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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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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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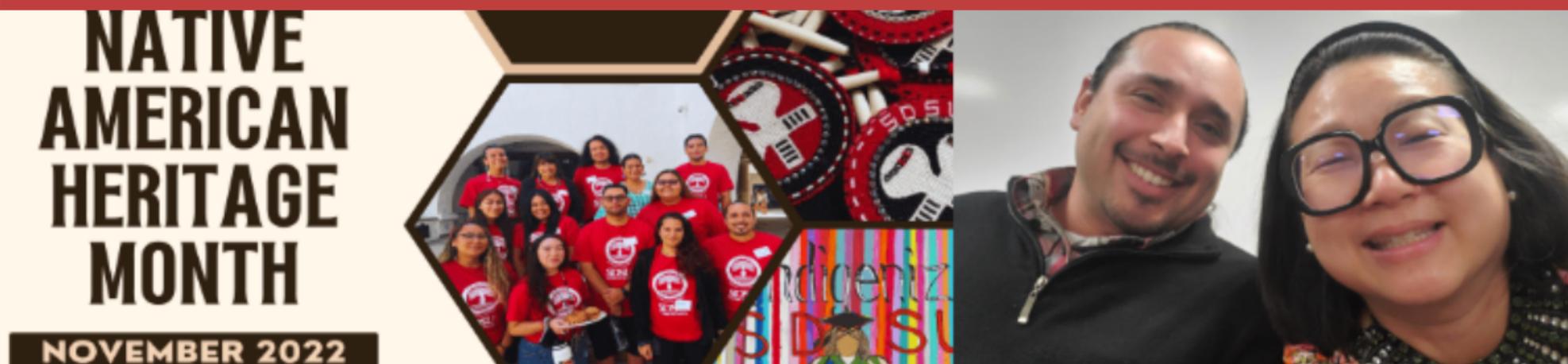
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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

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Celebrate Native American Heritage Month!

It's hard to believe that October is over and November is here. We have celebrated a fabulous [Filipinx American History Month](#) with over 20 programs, social media campaigns, etc. Thanks to all those who attended our events and amplified our work.

As we move into November, it's now time to celebrate [Native American Heritage Month](#) (NAHM) with the [SDSU Native Resource Center](#). NAHM is a time to recognize the significant contributions of Native Americans and a time to learn about the cultures of those whose lands we reside on. The Native Resource Center has developed a robust schedule of events that bring Native Americans and Indigenous folks to the forefront in order to combat the erasure of tribal traditions, histories, and perspectives. Join the APIDA Center as we seek to learn more!

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



APIDA Center learns about an indigenous Pacific Islander tradition!

Some Pacific Islanders are from islands colonized by the United States, so they are native to land that is now called America. Although Pacific Islanders are distinct from Native Americans, it is important to acknowledge their shared commonalities regarding indigenous roots and the impacts of settler colonialism.

San Diego is home to the largest [Pacific Islander Festival](#) in the United States. This festival was established in 1994, as a celebration to welcome the Hōkūleʻa, a historic Hawaiian canoe. The Hōkūleʻa is named “Star of Gladness” and has sailed over 140,000 nautical miles across the Pacific. The Hōkūleʻa arrived in San Diego in 1994 with the permission of the Kumeyaay people. This canoe is famous for reviving Hawaiian culture and for building solidarity with indigenous communities across the world.

The first voyage of the Hōkūleʻa began on March 8, 1975. This canoe was designed by Herb Kawainui Kane, a founder of the [Polynesian Voyaging Society](#). Kane designed the double-hull canoe to resemble the canoes sailed by Polynesian ancestors who first sailed to the Hawaiʻi archipelago. This 1975 voyage inspired a renewal of Polynesian navigating traditions (which only used the stars, winds, and ocean swells as guides) during a time where Hawaiians were at risk for cultural extinction in the 1960s.

Aside from cultural restoration, the purposes of the Hōkūleʻa voyages were to advocate for climate change prevention, ocean sustainability, and protection of indigenous culture. The voyagers on the Hōkūleʻa asked for permission to arrive at first nations peoples’ lands to honor and respect the native people of these places. They took the opportunity to celebrate similarities in culture with indigenous groups and share native knowledge.

During the same year (1994) of the Hōkūleʻa arrival on Kumeyaay land (San Diego), the Native American Environmental Protection Coalition (NAEPC) was founded in Southern California to collectively address environmental concerns. The Hōkūleʻa is the spirit of Polynesian ancestors' ability to triumph over adversity and their passion for exploration.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosted last week of FAHM!

For [FAHM](#), the APIDA Center shared a social media campaign each week to learn more about the Fil-Am experience. This week, we focused on [Balikbayan boxes](#).

On October 31, we hosted our last two FAHM programs: All About Ube and Capiz Shells Craft. We learned about distinctly Filipino products - Both ube and capiz shells are native to the Philippines and have become trends. We talked about their historical and cultural significance in addition to issues of cultural appropriation versus appreciation.



APIDA Center has swag!

APIDA Center has received our first swag items - shirts, stickers, and keychains. Attend five APIDA Center educational events and earn a shirt!! So far, we have given away six shirts - These students were determined to be the first to get shirts! (Fun fact: A-LISTER **Logan Moreno** was the very first student to earn a shirt!)

Also, be at the Center for our random give-aways of stickers and keychains. How will you proudly display your APIDA swag?

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- Dr. **Loh-Hagan** presented at the [Association for Ethnic Studies](#) conference on November 4th. She talked about the importance of teaching APIDA histories and narratives in K-12.
- On October 27th, Dr. **Chuyun Oh** gave a lecture entitled, "[K-pop Dance Fandom](#)." This event will be featured in a K-pop documentary on Amazon Prime and TVING. After her lecture, student K-pop dancers from [SDSU Korean American Student Association](#) (KASA) and from [UCSD Kpop Undefined Training](#) (KUT) Dance Team performed. Check out the [video](#) for performances - even Dr. Oh dances!

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Erica Del Mundo, a 2nd year Electrical Engineering major, is recommending [Butter Cream Ube crackers](#). She said, "It's a crunchy, small snack that can fill you up when you're hungry. I like it because you can definitely taste the ube flavor and it's not as hard as other crackers so it melts in your mouth. I love that it reminds me of my mom's halaya (ube jam) and of my childhood vacations in the Philippines. I also recommend other Filipino snacks like puto maya (sticky rice), leche flan (custard dessert), sapin-sapin (layered rice cake), and taho (soft tofu drink)."

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

Lecture: K-Pop Dance and Social Media

Location: Digital Humanities Center (Dome LA 61)

Date: Thursday, November 10 at 12pm

Dr. **Chuyun Oh**, a Fulbright scholar and Associate Professor of Dance Theory at SDSU will discuss her book, *K-Pop Dance: Fandoming Yourself on Social Media* (Routledge 2022). Her award-winning scholarship has appeared in global media, top-tier journals, and anthologies. As a graduate of Kirov Ballet Academy, Dr. Oh received international dance competition awards and performed worldwide as a professional ballet/modern dancer before entering academia.

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

**CRAFT
NIGHT**

TUESDAYS
from 6-8pm

**MUSIC
NIGHT**

WEDNESDAYS
from 6-8pm

**TV
NIGHT**

THURSDAYS
from 6-8pm

**GAME
NIGHT**

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [PISA](#) and [TSA](#) are hosting a "[Lion Dance Workshop](#)" on November 4 from 3:30-5:00pm.
- [KASA](#) is hosting a [Discord Social](#) on November 4 at 8pm.
- [JSA](#) is hosting [Friendsgiving](#) on November 11 from 12-5pm.
- [VSA](#) is hosting "[VSA and the Bee](#)" on November 11 from 5:00-7:30pm.
- [APSA](#) is hosting "[APSA on Ice Fundraiser](#)" at Westfield UTC on November 11 from 6-9pm.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting "[California Missions: Activism & Storytelling](#)" on November 8 from 12-2pm.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center](#), [Native Resource Center](#), and [Women's Resource Center](#) is hosting "[Searching for Family: Gender-Based Violence on Both Sides of the Borders](#)" on November 9 from 3-5pm.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) is hosting "[Dance Through A Multicultural Lens](#)" with [VSA Modern](#), [SDSU Diamonds](#), and [Ballet Folklorico Xochipilli](#) on November 10 from 2-4pm.

Campus Partners:

- SDSU Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs is hosting a lecture entitled, "[Disability and Japanese Video Games](#)" on November 7 at 2pm. Dr. Andrew Campana is the featured speaker.
- The Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series is spotlighting [Angela Narciso Torres](#), a Fil-Am poet. She is speaking on November 9 at 7pm.
- SDSU Go! is hosting a field trip to watch "[Wakanda Forever](#)" on November 13 from 12:30-4:00pm. Sign up asap to reserve your spot!
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The 23rd annual [San Diego Asian Film Festival](#) takes place on November 3-12. They are featuring 130+ films from 30+ countries and languages.
- The San Diego Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is hosting a [Community Dialogue for Veteran's Day](#) on November 10 from 6:30-8:00pm. [Email](#) for the zoom link.
- Mic Drop Comedy is hosting "[Model Majority - Asian and Pacific Islander Comedy](#)" on November 10 starting at 7:30pm.
- The Bilingual Development in Context program is hiring Vietnamese- or Spanish-speaking research assistants. Contact Dr. [Giang Pham](#) for more information.

Paid Internships

- Asian Americans Advancing Justice works to advance human and civil rights for APIDA communities. [Student 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.
- The City of San Diego's Economic Development department is seeking one [Small Business Engagement Team Intern](#). Apply by November 30, 2022.
- Hydralyte is seeking a Marketing Intern for a 6-month paid internship located at UTC, San Diego. [Apply via LinkedIn](#).
- [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.

Do you have an opportunity to share?
Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Scholarships

Please research criteria and deadlines.

- 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, 2022.
- 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 [EmPowered Women Scholarship](#) is awarding \$750 to a first-gen, female, BIPOC student. Applicants must be pursuing a career in Accounting/Finance and have non-profit or volunteering experience. Apply by December 15, 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 [Sigirci-Jones Scholarship](#) is awarding \$500 to one student who is pursuing nursing with a 3.2 GPA minimum. Apply by January 1, 2023.
- 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.

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