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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



Read all about it!!!

Check your email! Newsletter #54 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

February 3, 2023



Travel with the APIDA Center!

The best way to learn is through experience. I know firsthand the power of place. One of the best cultural experiences I have ever had was visiting the Angel Island Immigration Station. It inspired me to write a [book](#) about it and to study APIDA history. We hope to offer the same type of experiences to our students.

The APIDA Center wants to take students on the road! We are planning a variety of "trips" to learn about our heritages and to build community. Our first trip is to the [Manzanar National Historic Site](#), which had served as an incarceration camp during World War II. Many Japanese Americans were forcefully removed from their homes and sent to incarceration camps like Manzanar. This was an atrocious violation of civil rights.

On March 10-12th, we will be driving up to [Manzanar](#), staying overnight, and visiting the Manzanar incarceration camp. Students are required to attend an orientation and fully commit to the trip. There will be limited spots so sign up by 5pm on Feb 15: bit.ly/APIDAManzanarTrip2023

This program is funded by the Student Success Fee program and the APIDA Center. Many thanks to **Gi Gonzales** for applying for a SSF grant.

Standby for more programs to learn about the Japanese American Incarceraton experience.

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



APIDA Center recognizes Fred Korematsu!

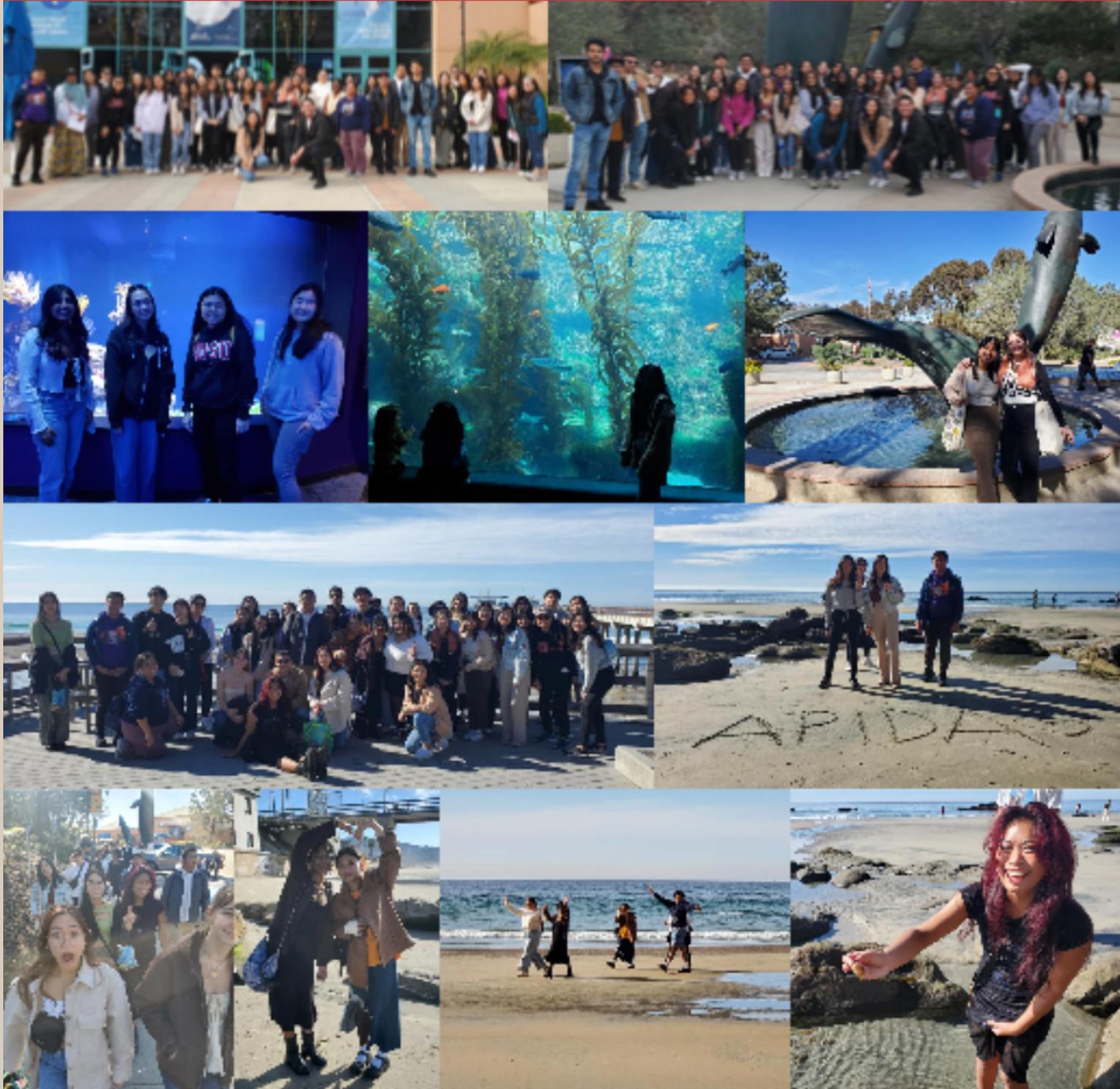
Fred Korematsu (1919-2005) was a Japanese American activist who resisted Japanese American Incarceration during World War II. After Japan's imperial navy attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt enacted Executive Order 9066. This order strengthened xenophobia and anti-Asian sentiments by forcefully removing persons of Japanese descent from their homes along the West Coast and sending them to various incarceration camps.

In 1942, Korematsu hid from police authorities in his hometown of Oakland to evade incarceration. When he was found and arrested, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) contacted Korematsu and partnered with him to fight the legality of the incarceration. Korematsu appealed his case up to the Supreme Court in 1944. However, the Supreme Court ruled against him, justifying incarceration as a "military necessity." This led to Korematsu and his family being shuffled in and out of incarceration camps.

In the early 1980s, a lawyer and UCSD professor, Peter Irons, found compelling evidence that stated the military was aware that Japanese Americans were not a threat to the United States. This information was initially withheld during the *Korematsu vs. United States* (1944) trial; as such, his case was re-examined in 1983 and overturned. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan took action to formally apologize for the U.S government's racist, fear-driven, mass incarceration of the Japanese American population. Reagan signed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 which distributed reparations to survivors of the Incarceration.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton awarded Korematsu the "Presidential Medal of Freedom." After his death, Korematsu was recognized by the state of California for his fight for human rights. "Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution" was first observed on January 30, 2011, which would have been his 92nd birthday. This day of remembrance was momentous for being the first commemoration of an Asian American in U.S history. Every year on January 30, the Korematsu Institute, which was established in 2009, recognizes Japanese Americans who fight for civil rights.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center goes to Birch Aquarium!

On Friday, February 3rd, the APIDA Center took a field trip to the Birch Aquarium and La Jolla tidepools. It was a gorgeous day and we had tons of fun. We saw sea dragons, fish, penguins, and more. We also had a great time at the beach exploring sea life and vibing in the sand and sun. Many thanks to Residential Education Office, especially **Ray Savage**, for funding and coordinating the trip. We had a whale of a time!

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Dorothy Holiday** is a first year Business Marketing Major and an A-LIST student. She runs a business instagram account ([@HollidayCouture](#)) and collaborated with Goodwill of San Diego to make a [Holiday Thrifting Instagram Reel](#) and an [Ugly Sweater Season](#) photoshoot to promote their holiday sales at the end of 2022. She is a thrifty influencer! Follow her!
- **Khai Nguyen**, is a fourth year Business Administration major. He started the [Asian Business Association at SDSU](#), a new student organization committed to building a community where motivated, business-minded members of the APIDA community can grow and connect with one another. They're looking for members! Join by completing their [interest form](#).

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Cultural Education Program: History of Dumplings

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, February 6, 2023 from 4-5pm

APIDA Center is hosting a Cultural Education Program about the History of Dumplings. Let's dish about dumplings! Learn about the historical and cultural significance of dumplings. Attendees will be invited to eat dumplings with the APIDA Center! Celebrate the Lunar New Year Lantern Festival with us!

California Dream Act Application Workshop

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023 from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

The Undocumented Resource Center and the APIDA Center are collaborating to present an informative workshop about the California Dream Act Application process.

Free Tickets to "Bloodletting" Play

Location: Main Stage in Drama Building

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Do you want to see the play "Bloodletting" for free? Email apida@sdsu.edu with your firm commitment. Please do not request a ticket unless you can fully commit to attending. This production features an all-Asian-American, all-SDSU student cast, and an APIDA-led production team.

Weekend Trip to Manzanar

Location: Manzanar National Historic Site

Date: March 10 to March 12, 2023 (Overnight Trip)

Take a weekend trip with us! Come visit Manzanar National Historic Site! Learn about the history and impacts of the Japanese American Incarceration experience. We are paying for lodging, transportation, admission, etc. Spots are limited! Sign up asap! Sign up by 5pm on Feb 15. RSVP here: bit.ly/APIDAManzanarTrip2023

SAVE THE DATES!

- May 3 from 5-8pm: APIDA Graduation
- May 4 from 12-6pm Makers Market

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [JSA](#) is hosting [Language Table](#) on February 9.
- [APSA](#) is selling [Valentines Day grams](#). Pre-order by February 12.
- [VSA](#) is hosting a [Study Session](#) on Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30 pm.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Women's Resource Center](#) and Counseling & Psychological Services are hosting [Rise](#) on Thursdays from 12:30-1:45pm at the WRC Library.
- The [Black Resource Center](#) is hosting [Black Creation: Gallery Walk](#) on February 8 from 6-8pm. Commit to participating in [Black History Month](#) events.

Campus Partners:

- The SDSU Office of Housing Administration is hiring multiple Assistant positions for Summer 2023. Apply on [Handshake](#) by March 24.
- The International Student Center is hosting [Karaoke Night](#) on February 9 from 6:00-7:30pm at the ISC Lounge.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The Organization of Chinese Americans San Diego is hosting a [Lantern Parade for Inclusion](#) on February 4 at 10 am.

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

Please research criteria and deadlines.

Paid Internships:

- 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.
- The [Students for Economic Justice Summer Internship](#) is a full-time \$20 hr/, 6-week program (June 20-July 28). Interns will be placed at labor unions, community organizations, and advocacy groups to learn more about economic justice. Apply by March 5, 2023.
- Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) is recruiting paid interns for the annual [Emerge Summer Internship Program](#) for college students. This is an eight-week paid summer internship program that takes place in Los Angeles from June 12 - August 11, 2023. Apply by March 8, 2022.
- The [Nikkei Community Internship](#) is a paid, full-time internship from June 20-August 11. Interns will learn about issues affecting Japanese Americans. Apply by April 2.

Scholarships:

- The [Japanese American Citizens League \(JACL\)](#) is offering over 30 awards to entering freshman, undergraduate, graduate, and law students. All applicants must possess a Student/Youth JACL membership (\$30-40), to be eligible to apply. Deadlines for JACL scholarships are March-April 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.
- The Asian Pacific American Coalition is awarding the [Tom Hom Civic Engagement Scholarship](#) to two API college students involved in civic engagement. Apply by March 17, 2023.
- The [Shui Kuen and Allen Chin Scholarship](#) awards \$1000 to students who themselves or their parents were formerly employed at an Asian-owned or Asian cuisine restaurant. Applicants must be interested in social justice work for APIDA, LGBTQ+, and progressive causes. Apply by March 24, 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.
- The [Hsiao Memorial Social Sciences Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to a graduate student pursuing a career in social sciences or economics. Apply by May 19, 2023.
- The [Against the Grain Groundbreaker Leadership Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1500 to Asian American students. Apply by May 31, 2023.