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SDSU Office of AANAPISI Affairs & APIDA Center



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Mon-Thurs 10:00-8:00pm

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

April 18, 2025

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



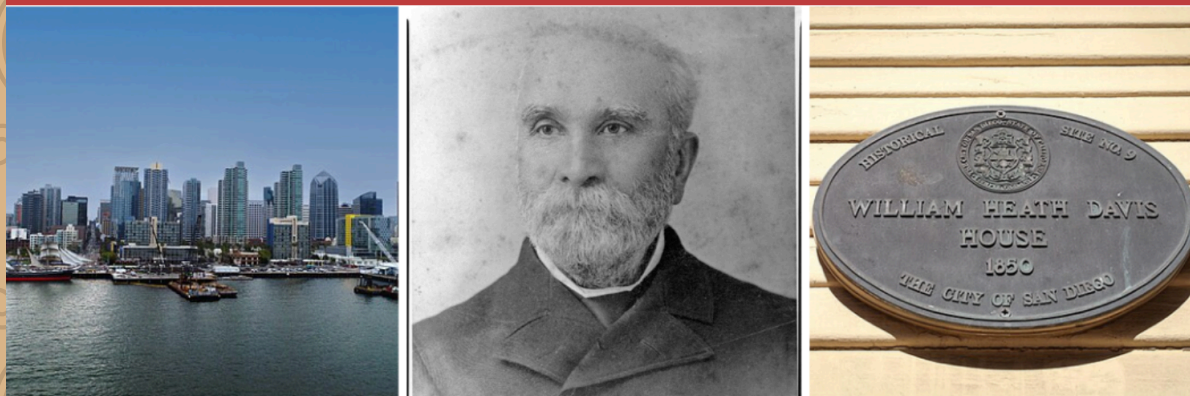
From Dr. Loh-Hagan: SDSU at MLA!

This academic year, we were proud to represent SDSU at the CSU Middle Leadership Academy, a professional development program grounded in a problem-based learning model that motivates participants to “lead from the middle” in order to explore and apply strategies to support equitable student success. We attended a retreat in Folsom in February and just spent this past week at a retreat in Fresno. In addition to learning more about closing equity gaps, we also networked with leaders from across the CSU.

By December 2025, the SDSU Office of AANAPISI Affairs and SDSU APIDA Center aims to create a comprehensive data report about the AANHPI ecosystem at SDSU which includes an understanding of our campus resources, AANHPI student population, usage data, and more. In addition to the data report, outcomes include customized info sessions/presentations, data-informed practices, and more. Stay tuned!

The initial SDSU MLA team includes: Dr. **Virginia Loh-Hagan**, **Matthew H Garcia**, **Gi Vargas**, **Christine Molina**, **Jacqueline Toy**, **Kathleen King**, **KB Bennett**, Dr. **Stephen Suh**, and Dr. **Brian Hu**. Many thanks to Dr. **Chris Manning** who was our Endorser. As we move forward with this work, we will be inviting more folks to join us on this adventure!

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about William Heath Davis!

William Heath Davis (1822-1909), also known as "Kanakan Bill," was born in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1822. He came from a family of shipowners from Boston who was involved in the trade industry in the coastal United States and Hawaii. His mother was Hannah Kalikolehua-a-Mahi Holmes (c. 1797-1847), who was the granddaughter of Kalaniho'oulumokuiekai (1729-1782) and Kalanikupaulakea (1760-1795) of the Mahi line of chiefs. His father was Captain William Heath Davis Sr. (1796-death unknown), a sandalwood trader and advisor to King Kamehameha I (c. 1758-1819).

In 1842, Davis became a prominent merchant and shipowner in San Francisco, California. While his businesses were growing, he visited San Diego many times, eventually making the city his home. In 1847, Davis married into the Estudillos family, prominent Old Town San Diegans.

In 1850, Davis became one of the founders of "New Town" in San Diego, which was the beginnings of what is now Downtown San Diego. He envisioned a town closer to the waterfront that would support a thriving trade industry in the city. With his business partners, Davis purchased 160 acres of land and laid out plans for the city, starting with a large wharf and warehouse. Their plans were halted, however, due to an economic depression in 1851. Plans for the city of San Diego would not proceed until almost 20 years later with the arrival of Alonzo Horton (1813-1909).

Davis died in Hayward, California in 1909. Today, he is being honored in multiple ways. The Davis-Horton House, previously known as the William Heath Davis House, is the oldest house in Downtown San Diego. It continues to be preserved today as a testament to Davis's contributions to the foundation of the city. In addition, the Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation and the Kanaka Davis Trust Group are unveiling the [William Heath Davis Jr. Monument](#) on Saturday, May 10th from 10:30am to 2:00pm in Pantoja Park.

Join the SDSU APIDA Center on a field trip on Friday, May 9th from 10:00am to 6:00pm to the San Diego History Center and other sites in San Diego connected to Hawaiian history and culture, including the Davis-Horton House. Standby for more information!

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center supports student research!

We hosted our second APIDA in Research Institute on Saturday, April 12th. Students learned about research from Dr. **Alicia Kinoshita**, the Director of SDSU's Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities. They also learned from **Rodney Speight**, student researcher and former A-LISTER. Attendees also spent time brainstorming their research questions. In addition to earning APIDA swag, participants will receive funding and mentorship for their research projects. We will be hosting more research institutes in the future!



APIDA Center engages at Explore SDSU!

We had a successful Explore SDSU experience! During tabling, we connected with over 400 newly-admitted students who are excited to start their college career next semester. We also welcomed several families during our Open House at the APIDA Center. We love meeting new students. Go SDSU! (Many thanks to the following students for tabling: **Diego Del Mundo**, **Asia Goodwin**, **Chloe Morimoto**, and **Brandon Oconer**.)



APIDA Center celebrates Thai, Lao, and Cambodian New Year!

On Monday, April 14th, the APIDA Center hosted three events in honor of Thai, Lao, and Cambodian New Year. Students learned about Green Papaya Salad and enjoyed some delicious papaya salad and rice from Sala Thai. Students also learned about the history of Cambodian Rock Music. For cultural crafting night, students made Tai Lue dreamcatchers.



APIDA Center plays traditional Korean games!

In collaboration with the Korean American Student Association (KASA), we hosted a Korean Game Night. Students learned about the historical and cultural significance of traditional games such as Yut Nori, Ddakji, and Gonggi. Then, students enjoyed playing the games.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

Dr. **Eunha Hoh**, Professor of Environmental Health at the School of Public Health, is featured in the film, "Out of Plain Sight" for her groundbreaking research on levels of dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT) in Southern California's marine animals and ecosystems. *(The APIDA Center is hosting a field trip to watch the film at the San Diego Asian Film Festival Spring Showcase on Friday, April 25th. RSVP today! Free tickets!)*

Dr. **Alvin Henry**, associate professor and director of Asian American Studies, received a grant of \$850,000 from the Mellon Foundation. The grant will provide additional resources to create innovative and community-based curricula.

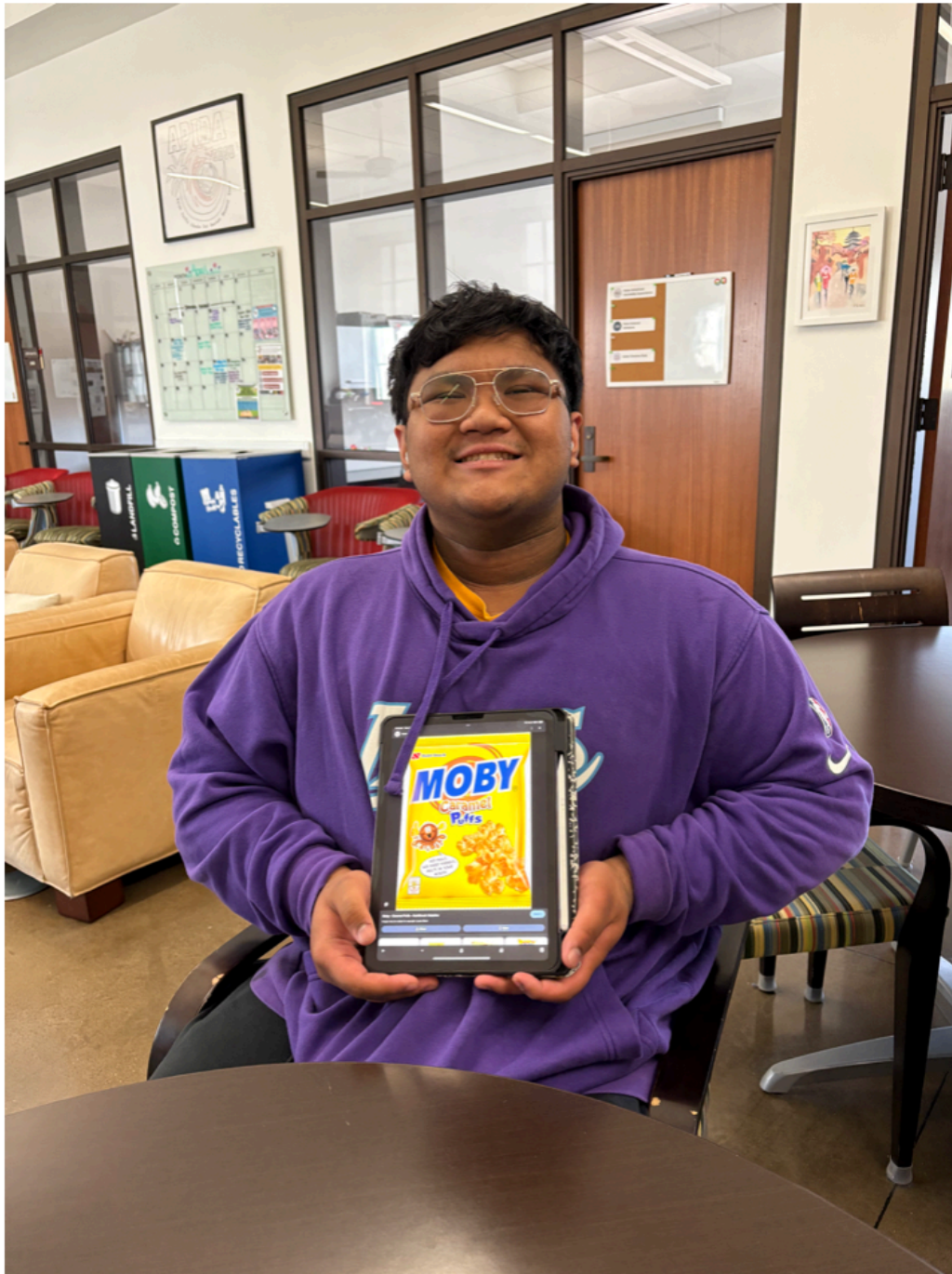


We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

APIDA Recommendation: Elijah Erris Guiao



Elijah Erris Guiao is a first-year Computer Engineering major and APIDA Center Club Karaoke enthusiast. He recommends the corn puff snack, Moby Caramel Puffs, which is produced by Nutritive Snack Food Corporation, a Philippine-based food distributor established in 1981. Elijah said, "I chose Moby for my recommendation because I grew up eating the snack. I recommend others to try it because it's not really well-known, but it's really good! It has a sweet flavor and unique but enjoyable texture. You can find it at your local Seafood City supermarket!" Fun Fact: Seafood City is an American supermarket chain that specializes in Filipino food and products. It was founded in National City, California as Manila Seafood.

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Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Drop-In Advising

Location: APIDA Center or [Zoom](#)

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

Get advising from the APIDA Center. No need to schedule an appointment. However, drop-in hours will be first come, first served and each session is only 15 minutes.

Feel Your Feelings: Challenges of Talking to Your Parents*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, April 21, 2025 from 5-6pm

Talking to your parents can be hard. Discuss shared fears and worries. Explore practical strategies for effective communication and ways to strengthen these important relationships.

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.

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!

Black April: Intergenerational Trauma & the Refugee Experience*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, April 28, 2025 from 5-6pm

Discuss the impacts of the refugee experience on Southeast Asian American immigrant communities. Intergenerational trauma deeply shapes family dynamics and impacts future generations. Explore how to recognize and navigate this trauma and work toward healing across generations.

Cultural Crafting Night: Hoi An Decorated Paper Lanterns*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, April 28, 2025 from 6-8pm

Hoi An is a province in Central Vietnam. It is famous for its colorful lanterns, a traditional art form that goes back over 400 years. Learn more about this iconic Vietnamese symbol and decorate paper lanterns with us!

Black April Discussion*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 from 3-4pm

Join us to learn about Black April, or the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975. Learn about the history, its aftermath, and its legacy.

Cultural Education Program: Vietnamese Resettlement in the U.S.*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 from 4-5pm

Over 100,000 Vietnamese refugees resettled in the United States after the Fall of Saigon. Learn about the history of Vietnamese resettlement in the United States post-Vietnam War. There will be a special focus on SoCal/San Diego and New Orleans, Louisiana.

Cultural Education Program: Bánh Mì*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 from 5-6pm

Learn about the history of the beloved Bánh mì sandwich, including the influence of French colonialism. Then, enjoy some Bánh mì with us!

Screening of "Seadrift" and Chat with Dr. Thao Ha*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 from 6-8pm

Join us for a screening of the documentary "Seadrift," which is about the tensions between Texas fishermen and Vietnamese refugee fishing communities in Seadrift, Texas which took place in the late 1970s. Chat with the film's co-producer and MiraCosta professor, Dr. Thao Ha.

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!

Feel Your Feelings: Managing Finals-Induced Stress*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, May 5, 2025 from 5-6pm

Finals season is one of the most stressful time in one's college career. Share your stresses as well as helpful tips and trusted techniques to manage stress and finish strong.

Feel Your Feelings: So You've Graduated? The Stress of What's Next!*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 from 11-12pm

Life after graduation can feel overwhelming. Discuss the challenges and stresses of transitioning from student life to the "real world."

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.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- The [Vietnamese Student Association \(VSA\)](#) is offering graduation stoles for active members. [Order](#) soon!
- [Badminton Club at SDSU](#) and UCSD Badminton are hosting a [Beach Social](#) on Sat, April 19th from 4-8pm at La Jolla Shores.
- [Asian Pacific Student Alliance \(APSA\)](#) is hosting their annual [Fashion Talent Show \(FTS\)](#) on Sat, April 19th from 6-10pm in Montezuma Hall.
- [Pacific Islander Student Association \(PISA\)](#) is hosting [Board Game Night](#) on Sunday, April 20th at 5pm. [RSVP](#) for the event location.
- [Asian Business Association \(ABA\) SDSU](#) is offering [ABA Board Shadowing](#) during their Board Meeting on Mon, April 21st at 7pm on Discord.
- [Southeast Asian American Alliance \(SEA^3\)](#) is now accepting [executive board applications](#). [Apply](#) by Wed, April 23rd.
- [Taiwanese Student Association \(TSA\)](#) and the Language Exchange Community are hosting a [Boba Building Workshop](#) on Fri, April 25th from 3:30-5:30pm in Matayu'um.
- The Cal Coast Student Financial Center is looking for Junior Counselors to work this summer. Apply via [Handshake](#) (Job#9768725) by May 2nd.

Community Center Partners:

- The [Center for Intercultural Relations \(CIR\)](#) is hosting [SWANA Solidarity: Humanitarian Action for Change](#) on Mon, April 21st from 5-7pm in Templo Mayor.
- The [Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#), [Pride Center](#), and [Native Resource Center \(NRC\)](#) are hosting "Decolonize the Screen! Intersex and Indigenous Queer Stories" on Tues, April 22nd from 11-1pm at the NRC.
- The [Gus and Emma Thompson Black Resource Center \(BRC\)](#) is hosting the [Legacy Ball](#) on Thurs, April 24th at 7pm in the Parma Payne Alumni Center. [RSVP](#) today!
- The [Pride Center](#) is hosting [Pride Research Symposium](#) on Fri, April 25th from 1-4pm in LL 430.

Campus Partners:

- [Counseling & Psychological Services](#) is offering short-term [Couples Counseling](#) for romantic couples, roommates, friends, and more.
- The [Office of Graduate Life and Diversity](#) is looking for a [Graduate Student Assistant](#) for hire. Apply on [Handshake](#) today!
- The [Commuter Resource Center](#) is hosting [Roblox Rush](#) on Wed, April 23rd from 1-2pm.
- The [Office of Educational Opportunity Programs, Outreach, and Success](#) is hosting [Drop-In Advising](#) on Wed, April 23rd from 9-12pm and 1-4pm & Thurs, April 24th from 1-4pm in SSE 2109.
- [SDSU Well-being & Health Promotion](#) is hosting [C.H.E.F. Cooking Class](#) on Thurs, April 24th from 12:30-1:30pm. [RSVP](#) today!
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- 'Umeke is hosting "ōlelo Hawai'i" workshop on Sat, April 19th from 11-1pm at the Miracosta Community Learning Center. [RSVP](#) today!
- Asian Business Association San Diego is hosting Session 2 of the "Starting Your Food Business" workshop series on Tues, April 22nd from 4-6pm. [Register](#) today!
- The Japanese Friendship Garden Society of San Diego is hosting "Woven Heritage: Kitamura Tokusai IX" on Sun, April 20th from 11:00-12:30pm and 1:30-3:00pm at the Japanese Friendship Garden.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#).

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

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** The Asian American Journalists Association is looking for applicants for the Dinah Eng Leadership Fellowship for mid-career AAJA members. [Apply](#) by April 30th.
- CVS Pharmacy in El Cajon is looking for a Graduate Pharmacist Intern. [Apply](#) by May 1st.

Scholarships:

- Asian Pacific Community Fund is offering up to \$10,000 to full-time APIDA undergraduate students. [Apply](#) by April 21st.
- **NEW!** The Asian American Journalists Association is offering \$1,500 through their Vincent Chin Memorial Scholarship to a student journalist. [Apply](#) by April 30th.
- **NEW!** Washington International Diplomatic Academy is offering scholarships to students who are interested in participating in their Summer Diplomatic Academy program. [Apply](#) by April 30th.
- 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.
- 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.

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