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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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SDSU APIDA
Resource Center

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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

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Happy holidays and happy new year!

Well, another semester is in the books! We have had a fantastic Fall 2023 semester with even more antics and adventures. As we close out this year, we are ready for a break and excited about the new year. Please take this time to rest, relax, and rejuvenate.

As a reminder, we will be closed December 22-27 and January 2. From now until January 18, we will be on modified hours from 10:00-4:30pm.

In the meantime, we will be hosting [events](#) on [Discord](#). Stay connected with us!

Our next newsletter will be sent on January 20th. Until then, stay safe and have some fun!

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



APIDA Center celebrates the history of San Diego's Parol Festival!

The holidays for our Fil-Am families often means parols! Parols are festive lanterns. The first parol was created in 1908 by Francisco Estanislao who originated from San Fernando Pampanga. Pampanga is known as the capital of parol making in the Philippines. The name "parol" comes from the Spanish word "farol" for lantern. In the Catholic religion, the parol is symbolic of the star of Bethlehem that guided the Three Wise Men to Jesus on Christmas. Spanish colonizers from 1521 to 1898, enforced the widespread adoption of Catholicism across the Philippines. Today over 80% of the population in the Philippines identifies as Catholic, making Christmas celebrations a distinct element of Filipino culture.

The tradition of parol-making migrated from the Philippines with overseas Filipino workers. In San Diego, PASACAT Philippine Performing Arts Company emerged in the 1970s, and was established in National City. Although most known for their traveling traditional dance troupe, PASACAT has hosted its own Parol Lantern Festival for almost three decades. On December 10, 2022, PASACAT Philippine Performing Arts Company hosted its 26th annual Parol Lantern Festival. At these annual festivals, parols are showcased, attendees make their own parols, eat Filipino food, and watch cultural performances. In 2019, Pampanga's Governor donated an eight-foot parol as a way to build bridges between the two cities.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts Trung Le Nguyen, author of *The Magic Fish*!

On [December 12](#), in partnership with [One Book One San Diego](#), the APIDA Center hosted an [author event](#) with [Trung Le Nguyen](#) who wrote the acclaimed graphic novel, *THE MAGIC FISH*. Nguyen delivered an amazing talk about his creative process, his love of comics and fairy tales, his background as a Vietnamese refugee, and more. He also engaged in a Q&A with Dr. Loh-Hagan and then signed books for all attendees. It was most definitely a magical evening!



APIDA Center hosts Study Hall and Finals Fun!

During Finals Week (December 13-19), the APIDA Center has been hosting Study Hall (in which we observe quiet hours) and Finals Fun (which included a tote bag designing event). In addition to providing students with study spaces, we provided snacks and test-taking supplies. We also created a social media campaign in which we shared [tools for success](#). Lastly, in partnership with the National Alliance for Filipino Concerns ([NAFCON](#)) we set up a station for folks to write holiday cards to [children of Jeepney drivers](#) in the Philippines as they have suffered greatly from the global oil price spike.

News from APIDA ERG



APIDA ERG hosts holiday party!

On December 16th, the APIDA ERG hosted a holiday party to celebrate the end of the semester. We had a lot of laughs and participated in a gift exchange. (Many thanks to **Agnes Wong Nickerson** for our yummy food!)

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!

- **Ian Ordonio**, a May 2022 graduate and Theatre, Television, and Film major, was the sound mixer for the School of Theatre, Television, and Film's Emerging Filmmakers Showcase which took place on Dec 14-15. In addition, Ordonio and **Sara Rose Fausto** starred in the short film, "Your Last Call." Dr. **Brian Hu**, Associate Professor, was the festival curator.
- **Helen Ma** has been promoted and is now a General Advisor and Retention Specialist for Commuter Life. Previously, she was the Commuter Student Success Coach.
- Dr. **Loh-Hagan** was interviewed for two podcasts:
 - Equity, Disproportionality & Design: [The Pursuit of Building Diverse Mindsets, While Representing Your Community](#)
 - Building Knowledge: [Interview with author of A is for Asian American](#)

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Chloe Kim is a second year kinesiology major with an emphasis in pre-physical therapy. She is also a student leader and a joy to be around. She is recommending an APIDA craft activity from [Ensky](#). She said, "My APIDA recommendation is this paper theatre. It's a small craft where you glue and assemble tiny pieces on top of each other to create one big image. This particular product is based on the Studio Ghibli film *Howl's Moving Castle*; but there are many different paper theaters from different Ghibli films. It's a fun, intricate activity, but it can get complicated and time-consuming. I highly recommend it (you can get them on amazon :o)."



FYI: [Studio Ghibli](#) is a Japanese animation studio headquartered in Tokyo, Japan. It produces animated feature film short films, TV commercials, and TV films. Its mascot is Totoro, a giant spirit inspired by raccoon dogs and cats. Its best known films are *Spirited Away*, *Howl's Moving Castle*, *Princess Mononoke*, and *Ponyo*. Fun Fact: The word "Ghibli" is based on the Arabic word "sirocco" (which means the Mediterranean wind); the studio wanted to "blow a new wind through the Japanese anime industry."

**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

Holiday Cards Project

Location: APIDA Center

Date: December 15-21

APIDA Center and National Alliance for Filipino Concerns (NAFCON) are hosting a Holiday Cards Project. Share your holiday spirit! Support families in the Philippines by writing holiday cards for children of Jeepney drivers who are suffering from the global oil price spike. Just drop by the APIDA Center and create/write some holiday cards. NAFCON will take care of the mailing

Convoy Nights

Location: Kilowatt Brewing (7576 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.)

Date: December 17 from 4-11pm

APIDA Center is tabling at Convoy Nights and celebrate the holidays with the Convoy District, San Diego Asian Pacific Islander (API) Coalition, and Asian Business Association. There will be food offerings curated by the San Diego Night Market, local holiday vendors, multi-cultural activities, and entertainment.

Discord Day with the APIDA Center

Location: APIDA Discord (virtual)

Date: December 19-January 13 from 3-4pm

Join us on Discord and stay connected with us throughout the winter break. To serve all of our students - those in and away from San Diego - we are hosting events via Discord:

- Dec 19: Video Games Party
- Dec 20: Coffee Chat about Coffee
- Dec 21: Playlist Party
- Dec 28: Hot Takes Convo
- Dec 29: Journaling for the New Year
- Dec 30: Origami Party
- Jan 3: Snack and Chat about New Year Goals
- Jan 4: Home Scavenger Hunt Game
- Jan 5: Watch Party
- Jan 6: GeoGuessr Party
- Jan 9: Cherry Blossom Drawing Tutorial
- Jan 10: Tea Chat about Tea
- Jan 11: Charades Party
- Jan 12: Song Exchange Party
- Jan 13: Pictionary Party

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.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [AB Samahan](#) is accepting applications for their [Alumni Mentorship Program](#). This is open to all students. Sign up to be a mentor by January 15 or a mentee by February 1.
- [NSU](#) is promoting [Japan Empowerment: Volunteer in Japan This Summer!](#). The early application deadline is December 26.
- [VSA](#) is hosting a [Winter Retreat](#) from January 13-15. Sign up to reserve your spot!

Cultural Center Partners:

- All the Cultural Centers will have modified hours over the winter break. Please check out their Instagrams.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center](#) is accepting applications for their [Mentoring Program](#). [Apply](#) by January 6.

Campus Partners:

- SDSU Leadership Summit takes place on February 18, 2022. [Register](#) asap!
- The 16th Annual [SDSU Student Symposium](#) will be held on March 3 and 4, 2023. Applications are being accepted through Jan. 20, 2023.
- The SDSU School of Theatre, Television, and Film and the SDSU Chinese Cultural Center are presenting [Romance of the Western Chamber](#) based on Xi Xiang Ji at the Poway Center for the Performing Arts from January 7-8.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- [Cypherst8](#), a collective of APIDA artists who share a love for hip hop culture, is hosting [The Cypher Never Ends](#), a music festival, on December 17 from 12-8pm at Imperial Ave Co-Lab.
- The San Diego Chinese Historical Museum is presenting "[Eureka's Chinatown and the case of Wing Hing vs The City of Eureka](#)" on December 17 at 10am.
- On January 15, 2023 starting at 7:30pm, Mic Drop Comedy presents [Model Minority - Asian American Comedians](#).

**Do you have an opportunity to share?
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Paid Internships & Scholarships

Please research criteria and deadlines.

Paid Internships:

- [APAPA](#) is offering [API Next](#), a nine week virtual internship program starting Fall 2023. Submit your resume with a subject line of "Intern Applicant - Your Name" to Patrick Curzon at pcurzon@apapa.org. Apply by January 5, 2023.
- The [CAUSE Leadership Academy](#) is a nine week (June-August 2023) paid internship of \$4000 in Los Angeles. Apply by January 29, 2023.
- The [Seeding Change National Fellowship for Asian American Organizing and Civic Engagement](#) is accepting [applications](#) for their summer 2023 cohort. Apply by January 31, 2023.
- The [AAJA/ABC News Alexa Valiente Memorial Summer Internship](#) is offering an internship at ABC News for a junior or senior with at least a 3.0 GPA. Apply by February 28, 2023.
- The [AAJA/NBC News Summer Fellowship](#) offers students an opportunity to intern in New York City. Apply by February 28, 2023.

Scholarships:

- 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 [White House Correspondents' Association Scholarship](#) offers \$2000 to be used for tuition and other educational expenses. Apply by January 15, 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.
- The [AI Young Sports Journalism Scholarship](#) awards \$2000 to an undergraduate pursuing sports journalism. Apply by January 30, 2023.
- The [Jimmie & Suey Gong Yee](#) grant awards \$2000 to those pursuing a career in sports journalism and media. Apply by January 30, 2023.
- The [Vincent Chin Memorial Scholarship](#) awards \$1500 to a student journalist for an insightful essay about Vincent Chin. Apply by January 30, 2023.
- The [Banatao Family Filipino American Education Fund Scholarship](#) is awarding five \$5000 awards to students of Filipino heritage pursuing careers in engineering, mathematics, or science. Apply by March 6, 2023.
- Apply for a [Broadcast News Internship Grant](#) or a [William Woo Print and Online News Internship Grant](#) to win funds that can go toward summer internship expenses. Apply by March 30, 2023.