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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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If you didn't get it, don't miss out -

Join the APIDA Center contact list: <https://bit.ly/SDSUAPIDA>



Location:

2nd floor of Aztec Student Union

Rooms #210A-K (Directly above Starbucks)

Hours:

Mon-Thurs 10am-8pm

Friday 10am-4:30pm

Connect with us!

Center Website: <https://sacd.sdsu.edu/apida>

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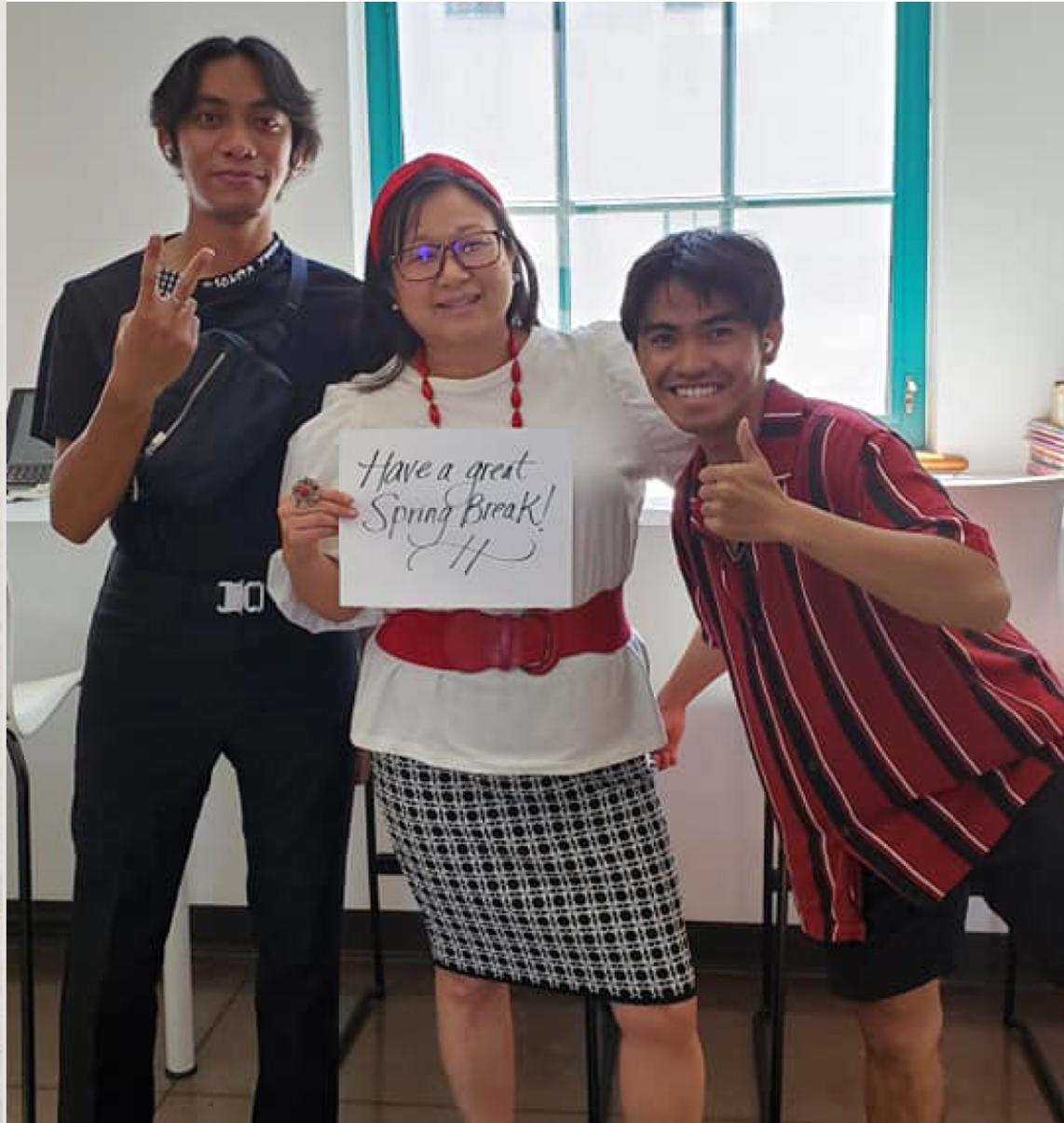


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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan



Have a super spring break!

Spring is definitely in the air! SDSU will be on spring break March 28-April 1. The APIDA Center will be open and will continue to serve students, faculty, and staff; however, we will be on a [modified schedule](#):

- Monday, March 28: 10-2pm
- Tuesday, March 29: 10-2pm
- Wednesday, March 30: 10-2pm
- Thursday, March 31: Campus Closed
- Friday, April 1: 10-2pm

Also, please note that we will be available by appointment outside of these hours; email vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu for assistance. We will resume our regular schedule on April 4th.

Remember to take this time to do some spring cleaning and to rest, relax, and reset! Let's get the spring back into our steps so that we can spring into action for the rest of the semester! Spring fever is here to stay!

Note: The next newsletter will be sent on April 8th. In the meantime, connect with us on [@sdsuapidacenter](#) for up-to-date APIDA Center news!

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center celebrated Holi Festival!

Holi Festival was on March 18th. In partnership with Hindu Yuva SDSU, the APIDA Center celebrated Holi Festival on March 21st. First, we learned about Holi Festival and then we made two traditional Indian dishes: Shrikhand and Stuffed Dates. As a bonus, we also learned about spices - Did you know that saffron is the most expensive spice in the world, with cardamom as the third most expensive spice? (We used both these spices in our food creations.)

Shivam Garg, SDSU doctoral student said, "As an international Indian student at SDSU and the current President of the Hindu Yuva SDSU organization, I would like to thank the APIDA Center for hosting an informative and awesome Holi event. We really appreciate the APIDA Center's continuous support over the years."



APIDA Center is a great place to study!

Students use our space for a variety of reasons - to hang out, to meet, to engage in our programs, to craft, to do puzzles, to play games, to study, and much more. This past week, we saw many students studying for midterms.

This semester, the APIDA Center launched our "Quiet Room." Since the lounge area can get a bit lively, we created a quiet space for folks to study away from, while still being close to, all the action.

Thomas Tsai, senior and social work major, uses our Quiet Room often. He said, "Since everyone in the room is studying, we can still be in community while doing our own thing. By entering this room, we are holding each other more accountable. Since using the Quiet Room, I have felt more productive. I prefer this space to the library because it's a safe space for APIDA folks. Also, being a small and intimate space, it makes me less anxious."

Feel free to use this space during our regular office hours which are Monday through Thursday from 10-8pm and Friday from 10:00-4:30pm. We are pretty serious about being quiet in this room. (Warning: Dr. Loh-Hagan will come and shush you!) There is a limit of four people in the space; it's first come, first served. No reservations needed.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

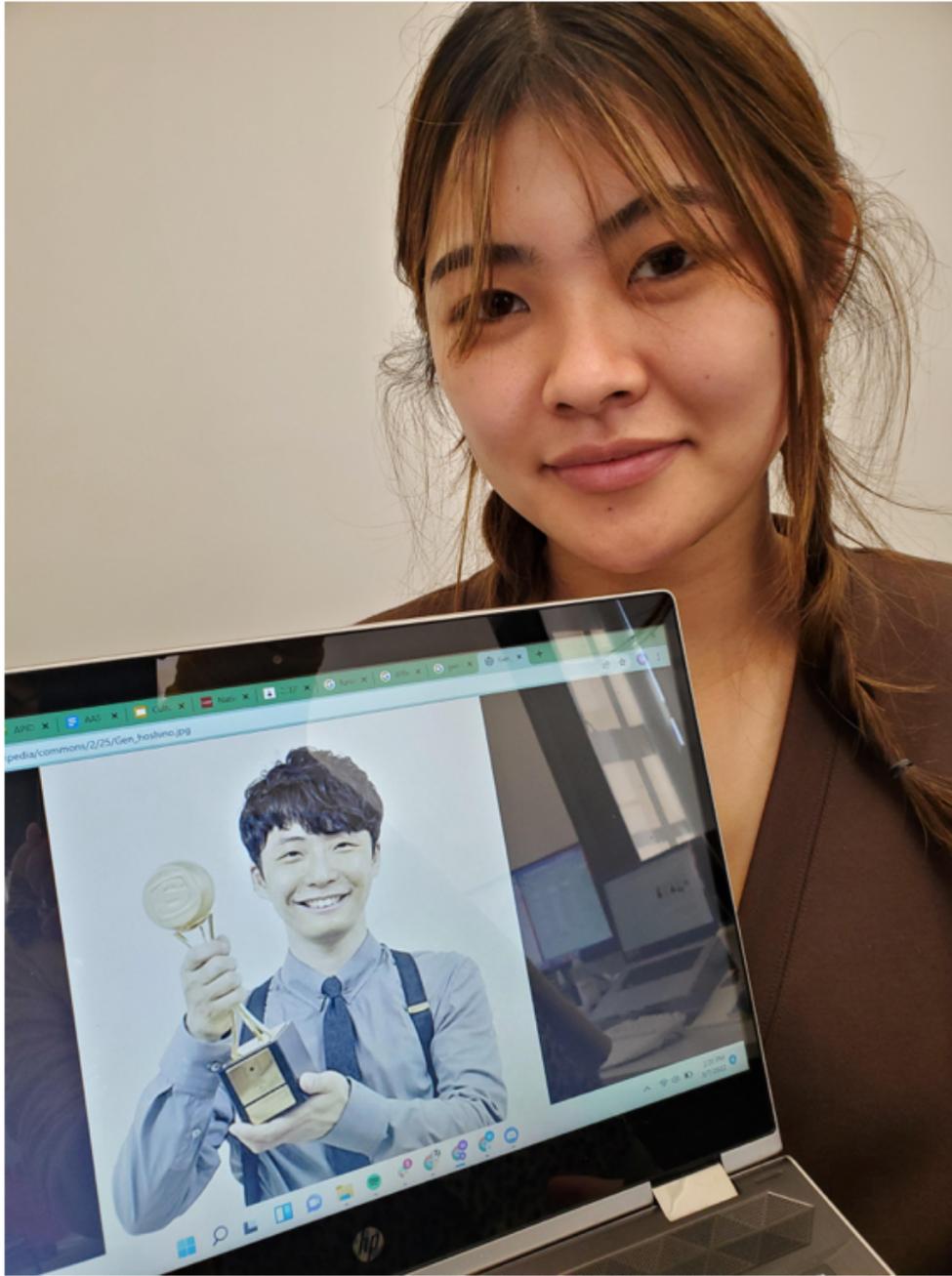
- Dr. **Huan Qin** and Dr. **Tingting Tang**, both assistant professors of mathematics at **SDSU Imperial Valley**, received a nearly \$200,000 National Science Foundation award for Hispanic-Serving Institutions to develop a **Summer Bridge Math experience** aimed at preparing students for success.
- Dr. **Brian Hu**, Associate Professor of Theatre, Television, and Film, authored a book entitled ***Worldly Desires: Cosmopolitanism and Cinema in Hong Kong and Taiwan***.
- Dr. **Giang T. Pham**, Associate Dean for Research in the College of Health and Human Services, co-authored a textbook entitled ***Language Disorders in Bilingual Children and Adults (3rd edition)***.
- Dr. **Yea-Wen Chen**, Associate Professor in the School of Communication, has co-authored three books entitled ***Intercultural Memories Contesting Places, Space, and Stories***, ***Postcolonial Turn and Geopolitical Uncertainty: Transnational Critical Intercultural Communication Pedagogy***, and ***Teaching Social Justice Critical Tools for the Intercultural Communication Classroom***.

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Mirei Kubota, Student Staff at the APIDA Center, is recommending **Gen Hoshino**. She said, "I recommend the Japanese music artist and actor, Gen Hoshino. I've watched him since 2012 when he was on an improv comedy show titled *The Comedy of Life* but I started listening to his music when he released his 4th album, *Yellow Dancer*, and fell in love with the song *SUN*. Since then, he has performed on *NHK Kōhaku Uta Gassen* which is a popular annual singing show that airs before New Year's. The show features that year's most successful artists. His songs have been featured on many Japanese dramas and was even used as an opening theme song for *Doraemon* anime. In addition, he was featured in the *Shang-Chi and The Legend of the Ten Rings* soundtrack which was very impactful to me. It isn't too common to see Japanese artists featured in big movies so I was very happy to see an artist that I've listened to for a long time make it in this industry."

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

Crafty Mondays

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.

- April 4th: Pacific Islands Weaving
- April 11th: Indian Jute Crafts
- April 18th: Batik (Philippines, India, Indonesia, Singapore)
- April 25th: Chinese Knotting/Macrame

*Note: Because of spring break, we are postponing our March 28th beading event.

Why APIDA Stories Matter

Zoom Link: <https://fresnostate.zoom.us/j/85368971052?pwd=TjRDWFZZSW5GMTEFYTEVKSURzUUpxQT09>

Date: Thursday, April 21 from 2:00-3:15pm

As part of Fresno State's Ameriasia Week, Dr. Loh-Hagan will be discussing the importance of APIDA stories for both APIDA communities and non-APIDA communities. Stories matter because we matter.

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 vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu.

Opportunities

- [Student Success Fee Academic Related Programs Application](#) is opening for Spring 2022. Attend [informational workshops](#) to learn more. [Apply](#) by March 28.
- [GreenFest](#) is happening right after spring break from April 4-8. The [Associated Students](#) will be hosting a series of educational and entertaining events that celebrate sustainability, diversity, and pride.
- On April 5 from 12-2pm at Scripps Cottage, the [Pride Center](#) is hosting [Charlie Amaya Scott](#), an Indigenous Queer and Trans Becoming. This event honors Trans Week of Empowerment.
- The [Center for Inclusive Excellence](#) is hiring for [Diversity Peer Educators](#). Undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to apply. [Apply](#) by April 4.
- The [Women's Resource Center](#) is hosting "[Take Back the Week](#)" from April 11-15. Honor this collaborative effort to spread awareness about issues surrounding sexual violence and rape and to provide support to survivors.
- The [Black Resource Center](#) is hosting "[Harlem Nights](#)" on April 15 from 7:00-9:30pm in the Parma Payne Alumni center. This is the first-ever Black prom!
- RSO Presidents and Treasurers: The [RSO Renewal Symposia](#) takes place on May 1, 2022. This is a one day event where student org leaders can complete all the required training and renew their applications for the 22-23 school year.

Do you have an opportunity to share?

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Scholarships

- The [Health Care Communicators Scholarship](#) is a \$2,000 scholarship for students 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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