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

May 16, 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: Summertime at the APIDA Center!

School is over. Finals are done. Commencements are underway. And just like that....we have completed our first five years of history at San Diego State University. Although our official birthday is June 1st, we will be celebrating the big FIVE on Tuesday, May 27th from 3-5pm at the APIDA Center. Join us for cake, banh mi, kim chi, rice, Asian snacks, and more. (There might even be some karaoke!) [RSVP today!](#)

Over the summer months, we will be sending out a newsletter at least once a month (instead of weekly). So, our next newsletter will be sent on May 27th. Until then, keep on celebrating APIDA joy!

APIDA
SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Center
We are open during the summer!
Come visit us!!

Modified Summer Hours

May 16 - August 22, 2025:
10:00am - 4:30pm

Regular hours resume Monday, August 25, 2025.

The flyer features a light blue background with a red starfish in the top right and a beach scene with sand and starfish at the bottom.

We're open all summer long!

Come visit us! The APIDA Center will have modified hours all summer long. We will be open Monday-Fridays from 10:00-4:30pm. We will be closed during university holidays and resume our regular hours on August 25th. You will always have a home at the APIDA Center! Come through....vibe with us!

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about archery!

Archery's origins trace back to the discovery of flint arrowheads from around 20,000 BC. The sport originates from Egyptian and Nubian bow and arrow practices for hunting and warfare. Since then, distinctive styles of archery equipment and techniques have developed. Asia alone is home to at least a dozen cultures with rich archery traditions. For example, in Japan, traditional archery is known as *kyūdō*, originally called *kyūjutsu*, meaning "art of archery." Once central to Samurai warfare, it shifted during the Edo period (1603–1868) toward a more ceremonial and spiritual practice.

Kyūdō was introduced to the United States in 1980 by Kanjuro Shibata XX (1921-2013), a master archer whose family served as imperial instructors and bow makers. That same year, the first American dojo, Ryuko Kyudojo, was founded in Colorado. Soon after, more than 25 dojos were established. Although far from its origins, Kyūdō in the United States remains true to tradition. Practitioners use the asymmetrical longbow (*yumi*) and arrows (*ya*), following foundational techniques such as footing, posture, drawing, and release.

San Diego Kyudo (hosted at North County Aikikai) was founded in February of 1993 by Satoshi Takamori (born 1955). Takamori spent most of his life in Japan until he was invited to San Diego in 1986 to teach kyūdō. One of his first students, Jannette Curran (born 1995), now leads the San Diego Kyudo Dojo. Today, the *dojo* is home to a diverse group of students, all donning traditional attire consisting of a *keiko-gi* top, pleated *hakama*, belt, and sandals.

Interested in archery? Camp/glamp with the APIDA Center on May 23–25! Enjoy activities like archery, rock climbing, hiking, bonfires, and more. APIDA Center will pay for all expenses in exchange for a Firm commitment. [RSVP](#) to join the fun! (There are only a few spots left.)

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center learns about Hawaiian connections in San Diego!

On May 9, 2025, the APIDA Center hosted a field trip to learn more about San Diego sites of interest connected to Hawaiian history. First, we visited the "Aloha Vaqueros" exhibit at the San Diego History Center. We learned about the history of *vaqueros* (cowboys) in Alta and Baja California and of *paniolos* (Hawaiian cowboys) in Hawaii and San Diego.

We also learned about the history, including the haunted history, of the Davis-Horton House, which was the home of William Heath Davis (1822-1909), a founding father of San Diego's downtown area. Davis, known as "Kanaka Bill," was born in Honolulu, HI and was one-quarter Native Hawaiian as his maternal grandmother was Mahi Kalanihooulumokuikikai, a high chiefess from O'ahu.

We also learned about early Native Hawaiian laborers in Shelter Island and Point Loma, in addition to Hawaiian connections to San Diego military history. Then, we ate Spam Musubis from Ono Grindz, a local Hawaiian-owned eatery in Liberty Station Public Market.



APIDA Center hosts study hall and finals fun!

During Finals Week, we hosted Quiet Study Hall from 10-5pm. We work hard to maintain a quiet space during this time so that students can focus on studying and complete their final assignments.

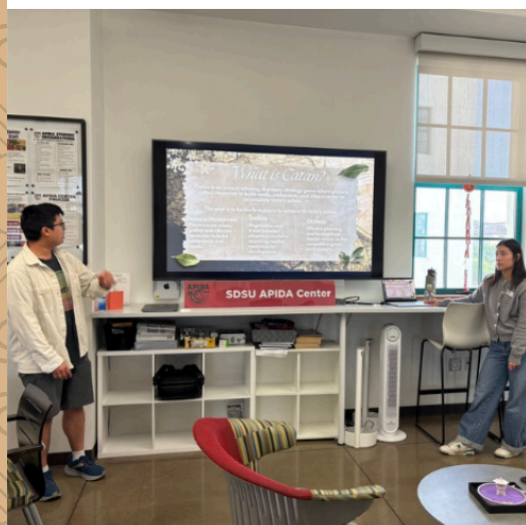
From 5-8pm, we also hosted Finals Fun activities. This semester, we practiced sustainable stitching, weaved potholders, played games, and watched movies!



APIDA Center celebrates Hmong-Lao Veterans Day!

On Wednesday, May 14th, the APIDA Center learned about Hmong-Lao veterans. We discussed the "Secret War" in Laos, the significance of Hmong-Lao Veterans Day, and the importance of honoring Hmong-Lao veterans today. (Note: Cities with large populations of Hmong-Lao refugees recognize May 14th as Hmong-Lao Veterans Day. May 14, 1975 was the last day of the airlift evacuation of Hmong-Lao soldiers and their families from Laos to a refugee camp in Thailand.)

This program was part of our APIDA History & Heritage Month celebration in addition to the commemoration of 50 years of Southeast Asian American history.



APIDA Center plays Catan!

The APIDA Center partnered with the Data Science Initiative student organization on Wednesday, May 14th to play Catan for game night! In order to play to win, we learned about the role of data science. Then, we played the physical and online versions of Catan!

News from APIDA ERG



APIDA ERG: Luncheon & Larry the Musical!

The [SDSU APIDA Employee Resource Group](#) (ERG) is a network for APIDA faculty and staff members. To join, please contact Dr. Loh-Hagan at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu.

On May 9th, we went to a special program about "Larry the Musical" hosted by Miramar College.

On May 12th, we hosted an end-of-year luncheon for our APIDA ERG members. Many thanks to [Center for Inclusive Excellence](#) for their generous support.

Please complete survey!

Navigating Wellness: A Survey of Asian & Asian American CSU Students

Scan the QR code to complete the survey for a chance to win a \$50 gift card!

bit.ly/AACARESSurvey



[Navigating Wellness: A Survey of Asian & Asian American California State University \(CSU\) Students*](#)

The Asian American Collective Action for Racial Equity and Solidarity (AA CARES) at San Francisco State University is conducting research on the well-being of Asian American students at CSU campuses. Please complete their [survey](#) (approximately 10-15 mins) for a chance to win a \$50 gift card! In addition, students can participate in a focus group. Each focus group participant will receive \$100 for an hour of their time.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

Shaye Phung, fourth-year Liberal Studies major, was selected as her program's Outstanding Graduate Student. In addition, she was featured in a SDSU NewsCenter article entitled, "[SDSU grad's pivot from teaching to policy lands her at Harvard Graduate School.](#)"

Christie Yeung, fourth-year Journalism major, wrote an article entitled, "[Senior Farewell: Christie Yeung.](#)" She stated, "Thank you, the APIDA Center, for being my second home. Thank you, Dr. Virginia Loh-Hagan, for putting up with me."

Ten SDSU alumni have been named the [2025 Rising Aztecs](#). Special kudos to **Brandon Ishikata** and **Raymond Wu**.

Dr. **Bill Tong** has been selected to serve as the permanent Provost for SDSU. Dr. Tong is also a Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry and is famous for his expertise in nonlinear multi-photon laser technology. This year, Dr. Tong celebrates his 40th anniversary at SDSU.



We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

APIDA Recommendation: Jon Amos



Jon Amos is a third-year transfer student majoring in film. He recommends BOPOMOFO Cafe, an APIDA-owned boba shop in southern California. BOPOMOFO was founded by Eric Wang and Philip Wang. (Fun Fact: Philip Wang is an alumnus of UCSD and co-founder of Wong Fu Productions, a popular YouTube channel that amplifies APIDA creatives.) The San Diego location opened in July 2024.

The name BOPOMOFO Cafe is based on the traditional Chinese alphabet characters: ㄅ, ㄆ, ㄇ, and ㄈ [bo, po, mo, and fo]. These four characters are the "ABCs" of the Mandarin Chinese alphabet. Co-founders Eric and Philip, both "American Born Chinese" (ABC), chose the name to reflect their heritage and shared pride in their culture.

Jon said, "When I heard that BOPOMOFO was founded by a friend of one of my favorite YouTubers growing up, I was really excited! The cafe in San Diego is in the Convoy District, which is a great place to try new food and drink spots. I really enjoy the peaceful cafe atmosphere at BOPOMOFO. I especially like their matcha drinks and popcorn chicken!"

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

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

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

APIDA Camping & Student Leadership Retreat*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Friday, May 23 to Sunday, May 25, 2025

Remember 6th grade camp? Didn't get a chance to go? Let's go! All expenses including transportation, lodging, meals, activities, etc. will be provided. We will travel to Cuyamaca to enjoy the great outdoors, team-building, leadership development, and more! [RSVP](#) asap. Spots are limited.

APIDA Center's 5th Birthday

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 from 3-5pm

The APIDA Center has been on campus for FIVE years! Come hang at the APIDA Center and enjoy some fun refreshments with us. This will be a casual get-together so feel free to come and go as you please. All are welcome! [RSVP](#) today!

Beats, Rhymes, and Liberation from a Tribe Called Oceania*

Location: Zoom (Registration required)

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 from 4-5pm

For millennia, indigenous Pacific Islanders have told and retold stories through oral traditions. Today, contemporary forms of oral storytelling continue to activate the community and connect Pacific Islander youth to their roots. Join us to learn about the roles of poetry and hip hop in the liberation movements of Oceania. [Register](#) today!

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:

- Most student organizations will be taking a break for the summer. Check out their Instagrams to keep informed!

Community Center Partners:

- The [Monarch Unity Resource Center \(MURC\)](#) is promoting the Immigrant Legal Resource Center's (ILRC) webinar entitled, "Traveling While Undocumented: Understanding Your Rights" on Mon, May 19 from 12-1pm. [Register](#) to join!

Campus Partners:

- The SDSU Bookstore is [calling all models](#) for the 2025-2026 school year! [Sign up](#) today!
- The Charles Wei-hsun Fu Center for Asian and Pacific Studies is hiring for [Summer 2025](#)! Contact caps@sdsu.edu for more information.
- Well-being & Health Promotion is hiring [Graduate Student Assistants](#). [Apply](#) today!
- Global Education Office is hosting a "Getting Started" Info Session for PSFA students on Wed, May 21 from 2-3pm on Zoom. [Register](#) to join!
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- Taiwanese American Professionals San Diego is hosting "Meet the Board" on Mon, May 19 from 6-8pm in the One Paseo plaza. [Register](#) for more details.
- AAPIA Vote, Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA), AAPI Data, and the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) are hosting a webinar entitled, "Voices of AAPI Communities: AAPI Perspectives on Education, Taxes, Economy & Federal Budget" on Thurs, May 22 at 12pm. [Register](#) today!
- *Lotus Magazine* is accepting written and art submissions for their Q3 issue entitled, "[Fusion](#)." [Submit](#) entries by May 28.
- AAPI Data is hosting a AAPI Data Design Contest. They are inviting community members to create an art piece that reflects the experiences of AAPI communities. This year's theme is "Power in Numbers." Winners receive a \$500 prize! [Submit](#) by May 31!
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). Their next free workshops include "Untold Japanese American History: Poston Incarceration Camp" on Tues, May 20 from 4-5pm and "Threads of Resistance: AA&NH/PI Histories of Activism & Solidarity" on Wed, May 21 from 4-6pm. [Register](#) today!

**Do you have an opportunity to share?
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Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** DigiStream Investigations, Inc. is looking for a part-time Investigative Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Santee Lakes is seeking Park & Recreation Interns for Summer 2025. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Malin Space Science Systems is looking for an intern. Applicants must be currently enrolled in electrical, computer, computer science, mechanical, aerospace, or optical engineering in a 4-year university. [Apply](#) today!

Scholarships:

- **NEW!** The American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation is offering \$5,000 to 15 graduate students enrolled in a communication sciences and disorders program. [Apply](#) by May 21st.
- Empower Hāna Scholarship is offering \$500 to an undergraduate student of Native Hawaiian ancestry. [Apply](#) by May 26th!
- Asian Pacific American (APA) Legacy program is offering scholarships to college students of APA descent. [Apply](#) by May 31st.
- Indigenous Journalists Association and Asian American Journalists Association are offering two \$5,000-rewards through the Pacific Islander Scholarship program. [Apply](#) by May 31st.
- Against The Grain Productions is offering \$1,500 to current college students of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity. [Apply](#) by May 31st.
- Pacific Islander Student Association is offering [Frank Sablan Dedication Scholarships](#) for graduating high school seniors of Pacific Islander descent. Apply by June 1st.
- **NEW!** AIChE Minority Scholarship is offering \$1,000 to undergraduate students in chemical engineering from underrepresented communities. [Apply](#) by June 15th!
- Banyan Treatment Centers is offering \$1,000 to a currently enrolled working students pursuing degrees in nursing, social work, psychology, healthcare administration, and other related fields. [Apply](#) by June 25th.
- The University Network is offering \$10,000 to up to five college undergraduates who identify as female pursuing a STEM-related field of education. [Apply](#) by June 30th.
- Delete Cyberbullying is offering \$1,000 through the Mental Health Awareness Scholarship. [Apply](#) by June 30th.

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