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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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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!

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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

April 22, 2022



Celebrate APIDA talent!

Wow, just wow! On Friday, April 15th SDSU's [Vietnamese Student Association](#) (VSA) hosted their [Vietnamese Culture Night](#), themed "Back to the Childhood Land." I was thrilled to receive a special invitation and a special V.I.P. seat. As such, I was front and center for an amazing (like super amazing) night of acting and dancing. VSA also gave APIDA Center a special [shout-out](#). Best Friday night ever!

Amanda Ng, a third year marketing major, performed in the couples hat dance. She said, "It was a really fun night. I also enjoyed being able to showcase our culture so that others can learn more. Events like our culture nights are an easy and fun way to learn about heritage."

I am awed and inspired by our students' amazing talents. Definitely take the opportunity to support student performances. For example, [PISA](#) is hosting their [Luau](#) on April 23rd. [AB Samahan](#) also hosted their [Filipino American Culture Night](#) on April 15th.

Let's celebrate APIDA talent!

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APIDA Center Grand Opening



When: Mon, April 25 from 1-3pm

Where: Student Union Courtyard

Reminder - Come to the APIDA Center [Grand Opening celebration](#) on Monday, April 25th from 1-3pm in the Student Union Courtyard. A big highlight will be student performances from [VSA](#), [APSA Music](#), [PISA](#), and [KASA Ignite](#). Remember to RSVP: bit.ly/APIDAGrandOpening

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center represents at the Aztec Achievement Awards!

On April 21, the SDSU Associated Students hosted their annual [Aztec Achievement Awards](#) awards ceremony. These awards recognize excellence in the numerous contributions of students, faculty, staff, and community members. The APIDA Center is so proud to announce that [Matthew Garcia](#), [Jordan Valdez](#), and [Sarah Hoang](#) were all recognized for their amazing work.

Matt Garcia, APIDA Center Associate Director, received the Dan R. Cornthwaite Luminary Award for Outstanding Advising Award. This award recognizes a student organization advisor who contributed outstanding time, effort, and guidance to help further the interests and goals of students. He was nominated by [Caryl Montero-Adams](#), Assistant Dean of Students for Student Life.

Jordan Valdez, Vice President and Co-Treasurer of [PISA](#), received the Dean Herbert Peiffer and Dean Margery Warmer Award. This award recognizes students who have exhibited outstanding leadership and motivation.

Sarah Hoang got honored for her work as the Council President for the College of Health and Human Services. Sarah has also been a role model and exemplary leader of VSA.

Of the award, Matt said, "I was honored to receive this award tonight with Jordan and Sarah. It was a great opportunity to celebrate A.S. accomplishments. I am so proud of all the student leaders and staff who have made such a huge impact on our campus."



APIDA Center hosts second annual APIDA Graduation Celebration!

On May 8 from 5-8pm, the APIDA Center will host our second annual [APIDA Graduation Celebration](#) at Scripps Cottage. In addition to celebrating the end of the school year, we will also celebrate our December 2021, May 2022, and August 2022 undergraduates and graduate students who identify as APIDA!

The event is open to all (students, faculty, and staff). Feel free to invite friends and family but there is a capacity limit so please make sure to only include folks in your RSVP who are firmly committed to coming. (We will be checking names at the door.) Please [RSVP](#) by 5pm on May 6.

All APIDA graduates who attend the entire APIDA Celebration can get an SDSU APIDA Center grad cord and charm.

Come party with us! There will be cake, dancing, and good vibes!

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- Ms. **Jessica Chang**, Diversity Officer for Student Engagement, Learning, & Development at the Center for Inclusive Excellence, is the recipient of this year's Diversity Excellence Award.
- Ms. **Christine Molina**, Assistant Dean of Students for Co-Curricular and Student Support, was featured in the [@sdsuleadandserve](#) instagram.
- Dr. **Loh-Hagan** participated in Fresno State's Asian American Speaker Series for Amerasia Week. Her presentation was entitled, "[Why APIDA Stories Matter.](#)"

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Ryan Lieng, Co-President of **VSA** and a third year business management major, is recommending Kimchi Butter by **Jongga**. Kimchi Butter is an instant noodle product made with real Kimchi and Gochujang butter sauce. (Gochujang is a Korean fermented pepper paste.) He said, "It's a perfect combination of sweet and spicy. The flavors are way stronger than other instant noodles. It's also fun to make as there are two lids. The first lid is a regular paper lid. Underneath this paper lid is a second lid. This lid lets you drain out the water without losing any precious noodles. Also, the smell is amazing. Jongga's Kimchi Butter is definitely the superior instant noodle." Ryan bought his Kimchi Butter noodles at **H Mart**.

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 Monday: Chinese Knotting

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: Monday, April 25 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](#))

Grand Opening Celebration

Location: Student Union Courtyard and APIDA Center

Dates: Monday, 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](#). There will be student performances from [VSA](#), [APSA Music](#), [PISA](#), and [KASA Ignite](#). In addition, several student orgs will be tabling including [Asian American Journalists Association](#), [AB Samahan](#), [Alpha Psi Rho](#), [APSA](#), [KASA](#), [PISA](#), [VSA](#), and others.

Healing Through Crafts: Journaling Through Shame

Location: Women's Resource Center Library

Date: Tuesday, April 26 from 4:00-5:30pm

The APIDA Center is teaming up with the [Women's Resource Center](#) to personalize, journal, and discuss the topics of colorism, menstrual health, and sexualization of APIDA women. (Co-hosted by [Gi Gonzales](#))

APIDA Conference

Register for Zoom Link: bit.ly/2022APIDAconference

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 and experts who are doing amazing things for our communities. Speakers include: [Stop AAPI Hate](#), [Cut Fruit Collective](#), [Friends of Tonga](#), [National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance](#), Dr. Amrit Deol, [United Cambodian Coalition](#), and [The Asian American Education Project](#). 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](#))

APIDA Graduation Celebration and End-of-Year Party

Location: Scripps Cottage

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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

- [Geico](#) is hiring for several positions in San Diego: [Business Leadership Summer Intern](#), [Management Development Program - Claims](#), [Customer Service Representative](#), and [Insurance Claims Specialist](#).
- On April 28th from 4-6pm, the SDSU LGBTQ+ Studies Program, the SDSU LGBTQ Research Consortium, and the College of Arts and Letters Dean's Office is hosting a virtual panel entitled, "[Queer Spaces, Queer Faces: Unpacking Philippine LGBTQQA+ Culture, History, and Politics](#)." RSVP with this [link](#).
- Are you a STEM student? Are you passionate about research and interested in graduate school? [SDSU's Initiative for Maximizing Student Development](#) (IMSD) program can support you in achieving your goals.
- 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?
Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.**

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 [Slater-Millner Scholars Fund](#) provides need-based scholarships to BIPOC rising college sophomores majoring in pre-medicine with a demonstrated interest in providing healthcare to underserved communities. Selected recipients will receive \$2500 in the sophomore year, \$5000 in the junior year, and \$7500 in the senior year. Apply by May 19.
- 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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