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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



Read all about it!!!

Check your email! Newsletter #48 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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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

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'Tis the time to be grateful!

I am grateful for so many things, especially the fabulous APIDA Center staff, students, faculty, and staff. In addition, I am grateful to all of our campus and community partners and allies.

On November 15th, we convened to celebrate the Grand Opening of the [Undocumented Resource Center](#). It was so great to gather as one SDSU family. I'm so grateful to be at SDSU, a campus that is committed to community and diversity.

We are sliding into Fall break - of which I am very, very grateful! The APIDA Center will be adjusting hours on Wednesday, November 23rd from 10:00-4:30pm and will be closed on Thursday, November 24-25. We will resume regular business hours on Monday, November 28th. Take this time to rest and be thankful. We are here! We have made it this far!

The next newsletter will be December 2. 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 recognizes Sikh American history in San Diego!

November is [California Sikh Awareness and Appreciation month](#)! Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world with over 25 million followers. It originated in the Punjab area of South Asia which includes the northern part of India and Pakistan.

Punjabi agricultural workers migrated to California in the late 19th and early 20 centuries. They were known for growing peaches and almonds, following the harvest along the coast. In 1915, many settled in the Imperial Valley; leaders founded organizations like Hindustani Welfare and Reform Society which provided aid to farmers. In 1947 in the city of El Centro, they developed the second gurdwara (Sikh temple) in the United States.

Like many APIDA immigrants, Punjabi immigrants faced systemic racism from anti-miscegenation and exclusion laws. Punjabi men who were separated from their families married Mexican women; these marriages allowed them to pass on their land and wealth to their children who were eligible for citizenship. This was the foundation of hybrid Mexican-Punjabi culture. These multiethnic families flourished in areas such as Imperial Valley, Bakersfield, and Yuba-Sutter.

In 1984, Sikh temples in India were rampaged which led to the displacement of 50,000 Sikh communities. Sikh refugees arrived in California and became truckers. Punjabi dhabas (roadside restaurants) were established along popular routes. San Diego is home to Punjabi dhabas in Miramar, Sorrento Valley, and Carlsbad.

In 1986, the Sikh population in San Diego started to increase; the following year was the first Sikh community event. The [Sikh Foundation San Diego](#) was established in 1998 to meet the religious, social, cultural, educational, and spiritual needs of Sikh immigrants. Located in Poway, this Sikh Gurdwara is one of two places of Sikh worship in the county, with the second located in Escondido.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center learns about Phulkari!

To celebrate [California Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month](#), we learned about Phulkari on November 14th. Phulkari is a Punjabi folk embroidery. It is predominantly practiced by Punjabi women as a domestic art to show off their creativity and to be in community. Our students did an amazing job with their needlework.

News from APIDA ERG



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

The SDSU Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) hosted a week of R.U.S.H (Recruiting Underserved SDSU Hires). This week-long event was designed to showcase the 17 ERGs at SDSU and to encourage more faculty and staff to join.

The APIDA ERG hosted a mixer on Thursday, November 17th at the APIDA Center. It was great fun catching up with old friends and meeting new ones!

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.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

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.

Wushu & APIDA Culture

Location: **APIDA Center**

Date: **Wednesday, November 30 from 3-4pm**

APIDA Center is hosting Student-Led Workshops. Josiah Caparas, Jessica Tuey, and Chloe Verove are hosting a workshop about Wushu. Learn about the historical and cultural significance of Wushu and its impact on APIDA culture. Then, practice some Wushu moves with us!

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. Yến 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).

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [NSU](#) is hosting a [Bowling Social](#) on November 18 at 2pm at Aztec Lanes.
- [KASA](#) is hosting a [fundraiser at Mochinut](#) on November 18.
- [APSA](#) is hosting a [collaborative picnic](#) with [UCSD APSA](#) on November 19 from 2-5 pm.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The Native Resource Center and Pride Center are hosting a [Virtual Panel on Two-Spirit Identity](#) on November 22 from 12-1pm via [Zoom](#).
- The [Latinx Resource Center Grand Opening](#) will take place on November 29 at 2pm at the Love Library Room 182.
- The Center for Intercultural Relations and Muslim Student Association is hosting "[Crossover into the Deen](#)," a 3V3 basketball tournament, on November 30 from 2:30-5:30pm at the ARC.

Campus Partners:

- Aztec Nights is hosting [High School Musical Night](#) on November 18 from 10-2pm at the Student Union Theater.
- [SDSU GO!](#) is hosting a field trip to Balboa Park to celebrate [December Nights](#) on December 3 from 3-9pm. Sign up now!
- 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.

Paid Internships

- The City of San Diego is seeking one paid [Council District 3 Intern](#). Apply before November 28, 2022.
- The City of San Diego's Economic Development department is seeking one [Small Business Engagement Team Intern](#). Apply by November 30, 2022.
- The Port of San Diego is seeking multiple [paid student interns](#). Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

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Scholarships

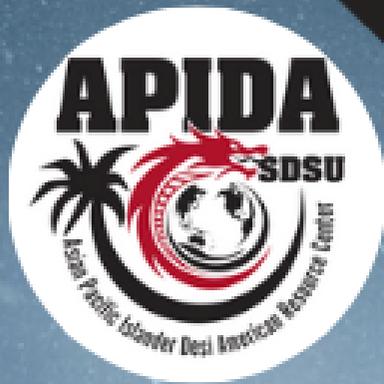
Please research criteria and deadlines.

- 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 [Future Leaders in Technology - College Award](#) is awarding \$2500 to one junior or senior pursuing a career in technology. Applicants must identify as either Black, Latinx, Native American, LGBTQ+, or woman to apply. Apply by January 9, 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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Fall/Winter 2022 Holiday Schedule

APIDA Center will be closed on:

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

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