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## SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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### Location:

2nd floor of Aztec Student Union

Rooms #210A-K (Directly above Starbucks)

### Hours:

Mon-Thurs 10am-8pm

Friday 10am-4:30pm

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# Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan



## Celebrate Women's History Month!

March is Women's History Month! The [SDSU Women's Resource Center](#), directed by [Elzbeth Islas](#) (pictured), is hosting a month of powerful [events](#) designed to empower, inspire, and enlighten. We must constantly be vigilant about combating gender-based forms of oppression. We must also work together to cultivate a future where women thrive, succeed, and lead. One of my favorite APIDA woman warriors is [Patsy Takemoto Mink](#); she said, "We have to build things that we want to see accomplished...to make sure that others do not have to suffer the same discrimination."

Fun Fact: SDSU is home to the nation's very first [Women's Studies](#) department, which was founded in 1970. (SDSU women's studies graduates, Temperance Russell and Lori Loftin, along with Dr. Julie Shayne wrote a [book chapter](#) about the history of the founding of Women's Studies at SDSU.)

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center is getting crafty!

Get crafty with us! On Monday nights in March and April, [Alexa Lawrence](#) in partnership with APIDA Center, [Allies for Education](#), and the [Student Success Fee Programs](#), will be hosting CRAFTY MONDAYS from 6-8pm at the APIDA Center. We will share the cultural history and context of the craft, give a demonstration, and provide time to be crafty.

Alexa had applied for and received a Student Success Fee grant to host this event. Last year, Allies for Education hosted a SSF-funded crafting series called "March Mindful Mondays" (coordinated by [Lizzie Perl](#)). A participant said, "While I was frustrated and feeling low, locked up indoors, crafting allowed me to explore the creative side in me." This year's crafting series builds on last year's success; in addition, we will be focusing on cultural crafts. Join us! We will provide all supplies. Each event will be limited to about 20 people, while supplies last. First come, first served!

- March 7th: Chinese and Japanese Paper-Folding
- March 14th: Japanese Knot Bag
- March 21st: Hmong Embroidery
- March 28th: Southeast Asian Indigenous Beadwork
- April 4th: Pacific Islands Weaving
- April 11th: Indian Jute Crafts
- April 18th: Batik (Philippines, India, Indonesia, Singapore)
- April 25th: Chinese Knotting/Macrame

[Photo Caption: During COVID quarantine, Dr. Loh-Hagan became obsessed with cross-stitching. She made many ethnic samplers. The photo is a sampler of Hmong designs. Come to the March 21st event to learn how to make your own sampler!]



## **APIDA Center participates in PISA's High School Conference!**

On February 27th, the [Pacific Islander Student Association](#) hosted their High School Conference. The conference theme was "[Lokahi: United as One.](#)" PISA hosted workshops, panels, performances, and more. A great time was had by all. [Kimi Lam](#), [VSA](#)'s Secretary, volunteered at the event. She said, "The high school students had great energy in performing their traditional dances. It was fun to watch."

PISA graciously invited APIDA Center to be a part of the events. [Mirei Kubota](#), Student Staff Member, represented the APIDA Center. In three panels, she talked about the APIDA Center and the importance of getting involved.

Putting on a conference is hard work. Many kudos to PISA's Executive Board, especially [Damian Pangelinan](#), Academic Coordinator, and [Angie Miyashiro-Saipia](#), President. Angie said, "I loved being in community and in person. It was a great turnout. High schoolers came from near and far; we helped them learn more about the college experience. We hopefully inspired them to pursue higher education." The event was a success! Yay, PISA!

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Jayne Yutig**, Assistant Multimedia Editor for "[The Daily Aztec](#)," has been elected President of the [SDSU chapter](#) of the Society of Professional Journalists.
- SDSU [AAPI\(phany\)](#) has released their latest podcast episode entitled, "[What's in a Name?](#)" with special guests **Bianca Chau**, International Student Success Advisor, and **Niveditha Ramadoss**, doctoral student. [Listen](#) to the podcast.
- Dr. **Chris Mi**, Distinguished Professor and Chair in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, is the 2022 recipient of the [Albert W. Johnson University Research Lectureship](#). This recognition is the university's highest recognition of research and scholarship achievement. Dr. Mi will be giving a lecture about "[Wireless Power Transfer - from Science Fiction to Reality](#)" on March 10 from 3-6pm at the Tula Community Center.

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

**Have a flex to share?**

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# All Things APIDA: Recommendations



**Helen Ma**, Commuter Student Success Coach for the **Center for Commuter Life**, is recommending Umaibo which means "tasty stick." Umaibo is a popular junk food snack in Japan; it is made of puffed corn and comes in unique flavors. Helen said, "It is a unique, light snack and always comes in fun packaging. It can be a little messy but that's the fun part. It's fun to share with people who don't know what it is because the crunch packs a punch. The first time I had it was when my cousin went to Japan and came back with a bunch of snacks. But now, you don't have to go to Japan to get Umaibo, you can just go to an Asian grocery store!"

**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

## **Chat with Smack'n Guamanian Grill**

Zoom: <https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohagan>

Date: Monday, March 7 from 1-2pm

**Christian Graham** is a SDSU alum and the owner of **SMACK'N Guamanian Grill**, an island barbecue restaurant based in Miramar. In this chat, learn about being a restaurateur during COVID and incorporating culture into business ventures.

## **Celebrating Cultural Identity in Business**

Zoom: <https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohagan>

Date: Monday, March 7 from 2-3pm

This workshop focuses on the benefits and challenges of including cultural identity as part of a business plan. We will discuss the fine line between cultural appreciation versus appropriation.

## **Crafty Mondays \*NEW\***

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: Mondays in March and April from 6-8pm

APIDA Center and [Allies for Education](#) with generous funding from [Student Success Fee Programs](#) will be hosting a crafty series. Participants will learn about the culture and history of various crafts, get a demonstration, and have time to get crafty. Space is limited to about 20 participants while supplies last; first come, first served.

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## **Chat with Studio S**

Zoom: <https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohagan>

Date: Tuesday, March 8 from 1-2pm

**Sonali Soni** was born and raised in Calcutta, India before moving to San Diego. She is the owner of [Studio S](#), an Art and Design studio in Scripps Ranch. In this chat, learn about choosing a creative career path and navigating a space where APIDA people are underrepresented.

## **Making Art into a Career**

Zoom: <https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohagan>

Date: Tuesday, March 8 from 2-3pm

This workshop focuses on the benefits and challenges of pursuing the arts as a career for APIDA communities. We will discuss strategies for overcoming these challenges.

## **Chat with Social Artistry LLC**

Zoom: <https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohagan>

Date: Wednesday, March 9 from 1-2pm

**Lauren Balcita Garces** is a SDSU alumna, event producer, and artist. She formed [Social Artistry LLC](#) in May 2020 and produces high-caliber detail-oriented event production, marketing strategy, media creation, and program consultations. In this chat, learn about working as a consultant and creating community-centered programming.

## **Writing Effective Resumes**

Zoom: <https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohagan>

Date: Wednesday, March 9 from 2-3pm

This workshop is all about resumes! Learn tips on format, structure, and content. A solid resume will effectively share your experiences and skills. We recommend having an updated resume on hand so you can apply your knowledge in real-time! Ask questions about how to effectively represent gig culture in resumes. This workshop is co-hosted by [SDSU Career Services](#).

## **Chat with Puppy Picnic Co**

Zoom: <https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohagan>

Date: Thursday, March 10 from 1-2pm

**Ciera Chang** is a SDSU alumna and lifestyle influencer with a background in public relations and event planning. She is the Chief Pupnic Officer at [Puppy Picnic Co.](#), the first dog-friendly picnic company based in San Diego. In this chat, learn about creating a social media presence as an influencer and navigating new business trends during COVID.

## **Branding with Social Media**

Zoom: <https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohagan>

Date: Thursday, March 10 from 2-3pm

This workshop will share the do's and don'ts of social media. Social media is now a tool to express yourself to gain career opportunities. Explore how to showcase yourself in the professional world with a solid brand. This workshop is co-hosted by [SDSU Career Services](#).

## **Makers' Market**

Location: Aztec Student Union Courtyard

Date: Thursday, March 10 from 2-8pm

[One SDSU](#) and [APIDA Center](#) is hosting a super fun Makers' Market, where SDSU community members will sell their one-of-a-kind handmade goods. In addition, there will be performers singing original songs.

## **Chat with SNOICE**

Zoom: <https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohagan>

Date: Friday, March 11 from 1-2pm

**Jayrell Ringpis** and **Dianne Manansala**, CSU alumni, opened [Snoice Snow & Ice Desserts](#) in 2015. Their dessert and boba shop is inspired by Filipino American and Asian American food culture. In this chat, learn about being multi-generational business owners and creating cultural spaces within the community.

## **Leveraging Internships**

Zoom: <https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohagan>

Date: Friday, March 11 from 2-3pm

This workshop focuses on internships. Learn about what internships are, why they are important for career building, and how to find the right one. We will share a variety of online resources and networking approaches. This workshop is co-hosted by [SDSU Career Services](#).

## **Pride x APIDA SafeZones Training \*NEW\***

Zoom ID: 814 8545 3007

Date: Monday, March 21 from 2:15-3:30pm

This LGBTQIA+ educational training will focus on how to provide an accepting and supportive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, and questioning students, faculty, staff, and their allies.

## **Student-Led Workshops & Student-Created Social Media Campaigns**

Do you have expertise on a topic? Do you have a special skill? Consider sharing your knowledge with us! APIDA Center launched our Student-Led Workshops and Student-Created Social Media Campaigns. This is a great opportunity to show off your expertise and share your passion with others. It's also an opportunity to learn how to plan an event or prepare a campaign with our support. Work with an APIDA Center staff member who will serve as your project mentor. We are interested in any and all APIDA-related topics! If you are interested in participating, email us at [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).

# Opportunities

- SDSU [VSA 1st Annual High School Conference](#) is now taking place virtually on March 5-6 from 11-2pm. [RSVP](#) to attend.
- SDSU [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) and [Counseling & Psychological Services](#) are hosting the Avoiding Burnout event on Wednesday, March 9 from 4-5pm. [RSVP](#) for the event.
- SDSU [Women's Resource Center](#) and [Undocumented Resource Center](#) are hosting the [Women of Color in the Workplace](#) event on Wednesday, March 9 from 4-5. [Join](#) the Zoom.
- SDSU [Hillel](#) is hosting the [Hillel Purim Carnival](#) on Friday, March 11 from 1-4pm at 5717 Lindo Paseo. [Learn](#) more.
- SDSU [Pride Center](#) is hosting a bi-weekly [White Accountability Circle](#) from 11am-12pm on Zoom (ID: 814 8545 3007).
- SDSU [APSA Fambam](#) has been postponed to Saturday, March 19 from 11-4pm at Crown Point Park. [RSVP](#) for a fam.
- SDSU [Student Success Fee Academic Related Programs Application](#) is opening for Spring 2022. Attend [informational workshops](#) to learn more. [Apply](#) by March 28.
- Dr. [Tianying Wu](#), SDSU [School of Public Health](#), is conducting a survey on healthy aging. Qualified participants must meet the following criteria and [enroll](#) in the study:
  - Must be 18-65 years old
  - Must be a U.S. resident
  - Must not be suffering from HIV or Hepatitis or Tuberculosis
- SDSU [Economic Crisis Response Team](#) is promoting the [CalFresh](#) program. CalFresh provides monthly food benefits to low-income families and students. [Request](#) assistance.

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# Scholarships

- The [Semper Solaris Scholarship](#) is a \$3,000 scholarship and essay contest. Qualified applicants must be currently enrolled full-time in a college or military academy and have a 3.0 GPA or above. Applicants must answer the following question in 1,000 words: "What does further reliance on renewable energy mean for the future job market?" [Apply by March 9.](#)
- The [Shui Kuen and Allen Chin Scholarship](#) is a \$1,000 scholarship. Qualified applicants must meet the following criteria and [apply by March 25:](#)
  - Must be a full-time college undergraduate
  - Must be (or have a parent who is) currently or formerly employed in an Asian-owned or Asian cuisine restaurant
  - Must participate in community advocacy and social justice work on behalf of APIDA, immigrant, LGBTQ+, and/or other progressive causes
  - Must have a 3.0 GPA or higher
  - Must demonstrate financial need
- The [Health Care Communicators Scholarship](#) is a \$2,000 scholarship for students who are entering the healthcare field. Qualified applicants must be high school seniors or college students presently enrolled, and in good standing in a San Diego County, Orange County, or Los Angeles County school. [Apply by April 1.](#)
- The [Matt Fong Asian Americans in Public Finance Scholarship](#) is a \$2,500 scholarship for students who are majoring in accounting, political science, public policy, business administration, economics or related fields. Two winners are selected annually. [Apply by April 8.](#)
- The [Beverley Yip Scholarship](#) is a \$2,500 scholarship for students who are pursuing post-secondary education toward a degree in social work, behavioral health, or related fields in health and human services. Two winners are selected annually. [Apply by April 15.](#)

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