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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

September 2, 2022



Year Three - Here We Come!

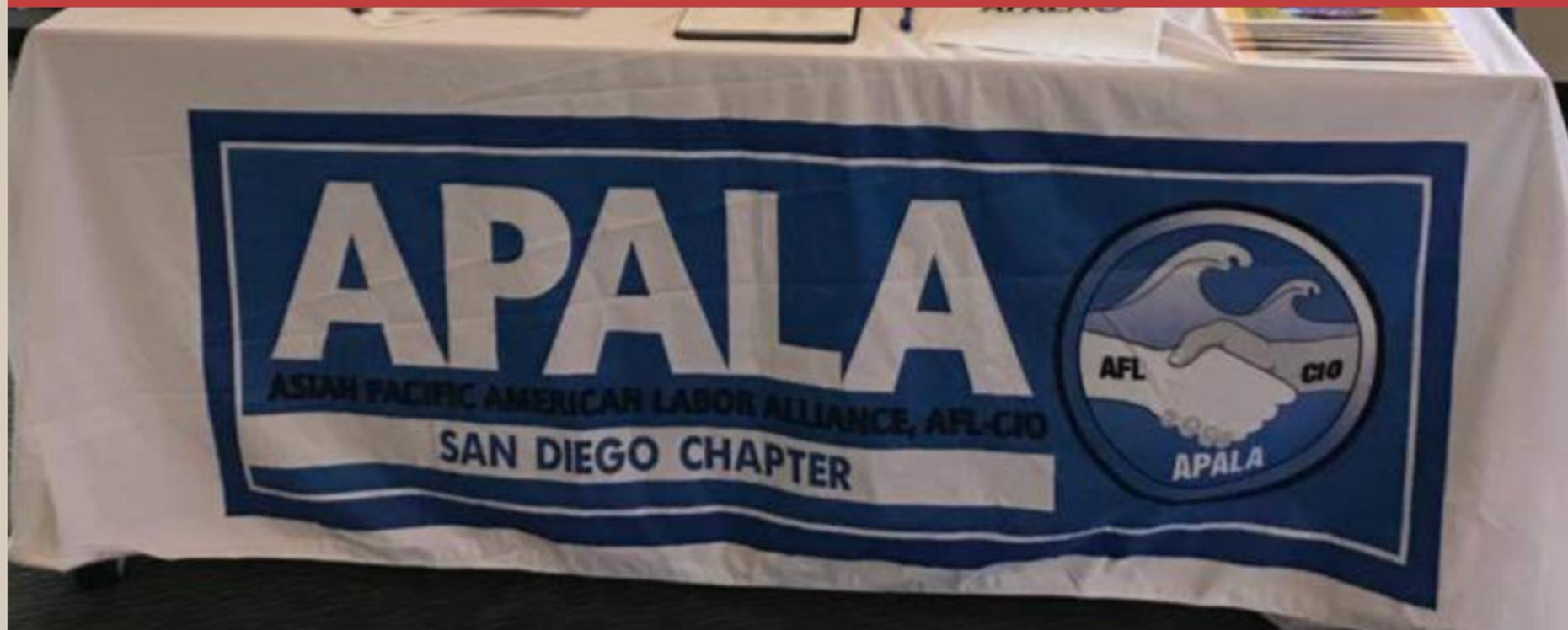
As we move into our third year at the APIDA Center, there is much of which to be proud. These past two years have been focused on planting seeds in that we have created a home on campus and built our presence. This year, we want to build roots.

In thinking about our past and future achievements, we owe much to all of our friends, allies, and supporters. In addition, a big shout-out to Dr. [J. Luke Wood](#), Vice President of Student Affairs and Campus Diversity, and [Jessica L. Nare](#), Assistant Vice President for Community and Belonging. We greatly appreciate their commitment to diversity and equity.

And, of course, huge amounts of gratitude and love to our students, who bring life to the APIDA Center. These past two weeks have been invigorating. Our students are the heart of our space.

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to Know ourselves!



APIDA Center recognizes APIDA labor movements!

On September 5, 2022, the campus will be closed for Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements. American labor movements have fought for safe working conditions, reasonable hours, fair wages, support for injured employees, retirement benefits, and an end to child labor.

Our APIDA history is strongly tied to labor - Early Asian American immigrants came to this country to work; they were also subjected to anti-Asian hate because they were perceived to be economic threats. APIDA labor activists have had to fight and are continuing to fight for a myriad of rights.

In 1990, APIDA labor activists formed the [Asian Pacific American Alliance \(APALA\)](#), the first and only national organization of APIDA workers committed to advancing worker immigrant, and civil rights. They were concerned about sweatshops, child labor, and slave labor scandals. In 1992, over 500 labor activists from across the nation met in Washington, D.C. for the founding of APALA. This first convention was chaired by Katie Quan. The first APALA president was Kent Wong. The [San Diego chapter of APALA](#) is one of APALA's 13 chapters.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



Puzzles are back at the APIDA Center!

With the return of students came the return of puzzles at the APIDA Center. On September 1, 2022, we finished the first puzzle of the school year. Puzzles have been a staple at the APIDA Center - Many students work together over time to complete a puzzle. We complete a new puzzle every 2-3 weeks.

Daniel Tran, second year Psychology major and [Alpha Phi Omega](#) member, said, "I didn't really come to the APIDA Center until this year but now, I'm here all the time. I saw the puzzle on the table and got hooked. I have always enjoyed doing puzzles. For this puzzle, I strategized to finish it - this meant getting studying out of the way so that I could have blocks of time to work on the puzzle. My favorite part was the banter as we assembled the puzzle."

Khoa-Nguyen, third year Computer Science major and a transfer student, said, "Since I just got here, I was new to campus. But working on the puzzle has helped me meet new people. It's a great icebreaker as you get to work with folks and it's been fun sitting around chatting. I also like puzzles because they remind me of engineering and computer science. It's really satisfying to see how little parts come together to create a bigger piece."

Do you do puzzles and then wonder what to do with your puzzles after you complete them? Give them to us! The APIDA Center always accepts puzzles as donations.



APIDA Center welcomes you!

We have absolutely loved seeing new and returning students at the APIDA Center. **Kai Fernandez**, fourth year Finance major, Treasurer of [VSA](#), and co-head of [APSA](#) Music, said, "I'm so glad I found the APIDA Center. It is a great place to meet new people. Before, I would just go to classes and then go home or to the library. But now I come to the APIDA Center. I can play the piano, I can socialize. There's usually always fun activities happening like making tote bags, painting on the canvas etc. I also love connecting with others with similar backgrounds. The APIDA Center has greatly enhanced my college experience - I want to make the most of my last year here. I recommend folks come here because it's fun. Come say hi and get to know new people and make new friends."



SDSU APIDA Center is hiring student staff for Fall 2022!

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Calling all students interested in working at the APIDA Center! We are hiring student staff (undergraduates, graduates, and work-study eligible students) to perform a variety of tasks including but not limited to reception, event programming, peer support, office support, communications, research, etc. Read more about the position and application process on our Instagram. We will be taking applications until we are staffed. Pro-Tip: If you want to work for the APIDA Center, come to our programs and learn more about what we do!

News from APIDA ERG



APIDA ERG wants you!

The SDSU APIDA Employee Resource Group (ERG) is a network for APIDA faculty and staff members. We are open to all SDSU employees who identify as APIDA and/or who support the APIDA community at SDSU. If you would like to join the APIDA ERG, please contact Dr. Loh-Hagan at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Meiyen Sung**, second year English major and [APSA](#) Cultural Coordinator, has been drawing since she was a young girl. She designed this year's APSA T-shirt. It has an umbrella theme because APSA represents many APIDA ethnicities. It also has a rainbow and sun which represents the light that APSA brings to its members. She said, "The different colors for APSA represents how APSA is a rainbow of diversity and a place for everyone because of its members. Each APIDA student is equally important for APSA to be what it is today."
- **Bianca Chau**, formerly an International Student Success Advisor and APIDA ERG member, has accepted a position at UC San Diego's Rady School of Management as one of their Associate Directors in Career Coaching.
- Dr. **Mei Zhong**, an associate professor in the School of Journalism and Media Studies, has been selected as one of the co-chairs for the 2022-23 International Education Committee (IEC). The IEC, a multi-departmental faculty and staff group, is a "bridge across campus" to connect internationally-focused individuals and help promote global opportunities for students, faculty and staff.

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Daniel Deomano, is a fourth year Interdisciplinary Studies in Three Departments (Economics, Business, and Music) major and Co-Director of Finance for **APSA**. He is recommending the South Korean boy band, Stray Kids, whose music is a combination of K-pop, hip hop, and electronic. He said, "Stray Kids are my favorite K-Pop Group. I have been listening to them since their 2019 MIROH album. They're one of the first K-pop bands I have listened to; in fact, they introduced me to K-pop music. Their songs have a darker tone when compared to other K-pop bands. I love how they put a lot of emphasis on the rap parts as well as the production of their songs. My favorite Stray Kids songs are *Back Door*, *MANIAC*, and *God's Menu*. I was so excited to see them at K-Con this year. Their shows have a lot of energy. I would love to see them in a solo concert."

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Upcoming APIDA Center Events

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Back by popular demand! Because of the success of last semester's Makers' Market, we are hosting another event this Fall! There will be a call for makers and songwriters soon. In the meantime, start creating and making!



MAKERS' MARKET

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, October 20, 2022

Opportunities

- On Thursdays from 12:30-1:45pm starting on September 8th, the [Women's Resource Center](#) is hosting the [RISE Program](#), a confidential, drop-in support group for survivors of sexual & relationship violence. It is led by Dr. **Mary Joyce Juan** from SDSU Counseling and Psychological Services.
- The [Black Resource Center](#) and [Counseling & Psychological Services](#) are hosting the Women of Color Empowerment Group with Dr. **Koko Nishi** and Dr. **Zemed Berhe**. Join them every Thursday at the BRC for a safe space to share, listen, and connect. The first session starts on September 8th from 5:30-7:30pm.
- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting Indigenous Talking Circles once a month. The next one is on September 15th from 3-5pm. The topic is "Transitioning to SDSU - Cultivating Connections and Living Lucidly." Luna the Therapy Dog will be there.
- Starting on September 29th from 4:30-6:00, Dr. Gabriela Kovats Sanchez, Faculty Scholar for the [Native Resource Center](#) and the [Center for Intercultural Relations](#), is facilitating IRRMS (In Relations Research Methods - Seminar Series). The IRRMS is a 6-part seminar series that aims to address the methodological and ethical issues related to conducting research with and for Indigenous Peoples and that honors being in relations with each other.
- 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.

Scholarships

Please research criteria and deadlines.

- The [National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Law Foundation](#) (NLF) is offering several scholarships including the NLF Scholarship, NLF Presidential Scholarship, UPS/NLF Gold Mountain Scholarships, Low Family Scholarship, Chris Nakamura Scholarship, and LimNexus Scholarship. [Apply](#) by September 7, 2022.
- [Beta Theta Pi Fraternity](#) believes that college men should be recognized for their success and for their desire to achieve. They are offering up to \$1500 scholarships for non-Greek male students at SDSU. [Apply](#) by September 15. (By applying, students are in no way committing themselves to membership in Beta Theta Pi or any other organization.)

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