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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

Connect with us!

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# Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

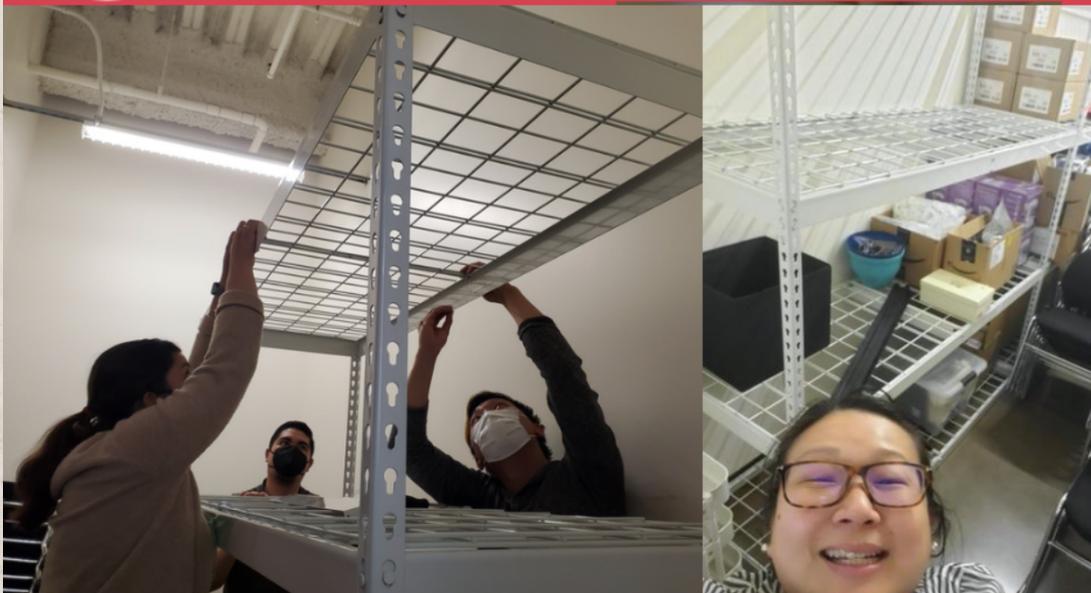
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## APIDA Center Grand Opening



When: Mon, April 25 from 1-3pm

Where: Student Union Courtyard



### Getting ready for our Grand Opening Celebration!

OMG. I am so excited about our new shelving units. We have new shelves in our storage room, in our lounge area, and in our Quiet Room. You may be asking why would shelves get a prime-time feature in our newsletter - Well, shelves mean we have stuff to put on them! And, yes, the APIDA Center is getting a lot of stuff! We are still building our space and will continue to do so over the next few months. We still have much more to do but it has come a long way since we moved in last summer.

More important than the physical space is our people. Our Center is definitely thriving. It's always full of people, laughter, and cheeky shenanigans...Slowly but surely, our space is turning into a "home." [Daniel Deomano](#), who leaves his stuff everywhere thus inspiring our cubby area, said, "I feel comfortable here because it's a safe, fun, relaxing place. I can be myself here. I like being able to get away from the hustle and bustle of ordinary school life."

Even though we are still forming our space, we are hosting our official [Grand Opening celebration](#) on Monday, April 25th from 1-3pm in the Student Union Courtyard. We will be celebrating the fact that we are here! YAY! Speakers include [President Adela de la Torre](#), [Vice President J. Luke Wood](#), and myself. There will be student performances from [APSA Music](#), [PISA](#), and [KASA Ignite](#). In addition, several student orgs will be tabling including [Asian American Journalists Association](#), [AB Samahan](#), [APSA](#), [KASA](#), [PISA](#), [VSA](#), and others. There will also be snacks! :)

Remember to RSVP: [bit.ly/APIDAGrandOpening](https://bit.ly/APIDAGrandOpening)

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center learns about Indian Jute Crafts!

On Monday, April 11, we hosted a special [Crafty Monday](#) workshop: Dr. [Amsamani Sundarvel](#) zoomed in from India to teach us about [Indian jute crafts](#). This was our first international event! Dr. Sundarvel is a Professor in the Department of Textiles and Clothing at the [Avinashilingam Institute](#) for Home Science and Higher Education for Women. In addition to teaching us about jute, Dr. Sundarvel also taught us how to make a decorative jute craft. Here are some fun facts about jute:

- Jute is a vegetable fiber. It is the name of the plant or fiber that is used to make burlap or gunny cloth. It is the most environment-friendly fiber.
- Jute is easily grown in tropical countries like Bangladesh and India. Over 90% of the world's jute is harvested in these two countries.
- Jute and cotton are the top two most versatile vegetable fibers. Jute is used to make cloths, bags, rugs, ropes, tents, and much more.



## APIDA Center still loves puzzles!

We are still very much into puzzles. Now our new thing is lifting up the puzzle after it's finished. Check out our first [IG reel](#) in which **Alexa Lawrence**, APIDA Center student staff member, sweeps up the puzzle without losing a single piece. We got skills!

Please feel free to donate puzzles to our Center; we would prefer puzzles with all pieces present as there is nothing more annoying than a puzzle with missing pieces. We would also accept donations of games, especially European board games, and APIDA-themed books and movies. Please make sure items are gently used. (Remember, our new shelving units - we are wanting to create libraries of resources for our students.)

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Angie Miyashiro-Saipaa** and **Jordan Valdez** have been inducted in the [Jane K. Smith Cap and Gown Chapter](#) of Mortarboard at SDSU. Only 45 seniors were invited to receive such an honor. Members must have a 3.2 GPA and excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service.
- On April 14th, Dr. **Loh-Hagan** was invited to speak at the San Diego Chapter of the [Japanese American Citizens League](#) (JACL). She was thrilled to participate in their [Community Dialogue](#) series. She discussed the power of education as a long-term solution to combating anti-Asian hate.

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

**Have a flex to share?**

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# All Things APIDA: Recommendations



**Anne Jeline Monge**, a second-year social science major, is recommending *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan. She said, "Growing up, I struggled a lot with my own identity as an Asian-American. I was always a little too Asian for my friends in America, but too American for my family back in the Philippines. With *The Joy Luck Club*, I felt understood. The novel is divided into four parts with four sections, all highlighting the inner conflicts between the mothers and daughters while living in America. I recommend this book especially to my fellow Asian Americans who grew up feeling misunderstood by their parents and who felt pressured by the challenge of retaining their Asian culture while adopting an American lifestyle that emphasizes independence."

**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

## 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. All participants must attend lecture in order to participate in craft-making. (Hosted by [Alexa Lawrence](#))

- April 18th: [Batik \(Philippines, India, Indonesia, Singapore\)](#)
- April 25th: [Chinese Knotting/Macrame](#)

## 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.

## Film Screenings & Discussion with Ursula Liang

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: April 22 from 4-8pm

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/ursulafilms>

SDSU [Division of Research and Innovation](#), in collaboration with the APIDA Center, is hosting screenings of Ursula Liang's films, "9-Man" and "Down a Dark Stairwell." In addition, we will host an exclusive Q & A discussion with Ursula Liang (in person).

## Grand Opening Celebration

Location: Student Union Courtyard and APIDA Center

Dates: April 25 from 1-3pm

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/APIDAGrandOpening>

The APIDA Center virtually opened during the pandemic. We just moved into our physical space in Fall 2021 and are still setting things up. But, the Center is definitely starting to feel like home. Join us for our official grand opening. Speakers include [President Adela de la Torre](#), [Vice President J. Luke Wood](#), and Dr. [Loh-Hagan](#). Student performances from [APSA Music](#), [PISA](#), and [KASA Ignite](#).

## APIDA Conference

Location: Virtual (Standby for zoom and RSVP)

Dates: Saturday, April 30 from 9-4pm

Join for our 2nd annual APIDA Conference. This year's theme is "Unity in Community: How Communities Work Together to Solve Problems." We will be hearing from several APIDA organizations who are doing amazing things for our communities. We'll be announcing speakers soon. Thanks to generous funding from [Student Success Fee](#) programs. (Hosted by [Gi Gonzales](#))

## GameCon

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: Sunday, May 1 from 11-7pm

With generous funding from [Student Success Fee Programs](#), we will be hosting a Game Conference. This will be the first of many events for SDSU gaming enthusiasts. We will be discussing the benefits of playing tabletop games, video games, and role-playing games. We will also play games! Settlers of Catan, Dungeons & Dragons, mah jong...we got it all! (Hosted by [Krishna Ramamoorthy](#) and [Alexa Lawrence](#))

## AFE 101: Teaching Tough Topics

Location: Virtual (Standby for zoom and RSVP)

Dates: Saturday, May 7 from 10-4pm

With generous funding from [Student Success Fee Programs](#), [Allies for Education](#) and the APIDA Center will be hosting our third annual AFE 101 professional development conference. This conference is developed by teachers for teachers! (Hosted by [Nadia Hernandez Ruelas](#) and [Alexa Lawrence](#))

## 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](mailto:vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu).

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## Schedule of Events

1:00 - Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

1:10 - Speakers:

- Dr. Adela de la Torre, President
- Dr. J. Luke Wood, SA+CD Vice President
- Dr. V. Loh-Hagan, APIDA Center Director

1:30 - Student Performers:

- APSA Music
- PISA
- KASA Ignite

2:00 - Open House and Mix & Mingle



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## Opportunities

- The [Office for Graduate Life and Diversity](#) is hosting a workshop about how to write papers using APA citation style. The [workshops](#) take place on April 20th at 10am and at 6:30pm.
- [Asian Solidarity Collective](#) is hiring [outreach specialists](#). Their goal is to increase the civic participation of APIDA communities. Email resume to [asiansolidarity@gmail.com](mailto:asiansolidarity@gmail.com) by April 19th.
- [APSA](#) is hosting a [Riddler's Revenge Scavenger Hunt](#) on April 22 from 3-5pm. Participants should meet at Aztec Green.
- [PISA](#) is hosting their [25th annual Luau](#) on April 23 from 12-5pm at the Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center. Celebrate 25 years of excellence with them.
- [\(AAPI\)phany](#) is hiring interns for the next school year. Complete the [application](#) form by 12pm on April 25.
- April is Disability Celebration Month. The [Student Ability Success Center](#) is hosting several [events](#). Visit [sdsu.edu/sasc](https://sdsu.edu/sasc) to learn more.
- The Office of the Dean of Students/Student Life is hiring for [front desk student assistants](#). Apply on [Handshake](#).
- 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 [Hsiao Memorial Social Sciences Scholarship](#) is a \$1000 scholarship for a student to pursue graduate [level](#) studies in the social sciences/economics. Apply by May 16.
- The [Groundbreaker Leadership Scholarship](#) provides financial assistance to APIDA college seniors and graduate students who have exhibited exemplary leadership, vision, and passion for blazing trails for the APIDA community. The award is for \$1500. Apply by May 31.
- The [Western Regional Chapter of the Korean American Scholarship Foundation](#) is offering \$5000 scholarships for students of Korean heritage studying in the western region (which includes California). Apply by June 30, 2022.

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