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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



Read all about it!!!

Check your email! Newsletter #47 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

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SDSU APIDA

Resource Center

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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

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APIDA Center will be closed on:

November 11: Closed for Veterans Day
November 24-25: Closed for Thanksgiving
December 22-27: Closed for Winter Break
January 2: Closed for New Year's Day
January 16: Closed for Dr. King Day

Honor our Veterans!

The APIDA Center is closed today in honor of Veterans Day, a day to celebrate the service of all U.S. military veterans. It is celebrated on November 11th because major hostilities of World War I ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938.

At SDSU, the [Barron Veterans Center at SDSU](#) has been proudly serving over 4000 military-connected students. In addition, the [SDSU Military & Veterans Faculty & Staff Association Employee Resource Group](#) provides a space for our employees.

To all of our veterans: Thank you for your service!

As a reminder, the [APIDA Center](#) is open when the university is open and closed when the university is closed.

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



APIDA Center celebrates APIDA veterans!

Asian immigrants faced great discrimination as a result of anti-Asian laws and policies. Many were at risk for deportations. Because of this, some enlisted in the military as a way to maintain their U.S. residency. Despite their service, many Asian American veterans were not honored, compensated, or formally recognized by the U.S government for their military service.

Murray Lee, a Chinese American veteran from San Diego and historian for the [San Diego Chinese Historical Museum](#), had enlisted in the Merchant Marines in 1945. He worked with the [Chinese American Citizens Alliance](#) to push for the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to Chinese American veterans. This national effort to recognize Chinese American veterans was initiated in 2016 and was finally actualized in 2020. In 2020, only 300 Chinese American veterans were still alive to receive the award. One of those heroes was 94-year-old Willie Pong. Pong enlisted in the Navy in 1943 when he was 17 and worked as a cook on Navy ships for three years. He's one of the 20,000 Chinese Americans who defended the United States during World War II.

Some Chinese American veterans attended San Diego State University post discharge. For example, [Jennings Hom](#), who was part of the all-Chinese American 555th Air Service Squadron of the 14th Air Force and who had served in India and China during World War II, received his B.A. in Business Administration; his family owned Woo Chee Chong, a Chinese grocery chain. Hom expanded the business by opening stores in Chula Vista, Kearny Mesa, and Oceanside. (The stores were sold in 1995.)

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center celebrates Sikh Americans!

November is [California Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month](#)! The purpose of this month is to recognize and celebrate the important contributions of Sikh Americans. A lack of knowledge about Sikhism has led to bias-based discrimination, especially after the 9/11 attacks.

The APIDA Center is hosting two [events](#) to learn more about Sikhism. On November 7th, we watched and discussed a video about "Sikhs in America" and then we learned about the Ik Onkar (or Ek Onkar) symbol and made art inspired by contemporary Sikh artists. On November 14th, we will learn about Phulkari, a Punjabi folk embroidery.

News from APIDA ERG

ERG R.U.S.H. WEEK

RECRUITING UNDERSERVED SDSU HIRES (R.U.S.H)

NOV 14-18

APIDA ERG participates in ERG R.U.S.H. Week!

The SDSU Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) are hosting a week of R.U.S.H (Recruiting Underserved SDSU Hires). This week-long event is designed to showcase the 17 ERGs at SDSU and to encourage more faculty and staff to join. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend a different ERG mixer each day of the week. The week will conclude with a finale program and reception on November 18 from 3:00-5:30pm, featuring Farzana Nayani, a recognized Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion specialist, coach, and international keynote speaker. [RSVP](#) today!

The APIDA ERG will be hosting a mixer on Thursday, November 17th from 4-5pm at the APIDA Center. 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!

- **Nina Go** and **Jordan Valdez** were nominated to be a part of the 2022 Homecoming Court. Nina Go was selected to be one of two Homecoming Royals this year. All the court members had to give a presentation and participate in an interview. APIDA ERG members, **Helen Ma**, **Matt Garcia**, and Dr. **Loh-Hagan**, served on the Homecoming selection committee.
- The Daily Aztec highlighted some of our Filipinx American student leaders in a feature entitled, "**Filipinx Student Leaders Photo Essay**." The students featured were: **Caili Anderson**, **Deanna Magpali**, **Katelyn Factoran**, **Alexis Bautista Maxion**, **Joshua Blue Dumaua**, **Sara Rose Fausto**, **Micaela Rafael**, **Elias Malachi Enguancho**, and **Giannela Gonzales**.
- Dr. **Brian Hu** was interviewed for a KPBS story entitled, "**Spring Showcase offers fresh Asian cinema, from then and now**."

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



On Wednesday nights from 6-8pm, the APIDA Center hosts TV nights. **Daniel Tran**, a second year Psychology major, always requests to watch "Demon Slayer," a Japanese manga series about a teenager who strives to become a demon slayer after his family was destroyed by demons. Tran said, "The animation is the best because it has fluid motions, fight choreography, and symbolism." He also said, "Why 'Demon Slayer'? Animation top tier, chef's kiss, and good story. Also animation, in addition to more animation. Have you seen season 2?!?!" (He said fans would understand what he's talking about!)

**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

Craft Night: Phulkari

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, November 7 from 6-8pm

Celebrate CA Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month! Learn about Phulkari, a Punjabi folk embroidery. Then, embroider a simple design.

IEW: Refugee Histories and Narratives in School Curricula

Location: Zoom

Date: Wednesday, November 16 from 11:30-1:00pm

Celebrate International Education Week (IEW) with us! Refugee studies is essential to a deeper understanding of the modern APIDA experience. In this session, we will discuss The Asian American Education Project's work in this space in addition to an article entitled, "[Southeast Asian Refugees: Make Them Count](#)" written by **Gi Gonzales** (SDSU Grad Student), **Kathy Ho** (SDSU Grad Student), and Dr. **Loh-Hagan**. In addition, Jayson Chang will share his own family's refugee experience.

Student-Led Workshop: Filipino Parol

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Friday, November 18 from 3-4pm

APIDA Center is hosting Student-Led Workshops. On Friday, November 18 from 3-4pm at the APIDA Center, **Giabelle Bernal**, **Keisha Campollo**, **Katelin Haubert**, and **Sara Lau** are hosting a workshop about the Filipino Parol. Learn about the historical and cultural significance of the Filipino parol. Then, make a parol with us!

IEW: Racial Bias in Refugee Admissions and Immigration

Location: Zoom

Date: Wednesday, November 30 from 11:30-1:00pm

Celebrate International Education Week (IEW) with us! Dr. Tom K. Wong is an associate professor and founding director of the [U.S. Immigration Policy Center \(USIPC\)](#) at UCSD. He served as an advisor to the [White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders \(WHIAAPI\)](#) and was appointed to serve on the [California 2020 Census Complete Count Committee \(CCC\)](#). He is also Co-Director of the Human Rights and Migration program and won the ACLU Presidential Prize for his work in advancing immigrant rights and justice. His research has been used by policymakers both in the U.S. and in Mexico and in several federal lawsuits to defend DACA, end family separation, and prohibit indefinite child detention. His work has been covered by major media outlets across the country in hundreds of articles.

Multicultural Shabbat

Location: Hillel House

Date: Friday, December 2 at 6pm

Celebrate Shabbat with the APIDA Center and other cultural centers. Meet new friends and eat a delicious free dinner. [RSVP](#) today!

IEW: Critical Refugee Studies Collective

Location: Zoom

Date: Wednesday, December 7 from 11:30-1:00pm

Celebrate International Education Week (IEW) with us! Originally from Việt Nam, Dr. Yén Lê Espiritu is a Distinguished Professor of Ethnic Studies at UCSD. She has served as Department Chair, President of the Association of Asian American Studies, and Vice President of the Pacific Sociological Association. She also has extensive experience working with refugee and immigrant communities in San Diego. An award-winning author and a recipient of multiple grants, she has published extensively on Asian American communities, critical immigration and refugee studies, and U.S. colonialism and wars in Asia. A founding member of the [Critical Refugee Studies Collective \(CRSC\)](#), Espiritu is the co-author of [Departures: An Introduction to Critical Refugee Studies](#) (UC Press, 2022).

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 is hosting Student-Led Workshops and Student-Created Social Media Campaigns. This is a great opportunity to 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 Dr. Loh-Hagan 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:

- [JSA](#) is hosting a [guest speaker](#) from the Japanese Exchange and Teaching program on November 16 from 3-4pm.
- [KASA](#) is hosting a [Belmont Park Social](#) on November 18 from 3-5 pm
- [APSA](#) is hosting a [collaborative picnic](#) with [UCSD APSA](#) on November 19 from 2-5pm.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Women's Resource Center](#) is hosting "[Body Image and Terrarium Building](#)" on November 14 from 1:00-2:30pm.
- The Undocumented Resource Center, Pride Center, and Latinx Center are hosting "[Agents of Our Own Stories](#)" with Yosimar Reyes on November 15 from 3:30-4:30pm.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center's](#) [Grand Opening](#) is on November 15 from 1:30-5:00pm.
- The Young Men of Color Alliance is hosting the second annual [Barbershop Talks](#) on November 16 from 2-5pm.
- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting "[Kumeyaay Ethnobotany Board Game](#)" on November 17 from 3-5pm.

Campus Partners:

- Celebrate International Education Week with the [SDSU International Student Center](#). Attend the [International Flag Parade](#) on November 14 from 11:30-12:00 pm.
- One SDSU, (AAPI)phany, College of Education, and Counseling and Psychological Services are hosting "[Healing Racial Trauma](#)" on November 14 from 12-2pm.
- Check out the new Black Studies Collection space at the SDSU library.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The [Asian Solidarity Collective](#) Youth Committee is hosting "[Healing x Art = Heart](#)" on November 12 from 3-5pm.
- The [Asian Business Association](#) is hosting the [California Commission on Asian & Pacific Islander American Affairs \(CAPIAA\) San Diego Area Listening Session](#) on November 17 from 1-3pm.

Paid Internships

- The City of San Diego's Economic Development department is seeking one [Small Business Engagement Team Intern](#). Apply by November 30, 2022.
- The City of San Diego is seeking one paid [Council District 3 Intern](#). Apply before November 28, 2022.

Do you have an opportunity to share?
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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 [Do Good Scholarship](#) is awarding \$500 to one student who is using their career to address climate change. Applicants must identify as a first-gen or minority student with volunteer experience. Apply by January 1.
- 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.