

# 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**

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

April 11, 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: Spreading APIDA love across the CSU!**

April is always a busy travel month for me with the APAHE (Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education) conference and AAAS (Association for Asian American Studies) conference. I have been going to these conferences for many years. As such, I am part of a network of APIDA leaders from across the CSU and nation. I love having these opportunities to connect with fellow APIDA change agents and to brag about all the wonderful things we are doing at SDSU.

This week, from April 9-11, I've been in Oakland at the APAHE conference. On April 11th, I presented a workshop about "Mattering and AANHPI Students." In addition to attending sessions, I joined colleagues at dinners hosted by Mesa College and CSU Long Beach (Thank you!). In addition, I also attended an AANAPISI mixer at the Oakland Museum of California and saw exhibits featuring Ruth Asawa and Carlos Villa - Both of whom have been subjects of our cultural crafting nights. It felt so cool to be able to see their art in real life and also to be able to speak to their work. (Even I learn so much from our programs!)

Furthermore, I attended the first board meeting of the CSU AANHPI Student Achievement Program last Friday. As a reminder, I am proud to serve as a Member-At-Large, representing SDSU, on this CSU-wide advisory board. Stay tuned for more as next week, I will be at AAAS in Boston!



# Know APIDA History!



## APIDA Center learns about San Diego's Khmer New Year Festival!

Cambodians in San Diego first arrived in the 1970s as refugees escaping the Khmer Rouge regime (1975-1979). About 2,000 Cambodian refugees were processed at Camp Pendleton. Many of them resettled in San Diego and surrounding areas, establishing their communities by building businesses and cultural institutions for future generations. Today, there are significant concentrations of Cambodian Americans in City Heights and other parts of eastern San Diego.

One of the most significant gatherings of Cambodian Americans in San Diego takes place during Khmer New Year, also known as Choul Chnam Thmey. Khmer New Year is a three-day celebration that takes place from April 13 through April 15. It indicates the end of the harvesting season and symbolizes the renewal of nature and people.

San Diego's Khmer New Year Festival is organized annually by the Khmer American Mutual Association (KAMA) of San Diego, whose mission is to connect older and younger generations of Cambodian Americans with hopes of sharing and preserving Khmer culture. KAMA has been organizing the festival since 2019. Each year, the festival brings together the local Cambodian American community to partake in religious ceremonies, support Cambodian American artists and businesses, and enjoy cultural food and performances. This year, [KAMA's Khmer New Year Festival](#) will take place on Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27 at Colina del Sol Park in City Heights.

The SDSU APIDA Center will also be celebrating [Thai, Lao, and Cambodian New Year](#) on Monday, April 14th.\* Join us to learn about the historical and cultural significance of [Green Papaya Salad](#) from 1-2pm. Come learn about [Cambodian Rock Music](#) from 4-5pm. Then, make [Lao Tai Lue dreamcatchers](#) from 6-8pm.

*\*In order to participate in the workshops (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. 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.*



# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center meets Dr. Joyce Lee!

On April 10th, we hosted our "Meet Your Counselor" series in collaboration with SDSU Counseling & Psychological Services. Students got an opportunity to connect with Dr. **Joyce Lee**. They learned about her experiences as a mental health professional as well as the importance of representation in the field.



## APIDA Center learns about Asian skincare culture!

On Thursday, April 10th, the APIDA Center collaborated with the Asian Pacific Student Alliance (APSA) to host a workshop about Asian Skincare Culture. Led by **Nora Pham** and **Neil Catungal**, participants learned about the history of Asian skincare practices and trends. They also shared their skincare routines.

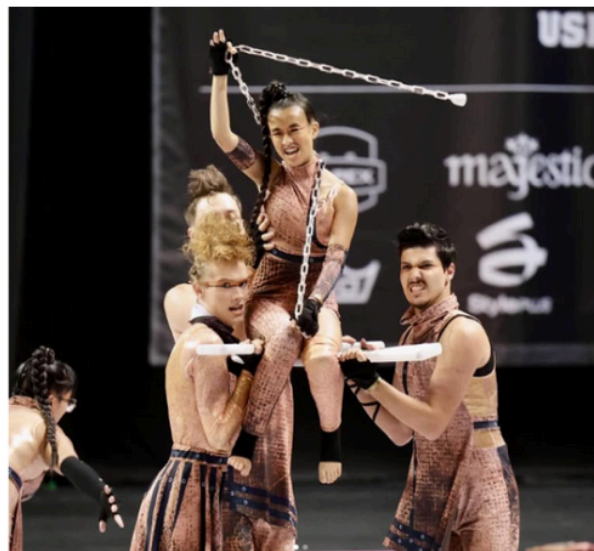
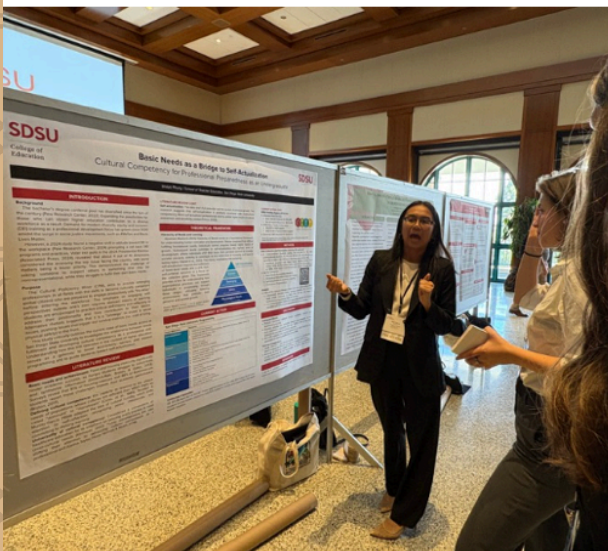


# APIDA Flex Alerts!

This year, several APIDA students received awards at the SDSU Student Research Symposium (S3). We are so proud of our APIDA student researchers! Congratulations to all of the S3 award recipients and participants!

**AJ Boyd** is a first year Hospitality and Tourism Management Major and A-LIST student. She traveled to Dayton, Ohio this past spring break to perform with the SDSU Color Guard at the Winter Guard International World Championships. She and her team made the top 30 teams performing in the semi-finals.

**Olivia Barnard** is a staff writer for *The Daily Aztec*. Her opinion article entitled, "My IUD and Me: Getting on birth control doesn't have to be scary" was published on April 9, 2025. She wrote, "Treat your body with compassion: as you care for it, it will care for you. Know that from one IUD girlie to another, I'm rooting for you."



**We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!**

**Have a flex to share?**

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# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## Cultural Education Program: Green Papaya Salad\*

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 from 1-2pm**

Green Papaya Salad is a spicy, chilled dish crafted from unripe papayas. It is a popular Thai, Lao, and Cambodian dish. Learn about its origins, history, cultural importance, and preparation techniques. After the cultural education program, enjoy some green papaya salad and rice!

## Cultural Education Program: Cambodian Rock Music\*

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 from 4-5pm**

In the 1960s and 1970s, Cambodia saw a musical revolution as artists blended traditional Cambodian music with rock, pop, and soul influences from the United States. This unique and vibrant musical form captivated Cambodians. Come learn about its history, impacts of the Cambodian Genocide, preservation efforts by the Cambodian diaspora, and more!

## Cultural Crafting Night: Lao Tai Lue Dreamcatchers\*

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 from 6-8pm**

Tai Lue are an ethnic group living in Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam, and China. They practice Theravada Buddhism. They make dreamcatchers that are traditionally placed in homes to protect against bad dreams and welcome peaceful ones. Discover the historical and cultural significance behind these beautiful pieces. Then, create your own!

## Korean Game Night\*

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 from 6-7pm**

SDSU Korean American Student Association (KASA) and the APIDA Center are teaming up to host a Korean game night. We will be learning about and playing traditional Korean games, such as Yut Nori, Gonggi, and Ddakji.

## Drop-In Advising

**Location: APIDA Center or [Zoom](#)**

**Date: April 21-25, 2025 (Check [Instagram](#) for specific times.)**

Get advising from the APIDA Center. You do not need to schedule an appointment to attend drop-in advising. However, drop-in hours will be first come, first served and each session is only 15 minutes.

## Cultural Crafting Night: Paj Ntaub Hmong Embroidery\*

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, April 21, 2025 from 6-8pm**

Celebrate 50 years of Hmong American history in the United States. Learn more about the Hmong people and about Paj Ntaub, Hmong embroidery. Then, stitch with us.

## Kōnane Game Night\*

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 from 4-5pm**

In collaboration with SDSU Pacific Islander Student Association (PISA), we are hosting a workshop about the historical and cultural significance of Kōnane, a traditional Hawaiian board game known as Hawaiian checkers. Then, play Kōnane with us!

## 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.

## APIDA in Research Institute: Research in K-12 and Higher Education\*

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 from 1-6:30pm**

Are you a future educator interested in conducting your own research? All participants will receive professional development, swag, and a free dinner. The APIDA Center will also provide support for attendees' research projects, including funding, coaching, mentors, check-ins, and more! [RSVP](#) by Monday, April 21st!

## Navigating Summer Courses\*

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Friday, April 25, 2025 from 1-2pm**

Do you need help navigating enrollment for Summer 2025 courses? Join us to learn more about summer course options and the enrollment process. We will also discuss how to maintain academic success over summer break.

## APIDA Field Trip: San Diego Asian Film Festival Spring Showcase\*

**Location: UltraStar Cinemas Mission Valley**

**Date: Friday, April 25, 2025 from 6-10pm**

Come to the San Diego Asian Film Festival Spring Showcase with us as part of our Earth Day programming! We will be watching, "Out of Plain Sight." [RSVP](#) today!

## Meet Your Counselor: Yu-An Chien, LCSW\*

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Thursday, May 1, 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, Yu-An Chien, LCSW!

## 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.



# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- [Pacific Islander Student Association \(PISA\)](#) is selling Early Bird tickets for their annual PISA Lu'au until Mon, April 14th. Get [tickets](#) asap!
- [Vietnamese Student Association \(VSA\)](#) is hosting their [Elections GBM](#) on Mon, April 14th from 4:30-5:30pm in Legacy Suite.
- [Japanese Student Association \(JSA\)](#) is hosting their next Language Table on Tues, April 15th from 4-5pm on Aztec Greens.
- [Asian Pacific Student Alliance \(APSA\)](#) is hosting a [T-Shirt Design Contest](#). Submissions are due on Tues, April 15th.
- [Nikkei Student Union \(NSU\)](#) is accepting applications for their 2025-2026 Executive Board. [Apply](#) by Thurs, April 17th.
- [\(AAPI\)Phany](#) is accepting Intern Applications until Thurs, April 17th. [Apply](#) today!

## Community Center Partners:

- The [Gus and Emma Thompson Black Resource Center](#) is providing [Drop-In Advising](#) on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-4pm throughout April.
- The [Native Resource Center \(NRC\)](#) is hosting their [53rd Annual Powwow](#) on Sat, April 12th at the SDSU Recreation Field.
- The [Women's Resource Center](#) is hosting a series of events for [Take Back the Week](#) from Mon, April 14th to Thurs, April 17th.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center \(URC\)](#) is hosting the next [UndocuALLY Training](#) for faculty, staff, and administrators on Mon, April 14th from 1-4pm in PSFA 308. [RSVP](#) today!
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations \(CIR\)](#) is hosting [SWANA: Solidarity Through Sadaqah](#) on Tues, April 15th from 7:00-8:30pm in PSFA 325.
- The [Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) is hosting their next [Grad Literacy Workshop](#) on Thurs, April 17th from 12-1pm.
- The [Pride Center](#) is looking for volunteers for Lavender Graduation. [Sign up](#) to volunteer by 4pm on Fri, April 18th.

## Campus Partners:

- [SDSU Well-being and Health Promotion](#) is hosting [Sound Healing Meditation](#) on Tues, April 15th from 3:30-4:30pm. [RSVP](#) today!
- Cal Coast Student Financial Center is hosting a [Managing Your Money](#) workshop on Wed, April 16th at 12pm in SSW 2620.
- Associate Students and Aztec Student Union Board are hosting "Get the Scoop" on applying to be an ASUB Chair on Wed, April 16 from 12:15-1:15pm in the Student Lounge.
- SDSU Career Services is hosting the College of Arts and Letters (CAL) Career Fair on Thurs, April 17th from 12-2pm in Montezuma Hall. Register on [Handshake](#)!
- The [Charles Wei-hsun Fu Center for Asian and Pacific Studies](#) is hosting a [screening of "White Building"](#) on Thurs, April 17th in AL 462. [RSVP](#) today!
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- Wat Champou Ruckha Vanaram is hosting the [Cambodian New Year Celebration](#) on Sat, April 12 and Sun, April 13 from 8:30-3:30pm.
- UC San Francisco is [accepting enrollments](#) for the Collaboration Approach for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders Research and Education (CARE) Online.
- 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:

- **NEW!** The American Red Cross is looking for a Development Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) is looking for [Summer Interns](#)! [Apply](#) by April 15th.
- **NEW!** The Alliance of Chinese Americans San Diego is looking for an API Public Service Intern for Summer 2025. [Apply](#) by April 18th!
- CVS Pharmacy in El Cajon is looking for a Graduate Pharmacist Intern. [Apply](#) by May 1st.

## Scholarships:

- 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.
- Asian Pacific Community Fund is offering up to \$10,000 to full-time APIDA undergraduate students. [Apply](#) by April 21st.
- **NEW!** The Samoa Association of San Diego is offering scholarships to undergraduate students of Samoan ancestry. [Apply](#) by April 30th.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The Asian American Architects and Engineers Foundation is offering scholarships to students pursuing a degree in fields related to architecture, interior design, and engineering. [Apply](#) by May 1st.
- Against The Grain Productions is offering \$1,500 to current college students of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity. [Apply](#) by May 31st.