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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



Read all about it!!!

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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

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Resource Center

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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

September 9, 2022



Welcome Angela Subido, APIDA Center Assistant Coordinator!

After a competitive search this summer, **Angela Marie Subido** has been selected as the new Assistant Coordinator for the APIDA Center. During her interview, Angela impressed us by bringing receipts - I had not recalled previously meeting her and she shared a picture in which she had attended a SD API Coalition meeting that I had led during the pandemic. Receipts.

Angela has been a San Diego resident for the majority of her life. She attended UC Santa Barbara where she earned her BA in Asian American Studies and a minor in Applied Psychology. She has spent the past five years participating in meaningful work that addressed the needs of youth, students, people with disabilities, and low-income families in Santa Barbara, San Francisco, and San Diego. She has served the community with creative outreach through food distribution, art, educational discussions, and health services. Her hobbies include cooking, fitness, live music events, and spending time in nature. She identifies as Filipinx and uses she/her pronouns. She said, "I am thrilled to be a part of the APIDA team! It's been such an awesome experience these first few days getting to know the students, playing card games together, and sharing many laughs with Matt and Dr. Loh-Hagan. I am very excited for all of the programming that we will be putting out for the APIDA community this fall. Stop by and say hi! "

Angela is a great fit for the APIDA Center as she is student-centered and fun. We can't wait for all the adventures! Our team is fire!

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to Know ourselves!



APIDA Center remembers 9/11 and condemns Islamophobia!

This upcoming Sunday is September 11. On September 11, 2001 (referred to as 9/11), the United States was attacked by Al-Qaeda, an Islamic terrorist group. Shortly after, many South Asian, Arab, Muslim, and Southwest Asian Americans reported racial profiling, hate crimes, and other discriminatory acts stemming from fears generated by the attacks. Essentially, they were scapegoated for 9/11. They were assumed to be "terrorists" because of their skin color, ethnic clothes, language, religion, and other visible and invisible markers of cultural and ancestral identity. That hate is referred to as Islamophobia. Tragically, on September 15, 2001, Balbir Singh Sodhi, a Sikh American, was killed in the first 9/11-related hate crime at a gas station he owned in Mesa, Arizona. According to a report by Asian Americans Advancing Justice, over 500 hate crimes were reported during this period.

In October 2001, Congress passed the USA PATRIOT Act to stop and punish terrorist acts; this allowed for the legal surveillance of certain communities. South Asian and Southwest Asian Americans were especially targeted. This act also led to the DREAM Act not passing; the DREAM act provided a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who arrived in the country as children. Instead, the U.S. government focused on deportations. To protect themselves, some South Asian and Southwest Asian Americans distanced themselves from their culture and religion.

Since 2001, South Asian Americans (i.e., The Sikh Coalition, South Asian Americans Leading Together, etc.) have actively resisted and countered the harmful stereotypes and assumptions created by Islamophobia. Combatting anti-Asian hate is everyone's responsibility. Educate yourself and fight against Islamophobia.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!

MONDAYS
from 6-8pm

**CRAFT
NIGHT**

TUESDAYS
from 6-8pm

**MUSIC
NIGHT**

WEDNESDAYS
from 6-8pm

**TV
NIGHT**

THURSDAYS
from 6-8pm

**GAME
NIGHT**

APIDA Center hosts Happy Hours at the APIDA Center!

Starting Monday, September 12, the APIDA Center will be hosting "[Happy Hours](#)" at the APIDA Center! On Mondays through Thursday from 6-8pm, we will be hanging out in the lounge. Come on over and play with us. Craft with us on Mondays. Make music with us on Tuesdays. Watch TV with us on Wednesdays. Play games with us on Thursdays. Open to all while supplies last and while space is available.

Most nights will be unstructured and free. However, there will be times when we host specific activities. Keep up with us on Instagram to learn more. Also, there may be times when we need to cancel our Happy Hour to support another program. That stated, we are striving to have this be a regular part of our our APIDA Center offerings.

There's always something fun going on at the APIDA Center!



APIDA Center will celebrate the Moon/Mid-Autumn Festival on Monday!

This year, the Mid-Autumn Festival (also known as the Moon Festival) is on September 10, 2022. The APIDA Center will celebrate it on [Monday, September 12](#). Come to the APIDA Center from 6-8pm. Learn about this holiday, enjoy traditional snacks, and hang with us. We will craft, play games, and watch a Moon Festival movie!

The Moon/Mid-Autumn Festival is a joyous celebration with family reunions, mooncakes, parades, and lanterns. It is held on the 15th of the 8th lunar month in the Chinese calendar. Traditionally, the four seasons each have three lunar months, day 15 of the 8th month is considered to be the middle of Autumn, hence the name. The date of the festival is a full moon, and that is why it is also called the Moon Festival. On this day, the moon is at its roundest and brightest, symbolizing togetherness and reunion in Chinese culture.



SDSU APIDA Center is hiring student staff for Fall 2022!

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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!

- In addition to chairing [AB Samahan](#), **Alexis Bautista Maxion** has been appointed as Chair of the [Student Diversity Commission](#). The Diversity Commission is a collective board that actively strives for diversity through education, conversation, and connection.
- The Division of International Affairs selected Dr. **Mahasweta Sarkar** and Dr. **Vinod Sasidharan** to support the university's internationalization efforts. Dr. Sarkar, Professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, is the Director of International Engagement. Dr. Sasidharan, Associate Professor of Sustainable Tourism Management, is the Director of Transborder and Regional Engagement.
- Dr. **Brian Hu**, Associate Professor in the School of Theater, Television, and Film and the Artistic Director of the San Diego Asian Film Festival, is a first-time papa! His daughter, Nomi Hu, is the cutest baby in the world. Dr. Hu described Nomi as, "...killer cheeks, power kicks, and glorious locks, born two months ago to wreak havoc on all within earshot."

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Krishna Murthy Kattiyan Ramamoorthy, doctoral student in computer science, is recommending *Ponnaiyin Selvan*, a 5-part historical fiction novel series by Kalki Krishnamurthy, originally written in Tamil. Krishna said, "This *Game of Thrones*-style novel captures the significant events (love, betrayal, war and power struggle) that happened during three generations of the Chola dynasty (900-1100AD). These books mean so much to me as they constantly remind me of the heritage I come from which has experienced so much oppression in modern-day society. The books create a fantasyland that we all dream to live in. Each and every character has been so well-written. I was stunned by how broad-minded the ancient Tamil people were. The books also talk about women empowerment. I was surprised that women were regarded so highly in ancient dravidian society. Contrary to popular opinion on monarchy rule, the books reveal how the land flourished and Tamil people rejoiced under the rule of Chola kings. Even today, this novel has a huge fan base among people of all generations for its intricate screenplay and vivid narration. The books are finally being converted into a movie. So if you are not into reading books, make sure to catch the movie which will be in theaters on Sept 30, 2022."

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

Moon/Mid-Autumn Festival

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, September 12 from 6-8pm

The Moon/Mid-Autumn Festival is on Saturday, September 10. The SDSU APIDA Center will celebrate the Moon/Mid-Autumn Festival on Monday, September 13 from 6-8pm. Come learn about the Moon/Mid-Autumn Festival and then enjoy some traditional foods, craft projects, and games.

First come, first served; While supplies last.

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

- The Student Diversity Commission is inviting students to engage with them at their meetings. Beginning on September 7, their meetings take place every Wednesday from 12:00-1:00pm in the Pride Suite. The leaders state, "Your voice is pivotal to making active change on campus. Serving on this commission is a wonderful opportunity to learn and understand the many perspectives of those who we are advocating for."
- VSA is hosting [welcome week](#) activities September 12-16. Events include Modern Monday, Movie Night Tuesday, Study Session Wednesday, Field Day Thursday, and Smash Tournament Friday.
- APSA is hosting their [Beach Bonfire](#) on September 16 starting at 5pm at Mission Beach.
- Apply for a [Student Success Fee - Academic Related Programs \(SSF-ARP\)](#). Applications are due Monday, Oct. 24 by 5 pm. Apply for funds to support activities and programs which extend the formal learning experience. These grants are open to all current SDSU students. Awarded students must be registered for the entire duration of the academic year.
- 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.

- [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, 2022. (By applying, students are in no way committing themselves to membership in Beta Theta Pi or any other organization.)
- The [Sikora Drake STEM Scholarship](#) supports minority students so they can pursue higher education in STEM. Any first-generation, BIPOC, female identifying, and/or LGBTQ+ student who is pursuing a degree in STEM may apply for this scholarship. Applications are due November 1, 2022.
- The [APIA Scholars AANAPISI Scholarship](#) is open to APIDA undergraduates. Amounts range from \$2500-\$20,000. Applications are available between September 7 to January 19, 2023.

**Do you have a scholarship opportunity to share?
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