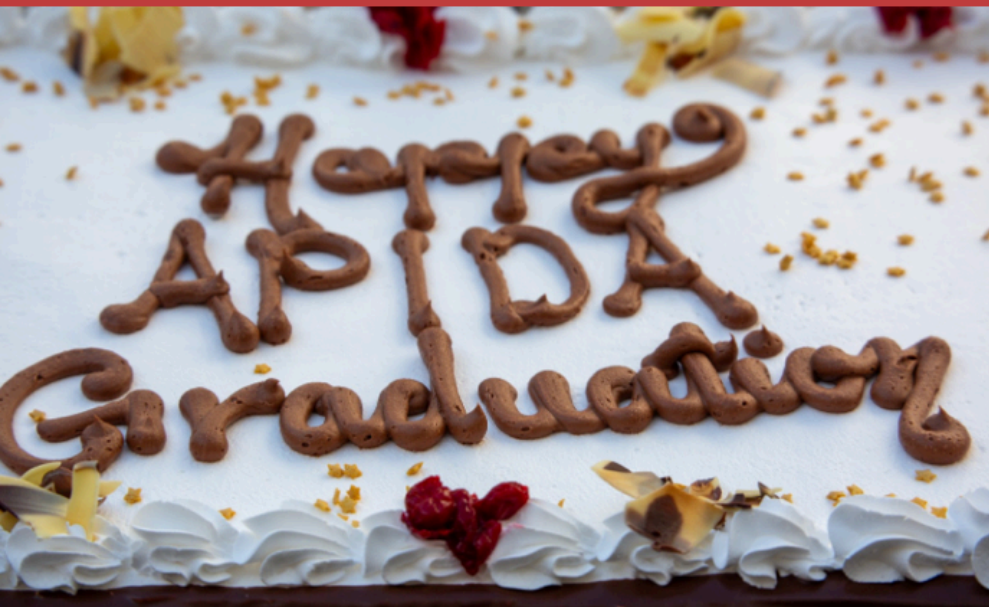
**Dates: All Semester Long!**

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.*



# Save the Date: APIDA Graduation!



## APIDA Graduation and End-Of-Year Party!

For the fifth year in a row, we are hosting a super fun party to celebrate APIDA excellence! We will be celebrating our graduating students and the end of the year. More information coming soon! For now, save the date:  
**Thursday, May 8th from 5-9pm!**



# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- [SDSU Pacific Islander Student Association \(PISA\)](#) is hosting [Pasifika Night](#) on Mon, March 24th from 2-6pm at Scripps Cottage.
- The [SDSU AAPI Pre-Law Society](#) is hosting [Tommy Vu](#) on Mon, March 24th from 4-5pm in State Suite.
- The [SDSU Asian Pacific Student Alliance's \(APSA\)](#) election applications are due on Wed, March 26th. APSA is holding [Speeches Night](#) on Thurs, March 27th at 7pm in SSW 2650.

## Community Center Partners:

- The [SDSU Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) is hosting [Battling Imposter Syndrome Workshop](#) on Mon, March 24th from 12-1:30pm.
- [Project Rebound SDSU](#) is hosting Dr. Priya Kandaswamy and a screening of [Belly of the Beast](#) on Mon, March 24th from 4:30-7:00pm.
- The [SDSU Undocumented Resource Center \(URC\)](#) is hosting a [Know Your Rights Training](#) on Wed, March 26th from 6:00-7:30pm online. [Register](#) today!
- The [SDSU Native Resource Center \(NRC\)](#) is hosting a workshop entitled, "Personal Statement and Grad School Workshop" on Thurs, March 27th at 12:30pm.
- The [SDSU Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#) and One SDSU Community are hosting [Guerrilla Girls](#) on Thurs, March 27th from 4:30-6:00pm in the Student Union Theater.
- The [Gus and Emma Thompson Black Resource Center \(BRC\)](#) is looking for applicants for [Student Staff positions](#). Apply by March 31st.

## Campus Partners:

- College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) and Career Services are hosting [HHS Career Week](#) starting with a Public Health Career Fair on Mon, March 24th from 12-2pm in Templo Mayor. Register on [Handshake!](#)
- [SDSU Asian American Studies](#) is hosting career readiness workshops. The next workshop is [Interview Prep with AI](#) on Mon, March 24th from 4-5pm on Zoom. [Register](#) today and check out their [workshop schedule!](#)
- [SDSU Cal Coast Student Financial Center](#) is currently hiring [Junior Counselors](#). [Apply](#) today!
- The [Office for Graduate Life & Diversity](#) is hosting Cultivating an Anti-Impostorism Mindset" featuring Dr. Lisa Gates on Wed, March 26th from 4:30-5:30pm. [Register](#) today!
- SDSU Residential Education Office (REO) and [SDSU Well-being & Health Promotion](#) are hosting a [C.H.E.F. Cooking Class](#) in South Campus Plaza North on Thurs, March 27th from 4:30-5:30pm.
- SDSU Union Programs and Services is accepting submissions for the RSO 2025-2026 Regular Meeting Lottery. [Apply](#) by 4:30pm on Fri, March 28th.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- Pacific Arts Movement is accepting [film submissions for the 26th Annual Spring Showcase](#). Early bird deadline is Mon, March 24th.
- AAPI Data is hosting "AAPI Views on Health Care, DOGE, and more" on Tues, March 25th at 12pm. [RSVP](#) today!
- SoCal Educators for Palestine is hosting "A Tale of Two Occupations: The Kingdom of Hawaii and Palestine" on Thurs, March 27th from 6-8pm at USD's Manchester Conference Center.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). Their next workshop is "Chinese American Excellence in Business & STEM" on Thurs, March 27th from 1-2pm or 4-5pm. [Register](#) today!

Do you have an opportunity to share?  
Email us at [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).



## Paid Internships & Scholarships

### Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** Stantec is looking for a Summer Architecture Intern for 2025. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** The North Island Credit Union Ampitheatre is looking for Venue Nation Rotational Interns for Summer 2025. [Apply](#) today!
- The Office of Assemblymember Chris Ward is looking for student interns for Summer 2025. [Apply](#) by March 28th.
- 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 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!** The University of Jember Centre for Human Rights and SDSU are offering a course scholarship for students in Asian Studies to take a Human Rights summer course in Jember, East Java, Indonesia. [Apply](#) by March 30th.
- The Asian Pacific American Coalition is offering the Tom Hom Civic Engagement Scholarship to two full-time students enrolled in a college in San Diego County. [Apply](#) by March 31st.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The Pacific Islander Festival Association (PIFA) is offering scholarships to undergraduate students of Melanesian, Micronesian, and/or Polynesian descent. [Apply](#) by April 15th.
- 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.
- The Asian American Journalists Association Sports Task Force is offering the Jimmie & Suey Fong Yee Grants of \$2,000 each to two undergraduate or graduate students pursuing careers in sports journalism. [Apply](#) by April 30th.
- Against The Grain Productions is offering \$1,500 to current college students of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity. [Apply](#) by May 31st.