

# DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

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



Read all about it!!!

Check your email! Newsletter #34 is out!

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>

Center Email: [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu)

Director: Dr. Loh-Hagan at [vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu](mailto:vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu)

Associate Director: Matt Garcia at [mhgarcia@sdsu.edu](mailto:mhgarcia@sdsu.edu)



@sdsuapidacenter



SDSU APIDA

Resource Center

SA+CD

# Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

August 5, 2022



## Summer fun at the APIDA Center!

The APIDA Center never quits! Come visit us. Our [summer hours](#) (May 16 to August 21) are from 10:00-4:30pm. On August 22nd, we will resume our regular hours (Monday to Thursday from 10:00-8:00pm and Fridays from 10:00-4:30pm).

This summer has been a nice break from the hustle and bustle of our first successful year in our physical space! Check out our [2021-2022 snapshot](#) and learn about the amazing things we did last year. This upcoming year will be even better! There are some new fun changes to anticipate.

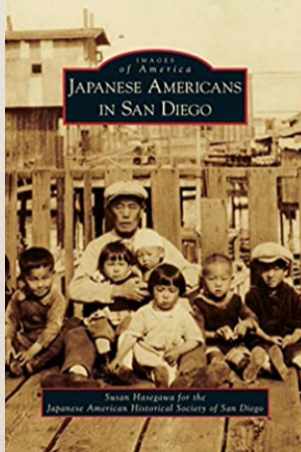
We have continued to build out our space - We have a conference room, a media center, a digital piano, a library (for APIDA books, media, and sheet music), whiteboards, art frames, shelving, and more! We will also be hiring an Assistant Coordinator and more student assistants. Keep connected with us via [@sdsuapidacenter](#).

Enjoy these last days of summer! See you soon! (Also, last chance: Come and leave your mark on our canvas/mural! We'll be hanging them up in a couple of weeks.)



# A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to Know ourselves!



Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego



SAN DIEGO CHAPTER  
JAPANESE AMERICAN  
CITIZENS LEAGUE

## Early Japanese American history in San Diego!

by Mirei Kubota

Attracted to the warm climate and financial opportunities, the first issei (first generation Japanese immigrants) arrived in San Diego County in 1885-1887; they came to build railroads and work on farms. They contributed greatly to San Diego's history and economy. They introduced new fishing techniques and operated small truck farms, developing ways to improve crop production.

The nisei (second generation Japanese Americans who were born in the United States) grew up in traditional Japanese households, attended Japanese-language schools, and participated in nikkei (Japanese emigrants and their descendants) community activities. They also forged a new American identity. These early settlers came of age in the 1930s and formed youth-centered organizations. For example, in 1933, the [San Diego chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League \(JACL\)](#) was established. This group is still active today.

Japanese Americans faced much discrimination. Racist laws banned them from owning property, from citizenship, from getting fishing licenses, and more. However, the worst form of hate was the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. On April 8, 1942, San Diego residents of Japanese ancestry were forced to report to the Santa Fe Railway Depot and were unjustly imprisoned in incarceration camps in Arizona.

After the war, Japanese Americans still faced hate. The San Diego City Council had passed resolutions against their return. The Fifth and Island Avenue area in downtown San Diego was once a thriving Japanese American ethnic enclave; but, many Japanese Americans decided not to return due to the harsh treatment they received. Despite this hate, Japanese Americans built a thriving community in San Diego.

In 1991, former San Diego incarcerated organized a reunion. They were compelled to create the [Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego](#) to preserve the stories of San Diego's Japanese Americans.

Over the course of this school year, the SDSU APIDA Center will be planning many events to learn more about the Japanese American Incarceration experience including a trip to the Manzanar incarceration camp. Stay tuned for more information!

Source: *Japanese Americans in San Diego* (Arcadia Publishing, 2008) by Susan Hasegawa

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center welcomed new students!

This entire summer, the APIDA Center welcomed new students, both freshmen and transfers. We tabled at New Student Orientations. We also gave tours to various middle and high school students. It has been a lot of fun meeting students and their families. We loved bragging about the APIDA Center. Many thanks to **Matt Garcia**, **Gi Gonzales**, and **Mirei Kubota**!



## APIDA Center celebrated Pride!

SDSU celebrated Pride in July. The [SDSU Pride Center](#) hosted a fabulous [Pride flag-raising ceremony](#). **Matt Garcia**, APIDA Center Associate Director, helped coordinate the color guard performance. He also served on the Pride parade planning committee.

San Diego's annual Pride Parade took place on July 16, 2022. It is the largest single-day civic event in the region and is among the largest Pride parades in the United States, attracting over 300,000 cheering supporters of the LGBTQ+ community. SDSU proudly hosted a contingent in the parade.



## APIDA Center hosts summer events!

On June 9th, the APIDA Center and [DEBER](#) (Developing Effective Bilingual Educators with Resources) hosted a multicultural dinner. There was great food, games, prizes, and more. It was a great opportunity for DEBER student-scholars and students from the identity centers to connect and learn from each other. (The main goal of DEBER is to support future bilingual teachers.)

In June and July, the APIDA Center hosted several APIDA Community Conversations. We discussed issues related to the APIDA community; this summer, we mainly focused on issues affecting the APIDA LGBTQ+ community.

On July 29, **Dr. Loh-Hagan** and **Gi Gonzales** presented at the [Center to Close the Opportunity Gap](#) (CCOG)'s annual [Educator Summit](#). They went to CSU Long Beach and discussed the importance of teaching APIDA histories and narratives.

# News from APIDA ERG



## APIDA ERG is hanging out this summer!

The [SDSU APIDA Employee Resource Group](#) (ERG) is a network for APIDA faculty and staff members. We have had fun hanging out this summer. On June 10, we met for lunch at the Faculty-Staff Club and had many colorful conversations! In addition, we formed various interest-based subgroups like a summer book club, a crafting club, an APIDA movie/TV discussion club, a gaming club...and more! If you would like to join the APIDA ERG, please contact Dr. Loh-Hagan at [vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu](mailto:vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu).

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Barry Lomibao** aka [Barry Mac](#), a SDSU music major, has been busy making music. He is part of [Solarismusiq](#), which debuted at SDSU's Battle of the Bands.
- On August 8-10, Dr. [Yea-Wen Chen](#) (Professor in the School of Communication) led a retreat with immigrant women faculty in the discipline of communication at the University of San Francisco. She presented with [Marwa Adballa](#), a SDSU graduate who is currently pursuing her doctorate at UC-San Diego. The retreat was funded by the Waterhouse Family Institute Research Grant Program and the National Communication Association's Advancing the Discipline Grant. The retreat is titled, "Co-creating Space with Immigrant Women Faculty in Communication: A Coauthored White Paper to Reimagine U.S. Academia."
- [Claudia Martinez](#) is the inaugural Director of Career Pathways and Social Capital at the [Center of Equity and Postsecondary Attainment](#).
- On June 17th, Dr. **Loh-Hagan** presented at the [Stop AAPI Hate](#) Summit. She talked about the importance of including APIDA histories and narratives in K-12 curricula. In addition, Dr. Loh-Hagan and the SDSU APIDA Center are [cited](#) in renowned scholar, Michael Cart's new book about young adult literature.
- California Governor Newsom and the State Legislature recently made a historic \$16 million investment for California Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANAPISI) Higher Education Achievement Programs. This funding will be allocated to California Community College (CCC) and California State University (CSU), which will disseminate funds to AANAPISI-eligible institutions (like SDSU) to serve underserved APIDA students. For more information, refer to section 191 in [AB 178](#) and section 42 in [AB 183](#).

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

**Have a flex to share?**

**Email us at [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).**

# All Things APIDA: Recommendations



**Thomas Tsai** earned his B.A. in social work in May 2022. He also served as the President of the Asian Pacific Islander Social Work Association ([APISWA](#)). He is recommending [Chakaa](#), a boba place on in the [Convoy Asian Cultural District](#). He said, "I would say Chakaa is one of the more hidden boba places in San Diego, but I really like their boba texture compared to most other places. It reminds me of some of the boba I drank growing up in San Gabriel Valley, and I really like their drinks too! It's pretty basic, but I usually get their jasmine green tea because of its unique taste. I would say it's more astringent than other places, and it's very refreshing. They also have a nice selection of milk teas and some fruit teas, and I like how the menu is smaller. The drinks that I've tried have been pretty good each time I've went! As a bonus, they occasionally host small Kpop cup sleeve events for anyone interested!"

**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](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).**



# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## Aztec Nights and One SDSU Block Party

**Location: Student Union Courtyard**

**Date: Saturday, August 20 from 9pm to 1am**

Enjoy a variety of different foods, inflatables, activities, dancing, and more! Meet new students, build community, and embrace the diversity within SDSU. The APIDA Center will be tabling at this event. Make some fun with us!

## **Community Centers Block Party**

**Location: Scripps Cottage**

**Date: Friday, August 26 from 11:30-1:00pm**

The SDSU Community Centers are hosting a block party. The APIDA Center will be tabling at this event. Come hang out with us and learn more about our programs and services.

## **APIDA Center Welcome Back Open House**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Friday, August 26 from 3:00-4:00pm**

To welcome new and returning students, we are hosting an Open House. This would be a great opportunity to learn more about the Center and to hang out with some new and old friends.

## 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).

# Opportunities

- SDSU's [Student Life and Leadership](#) is hosting leadership workshops. Check out their [Fall 2022 workshop schedule](#).
- [Aztec Student Union](#) will continue to actively serve students this summer. The A.S. Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays from 10-4pm. Backdoor Studio is open every day from 10-8pm. Aztec Lanes is also open every day.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

**Do you have an opportunity to share?**  
Email us at [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).

# Scholarships

- Apply for an [Asian Pacific Fund](#) scholarship. The Asian Pacific Fund administers at least 13 scholarships targeted toward APIDA students in California. Make sure to review the eligibility criteria and the deadlines.

**Do you have a scholarship opportunity to share?**  
Email us at [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).

\*\*\*

**Give to the APIDA Center and help support our programs directly!**  
**Your donation, big or small, makes a huge difference for our center!**

**Give to the APIDA Center!**

To read past newsletters, visit the [APIDA Center newsletter archive!](#)

**Follow the APIDA Center**



**SACD.SDSU.EDU/APIDA-RESOURCE**

**SA+CD**