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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

March 28, 2025

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



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Spring Break 2025!

Is it just me or has the year flown by?! Spring break is next week. The APIDA Center will be operating on modified hours. We are closed on Monday, March 31st in observance of Cesar Chavez Day. From Tuesday, April 1st to Friday, April 4th, we will only be open from 10:00-4:30pm. We will resume our regular hours on Monday, April 7th.

Please take this time to get caught up and get some rest. Also, remember to give yourself a little adventure and have some fun. (If you need community, come hang out at the APIDA Center! We are here! We love hanging out!)

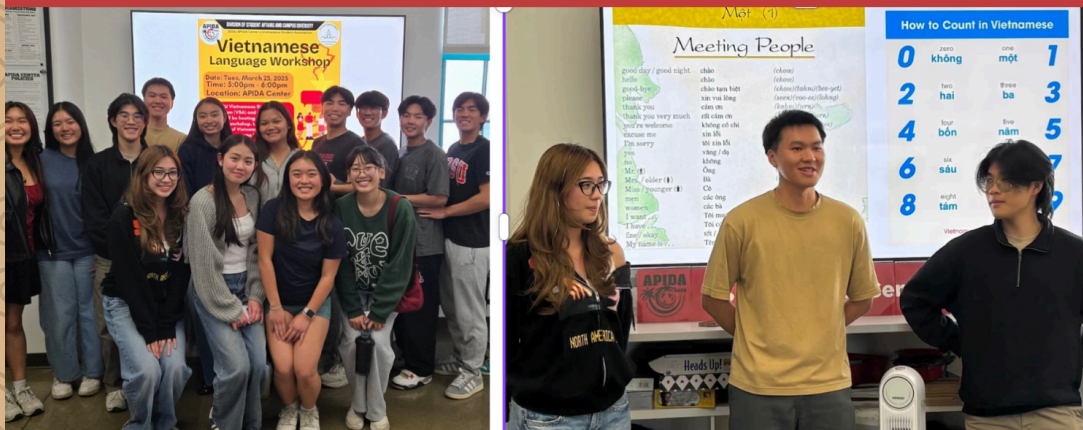
We are taking a break from our newsletter next week. The next issue will be on April 11th. We will also be announcing more events in April for Thai, Lao, and Cambodian New Year, Black April, Earth Day, and more! Standby for more APIDA Center programming.



Get APIDA Swag!

We have new members of the [APIDA VIP SWAG Club!](#) (SWAG stands for "Stylin' With APIDA Gear.") For every five APIDA Center events you attend, you can go "shopping" in our SWAG store. You can earn caps, tumblers, shirts, tote bags, and more. After 30 events, you can earn top prizes such as a hoodie, sports bag, etc. Everybody can win - we invite students, faculty, staff, and community members to attend our events and earn swag! In order to qualify, you must attend events in their entirety (from beginning to end) and be engaged (i.e., no phones, laptops, etc.). To honor our speakers, we will not admit folks after the start time so please be on time!

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about the Vietnamese language in San Diego!

Tiếng Việt refers to the Vietnamese language. It's believed to have formed around 4000 to 5000 years ago, with great influences from the Chinese. French colonization of Vietnam (1888-1954) also greatly influenced the language via French loanwords, pronunciations, and grammar.

The Vietnamese language is also influenced by the English language. The Vietnamese alphabet has essentially the same letters as the English alphabet, with both following the Latin alphabet. The Vietnamese language also contains English loanwords.

Approximately 86 million people worldwide speak Vietnamese, with the majority residing in Vietnam, making it the 21st most spoken language globally. Over 1.5 million people in the United States speak Vietnamese, making it one of the most commonly spoken languages in the country. Vietnamese is the fifth most commonly spoken language in San Diego, with nearly 1% of the population speaking it (or 23,000 speakers).

After the Fall of Saigon (1975), the first wave of Vietnamese refugees arrived in the United States through Camp Pendleton, the major West Coast base of the U.S. Marines located in Oceanside. As a result, many Vietnamese refugees resettled and stayed in San Diego to build their community. Today, there are over 50,000 Vietnamese Americans living in San Diego County.

The [Bilingual Development in Context \(BDC\) Lab at SDSU](#) is an educational research center that investigates language development among bilingual children, particularly children who speak a minority first language such as Vietnamese and who learn English early in childhood. Its director, Dr. **Giang T. Pham**, also serves as a leading researcher for a grant-funded project entitled, "VietSLP Speech-Language Pathology Resources for Supporting Vietnamese Children." The project is a collaborative effort by both Vietnamese and Vietnamese American scholars and researchers to address the communicative needs of Vietnamese populations worldwide via online resources.

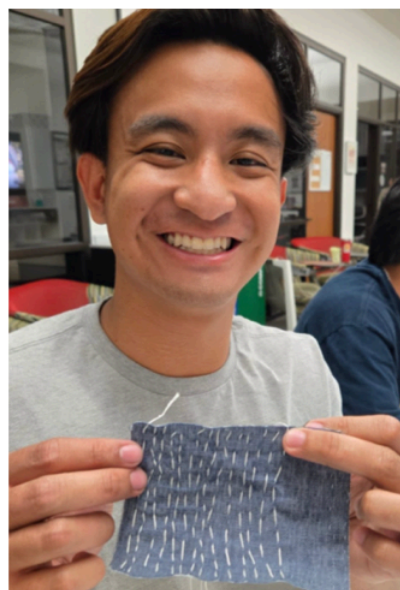
Fun Fact: The SDSU APIDA Center and SDSU [Vietnamese Student Association](#) (VSA) hosted a Vietnamese Language Workshop on March 25th. Participants discussed the historical and cultural significance of the Vietnamese language and then learned basic Vietnamese words and phrases.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



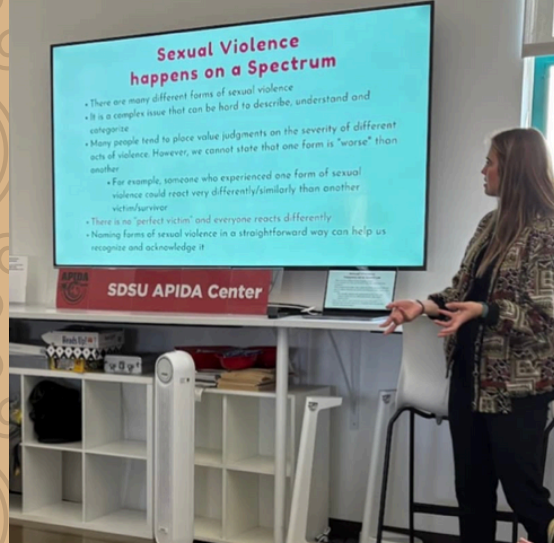
APIDA Center goes to CHamoru Festival!

On Saturday, March 22nd, we took a field trip to the 13th annual [CHamoru Cultural Festival](#) in Oceanside, California. Attendees connected with CHamoru vendors and watched cultural performances by the local community.



APIDA Center learns about Pacita Abad and Sashiko!

We had a crafty week! On March 24th, we hosted our popular [Pacita Abad](#) cultural crafting workshop. On March 27th, we hosted a [Sashiko](#) cultural crafting workshop.



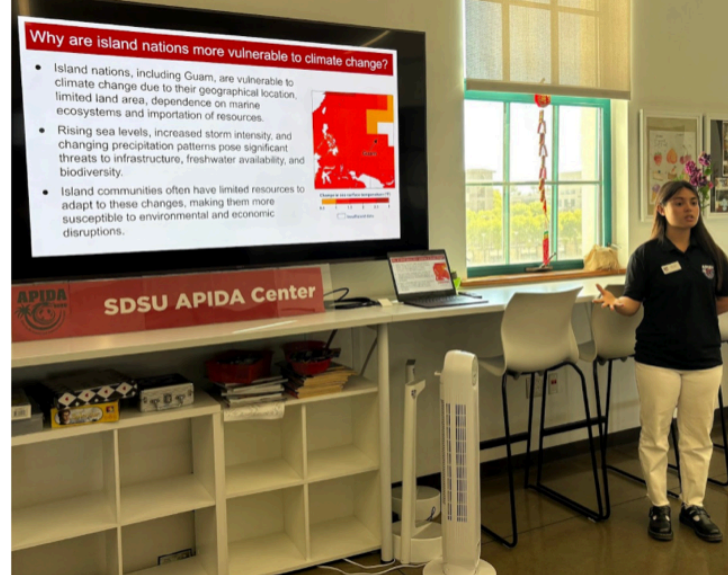
APIDA Center learns about safety!

This week, we hosted two events in collaboration with SDSU Well-being & Health Promotion. On March 25th, we hosted a [workshop](#) to learn about the history of hypersexualization of APIDA women, and then attendees engaged in a sexual violence prevention training. On March 27th, we hosted a [workshop](#) to learn more about music festival safety, and then attendees participated in an Alcohol and Other Drugs and Narcan training.



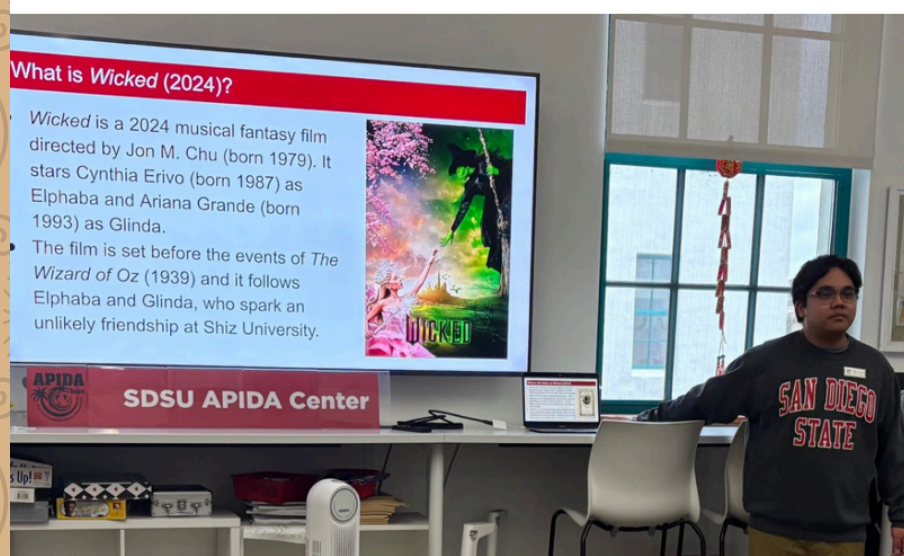
APIDA Center collaborates with VSA and SEA^3!

This week, we hosted two collaborations with our student organizations. On March 25th, we collaborated with the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) to host a workshop about the [Vietnamese language](#). On March 26th, we collaborated with the Southeast Asian American Alliance (SEA^3) to host a workshop about [Cambodian refugees in San Diego](#) and a letter writing campaign about the deportations.



APIDA Center celebrates Mes CHamoru!

This week, we celebrated our last events for Mes CHamoru. On Wednesday, March 26th, we hosted Mr. [Melvin Won Pat-Borja](#), Executive Director of the Commission on Decolonization and President of the Department of CHamoru Affairs. On March 27th, we hosted a [CHamoru Feast](#) with catering from Chamorro Grill. On March 27th, we hosted a cultural education program about [climate change in Guam](#).



APIDA Center hosts a movie night!

On March 26th, we brought back our Wednesday movie nights. Attendees discussed APIDA connections to *Wicked* (2024), including themes such as perpetual foreigner othering, cultural erasure, cultural assimilation, and more. Then, we held space in community while discussing ways to defy gravity.

APIDA Recommendation: Lexy Nguyen



Lexy Nguyen is a PELSA graduate student and a CSOA Assistant Student Life Advisor. She recommends POPFLEX, an athleisure company that designs comfortable clothes for women. In 2016, POPFLEX was founded by Cassey Ho, who is also known for her fitness YouTube channel, "Blogilates." Lexy said, "I love this company because their clothes are so cozy. The first product I bought was the Zip Cloud Hoodie because of its intentional design toward women's bodies. The founder is Vietnamese American like myself. Her commitment to unique designs and size inclusivity is important to me - with sizing going up to a 3XL. Fun fact: The company gained popularity from Taylor Swift's video in which she wore POPFLEX's lilac pirouette skort. Their clothes will keep you stylishly comfy!"

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

Send a picture of you with the product and your glowing review.

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Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Talk it Out!

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, April 7, 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.

Meet Your Counselor: Dr. Joyce Lee

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025 from 2-3pm

Meet APIDA-identifying counselors from SDSU's Counseling & Psychological Services. If you need any help at any time, reach out! Come meet our next featured counselor, Dr. Joyce Lee!

Author Talk: Margaret Juhae Lee

Location: Templo Mayor

Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 from 11-1pm

Meet Korean American author, Margaret Juhae Lee. Lee's debut memoir, *Starry Field: A Memoir of Lost History*, uncovers the lost history of her family's past which had been lost in Korea's colonial years. The first hour will be an author talk plus Q & A; the second hour will be a workshop about talking to elders and family members about the past. Thanks to our partner, Charles Wei-hsun Fu Center for Asian and Pacific Studies.

2025 APIDA Excellence Celebration

Location: Student Union Courtyard

Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 from 5-9pm

We will be recognizing our December 2024, May 2025, and August 2025 graduates as well as celebrating the end of the academic year! Enjoy lots of food, cake, caricatures, balloon art, photobooth, dancing, and more! [RSVP](#) by April 25th.

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:

- [SDSU Nikkei Student Union \(NSU\)](#) is selling stickers. Students can purchase 1 for \$3 and 2 for \$5. Complete the [NSU Sticker Order Form](#) if interested.
- [SDSU Japanese Student Association \(JSA\)](#) announced their [April calendar](#).

Community Center Partners:

- The [SDSU Latinx Resource Center](#) is partnering with the University Library to host [Investiga Con María](#) every Thursday from 12-1pm.
- The [SDSU Pride Center](#) is launching their [Trans Week of Empowerment](#) programs April 7th through April 10th.
- The [SDSU Women's Resource Center](#) is hiring for [student staff positions](#)! [Apply](#) by Fri, April 11th.

Campus Partners:

- The SDSU Undergraduate Research Program (SURP) [Mentor application form](#) is due by 11:59pm on Fri, March 28th. For support, visit SDSU Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (RSCA) [office hours](#).
- The SDSU Office for Graduate Life and Diversity is hosting a Graduate Students Appreciation Celebration on Tues, April 8th from 11-1pm in Templo Mayor. [RSVP](#) today!
- SDSU Asian American Studies' Dr. Alvin Henry is hosting [Career Fair Interactions Prep workshops](#) on Mon, April 7th from 4-5pm and Fri, April 11th from 5-6pm on Zoom.
- The College of Arts & Letters is hosting the [3rd annual John Fiske Legal Series](#) on Thurs, April 10th from 5-8pm in the Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center. The event will feature California Attorney General, Rob Bonta. [RSVP](#) today!
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The San Diego Padres will be celebrating Burmese, Cambodian, Lao, and Thai Heritage Night on Mon, March 31st at 6:40pm at Petco Park Stadium. Purchase [tickets](#) today!
- Lao San Diego's [vendor application](#) for the 3rd annual Lao Food Festival in June is due on Mon, March 31st. [Sign up](#) today!
- Asian Business Association San Diego is hosting "Small Business, Big Ideas: A Coffee Networking Event" on Fri, April 4th from 9-11am. [Sign up](#) today!
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#).

Do you have an opportunity to share?

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Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) is looking for participants for their LEAP Emerge Fellowship Program. [Apply](#) by April 11th.
- **NEW!** Southeast Asians Rise is looking for Social Justice in Arts Education fellows to teach in San Francisco Chinatown this summer. [Apply](#) by April 11th.
- **NEW!** Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) is looking for [Summer Interns!](#) [Apply](#) by April 15th.
- CVS Pharmacy in El Cajon is looking for a Graduate Pharmacist Intern. [Apply](#) by May 1st.

Scholarships:

- 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!** Merritt Community Capital Corporation is offering up to \$10,000 to students interested in the affordable housing field. [Apply](#) by April 15th!
- 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.
- **NEW!** Asian Pacific Community Fund is offering up to \$10,000 to full-time APIDA undergraduate students. [Apply](#) by April 21st.
- 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.

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