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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

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Celebrate Makers and Creatives!

In addition to making arts and crafts, APIDA Center is also making records! On October 20th, we hosted our second [Makers Market](#) in collaboration with One SDSU. With over 30+ vendors and over 1750+ attendees, this event was the most attended event in both APIDA Center and One SDSU history! Woohoo!! Many thanks to the vendors, performers, helpers, and shoppers. It was a great day for the SDSU makers community! Check our [instagram](#) for event pictures!

Besides being able to profit from your passion, the Makers Market is a terrific opportunity for folks to learn small business skills. I am so impressed with the talent and creativity at SDSU. APIDA Center and One SDSU are thrilled to be able to support this event by coordinating this event and by paying for the vendor fees for students.

Due to its success, we plan on hosting a Makers' Market each semester. Stay connected with us on [instagram](#) for more information.

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



APIDA Center learns about the Filipino American Highway!

In 2007, San Diego Filipinx American organizers campaigned for the naming of the Filipino American Highway (formerly called the South Bay Freeway) - a stretch that connects the I-5, I-805, and CA-125 freeways. U.S. Congressman [Juan Vargas](#) had drafted this proposition, and with the help of a \$4000 donation from the [Council of Philippine American Organizations](#) (COPAO), the highway signs were funded. A historic milestone, this was the first highway in the United States that was named in honor of Filipino American contributions.

A distance of seven miles, this highway crosses through densely populated Fil-Am neighborhoods: National City, Paradise Hills, and Chula Vista. This sign serves as a powerful symbol of the approximately 200,000 (or 5%) Filipinx Americans who reside in San Diego County.

In addition, the overpass on South Woodman Street that crosses Route 54 is named the Itliong-Vera Cruz Memorial Bridge. (Larry Itliong and Philip Vera Cruz were Fil-Am labor rights activists.)

Strategically placed, the Filipino American Highway and the Itliong-Vera Cruz Memorial Bridge can be seen by the many Filipinx Americans who pass and exit these markers on a daily basis. These markers literally show how Filipinx Americans are paving the way...

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts third week of FAHM!

For [FAHM](#), each Sunday, the APIDA Center will share a social media campaign. This week, we shared facts about the [impacts of imperialism and capitalism on Filipino food culture](#). We were inspired by [Shannon Cristobal](#)'s lecture last week about Filipino foodways. We're also getting ready for the [FAHM dinner at The Garden](#) on Thursday, October 27th.

On Friday, October 14, we teamed up with Andrés Bonifacio Samahan and hosted a social, or a [FAHM FUNction](#)! We had a great time watching Dante Brasco movies and working on puzzles. Don't forget to read our social media campaign to learn more about [Andrés Bonifacio](#).

On Monday, October 17, we learned about the traditional Filipino craft and game called [Pabitin](#), which literally translates to "rack of goodies." We drew parallels between the pabitin and the pinata, and their colonial/Catholic roots. Then, we made our own [mini-versions](#)!



APIDA Center hosted FAHM Speakers!

This week, we were so honored to have two amazing speaker events. On October 18, we hosted Dr. [Oliver Wang](#) who shared his research about the Filipino American DJ scene. (Do you know the difference between mobile DJ crews and scratch DJs? We do!) Interestingly, Dr. Wang talked about the strengths of the Fil-Am community infrastructure which is a main reason for the growth of Fil-Am DJs.

On October 19, we chatted with [Rio Villa and Jay Jay Maniquis](#), the co-hosts and co-creators of "[Out of the Boondocks](#)." We discussed Fil-Am representation in the arts and the importance of making time to pursue your passions. (Fun Fact: **Jay Jay Maniquis** is a SDSU alum and the creator of [Jaycation](#), one of the top ten youtube channels in San Diego.) (Another Fun Fact: Rio Villa is EOP Counselor **Niko Villa**'s sister!)

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- Dr. **Stephen Suh**, Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies, is a proud papa of Oliver Lee Suh. Oliver was born on October 14, 2022.
- **Angie Miyashiro-Saipia** and **Jordan Valdez** are [Mortarboard](#) members, a national honor society for student scholars and leaders. On October 14, Angie was honored for being a December graduate; in addition, she selected Dr. **Loh-Hagan** for the Outstanding Faculty/Staff Award.

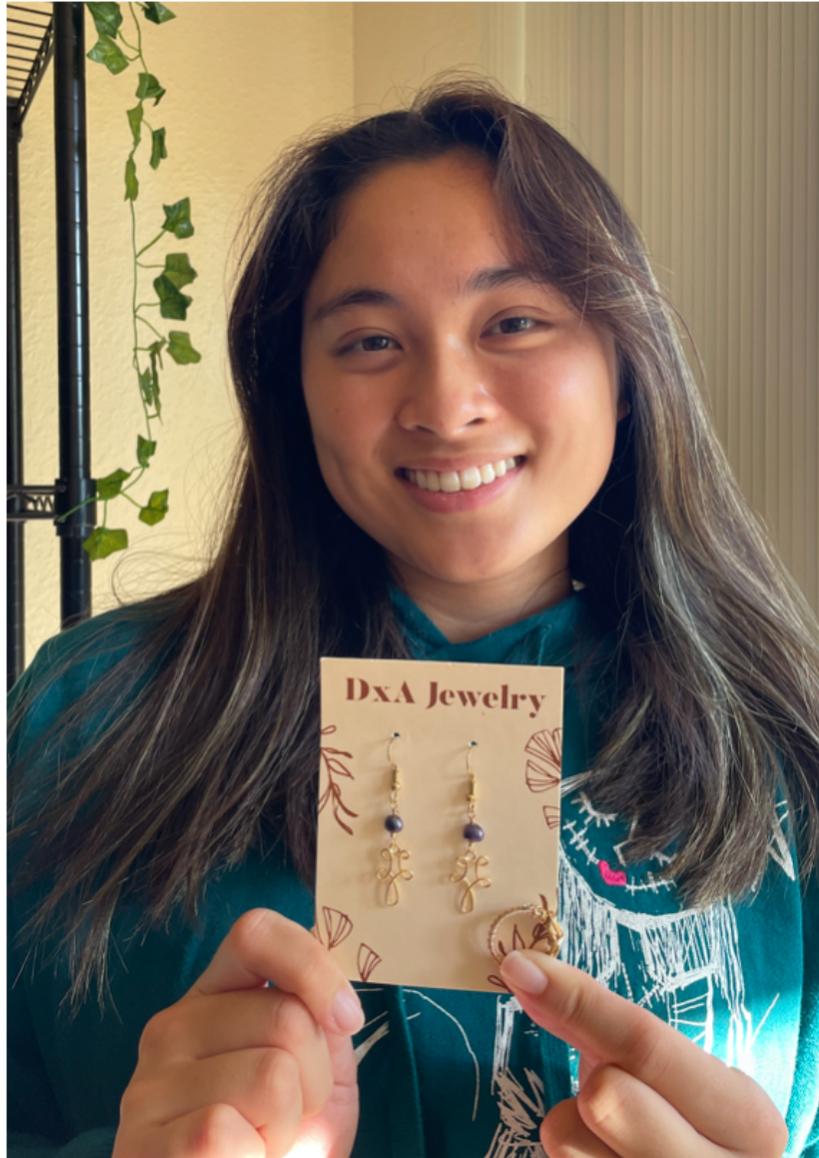


We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Izzy Salvador is a 2nd year Graphic Design Major and the Public Relations Coordinator for [Andrés Bonifacio Samahan](#). She is recommending [DXA Jewelry](#). She said, " If you're looking for new jewelry, I suggest buying from DXA Jewelry. It's locally run by two Fil-Am cousins local to the San Diego area! Every piece you buy is handmade, and shows all the hard work they've put into making them! You can find DXA Jewelry in local pop-up markets like Day to Day Vintage, Lucky Stars Market, and even Eastlake Expo. They sell everything: necklaces, earrings, rings, and even bracelets. So if you're looking to support a local business, and grab a pair of really cute earrings on the way— you should definitely try to buy from DXA!"

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

APIDA-Pop Expo

Location: Tula Community Center

Date: Friday, October 21, 2022 from 10pm-1am

POP on over to the APIDA-POP Expo!! [Aztec Nights](#) and the APIDA Center are hosting a fun-filled night of APIDA popular culture to include K-Pop, J-Pop, P-Pop, and Bollywood dancing. Celebrate all things APIDA-pop! There will be Asian snacks, spam musubi, mochinuts, anime drawing demos, Bollywood dance workshop, K-pop random dance play hosted by [KASA](#), cosplay contests, and more. Join Aztec Nights, the APIDA Center, and APIDA student orgs for a poppin' night!

Craft Night: Okir

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, October 24 from 6-8pm

Okir is the term for rectilinear and curvilinear plant-based designs and folk motifs that can be usually found among people of the Southern Philippines. Learn more about Okir and then practice drawing your own Okir designs.

Speaker: Dr. Arnel Calvario - Fil-Am HipHop Dance Scene

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, October 25 from 1-2pm

Dr. Arnel Calvario will share his experience in the Fil-Am dance community. He founded UC Irvine's Kaba Modern and serves as the Board President of Culture Shock International and as an active member of the KINJAZ. He managed Kaba Modern, Fanny Pak, the Beat Freaks, & Kinjaz during their runs on MTV's hit show "America's Best Dance Crew." He also helped manage Kinjaz on NBC's "World of Dance." In addition, he is a judge at the Hip Hop International (HHI) World Dance Championships and is the Co-Coordinator for the annual HHI World Battles.

Diwali Social

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Diwali is "the festival of lights." Come learn more about Diwali with us. We'll watch Diwali videos and play cards.

FAHM Dinner at The Garden

Location: The Garden

Date: Thursday, October 27 from 4-8pm

For Filipinx American History Month, The Garden is serving a special Filipino dinner. The APIDA Center will be tabling at The Garden! Join us for dinner!

Cultural Education Program: Ube

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, October 31 from 2-3pm

Ube means tuber in Tagalog; it is a purple yam originally from the Philippines. Come learn about the historical and cultural significance of ube and sample some ube snacks.

Craft Night: Capiz Shells

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, October 31 from 6-8pm

Capiz shells are named after a Philippines province; the Philippines are known to be the primary exporter of Capiz shells crafts. Capiz shells are used to make curtains, chandeliers, lanterns, jewelry, and more. Learn more about the historical and cultural significance of Capiz shells and make your own craft!

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.

Happy Hours at the APIDA Center

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

MONDAYS
from 6-8pm

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MUSIC
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WEDNESDAYS
from 6-8pm

TV
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THURSDAYS
from 6-8pm

GAME
NIGHT

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [APSA](#) is hosting its 9th annual Night Market on October 26 from 4-9pm. This event is in collaboration with other APIDA student organizations: [Andres Bonifacio Samahan](#), [Japanese Student Association \(JSA\)](#), [Korean American Student Association \(KASA\)](#), [Pacific Islander Student Association \(PISA\)](#), and [Vietnamese Student Association \(VSA\)](#).
- [JSA](#) is hosting a movie night on October 28 from 7-9pm at the Pride Suite.
- [Andrés Bonifacio Samahan](#) is hosting [FAHM Jam](#) with [House of the Philippines' Prinsesa Ng Bayan](#) on Saturday, October 29 from 5-8pm in Balboa Park.
- [Sanskriti](#) is celebrating Diwali on November 6 starting at 4:30pm at Montezuma Hall. There will be free food, performances, and dancing!

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Women's Resource Center](#) and Gladrags are hosting a [workshop](#) on reusable menstrual products on October 24 at 2pm on Zoom.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#) is hosting Budgeting 101 Para Estudiantes on October 24 from 3-4pm at the LRC Conference Room.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#), [Undocumented Resource Center](#), and [Commuter Life](#) are hosting its 3rd annual [National Immigrants Day](#) on October 27 from 4-5:30pm on Zoom.

Campus Partners:

- The [Center for Inclusive Excellence](#) is hosting Dr. Daisy Rodriguez Pitel on October 26 at 2:30pm at PSFA 100. Dr. Pitel will discuss her experiences and share strategies for supporting equitable and inclusive practices.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA) is [hiring](#) for several positions: Youth Organizer, Phone Baker, Executive Assistant, Public Relations and Fundraising Manager, and Civic Engagement Organizer.
- Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans, Viet Vote, Asian Solidarity Collective, and Karen of San Diego are hosting an [Election Fair-Voter Education Session](#) on October 29 from 12-4pm.
- CSU Los Angeles is launching a research study on hate crimes and their impacts on APIDA college students. Graduates and undergraduates are welcome to participate in this 1-2 hr study. For more information, contact [Jennifer Hsueh](#).

Scholarships

Please research criteria and deadlines.

- The [Ruthie Brown Scholarship](#) is offering one \$5000 scholarship to a BIPOC student who is working full or part time and who has a disability or is a non-traditional study. Apply by November 1, 2022.
- 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. Apply by November 1, 2022.
- Pacific Coast Medical Billing & Coding is offering a [Female Empowerment Scholarship](#) which awards \$1500 to a BIPOC, female student. Apply by November 1, 2022.
- The [Small Seed Big Flower Scholarship](#) awards \$1015 to one first-generation BIPOC undergraduate student. Apply by November 15, 2022.
- The [Minority/Women in STEM Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to five students who identify as a first-gen/low-income BIPOC and/or female student. Apply by November 19.
- LEAD Filipino is hosting the [Mama Verang and Lola Remi Scholarship Fund \(Lola Scholarship Fund\)](#). They are awarding three scholarships ranging from \$990-1020 for Filipino American undergraduate and graduate students. Apply by December 1, 2022.
- The [Manuela Calles Scholarship for Women](#) is awarding one \$500 scholarship to a female student who is pursuing a career that improves the mental health field. Apply by December 20, 2022.
- The [APIA Scholars 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?
Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

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Paid Internships

- Asian Americans Advancing Justice works to advance human and civil rights for APIDA communities. They are seeking [student interns](#) interested in gaining firsthand experience in civil rights advocacy. Interns are expected to commit to 16-20 hours per week during the 2022 winter or 2021 spring semesters. Specific start and end dates are flexible. Summer internships are full-time (40 hours per week) over a ten-week period. Internships are virtual. Applicants are eligible to apply for a modest stipend based upon demonstrated financial need.
- [Apply](#) to be an intern this spring with Representative Scott Peters. The deadline is December 13. Interns will be paid \$15 per hour and work 20 hours per week for 10-12 weeks. Interns may be asked to do a variety of things, including day-to-day office work such as answering phones, writing letters, and responding to constituent inquiries. They may also be asked to assist with constituent casework and District-based projects of importance, with plenty of opportunities for community outreach and engagement.

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