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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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Check your email! Newsletter #56 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 17, 2023



APIDA love is all around!

Valentine's Day came and went this week. But, APIDA love is every day, all day at the APIDA Center. There are so many expressions of love at the APIDA Center - There are hugs. There are laughs. There is community.

I didn't grow up saying "I love you." These words are not common in traditional APIDA families, especially immigrant families. But, love does show up - It shows up in phrases such as "Have you eaten yet?" or "Do you need money?" Learn more by reading our social media campaign entitled, "[Expressions of Love in APIDA Families.](#)"

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



APIDA Center learns about Howard Skippy Smith!

Howard "Skippy" Smith was a Black stunt pilot and entrepreneur who played a key role in creating a diverse and integrated workforce in San Diego. Smith was born in Alabama and played professional baseball in Birmingham and New Orleans. In the 1930s, he moved to Los Angeles and registered himself as a parachute jumper to earn money for flying lessons. He met Mack "Skip" Gravely and they both partnered as an exhibition jumping duo known as "Skip and Skippy." In 1939, Gravely died during a parachute malfunction. Smith continued with the "Hollywood Air Show" which was later renamed to the "Parachute Circus" where he performed jumps between Linda Vista and Camp Elliot. This area is now known as the Miramar Air Station.

In the next few years, Smith moved to San Diego to become a drop-tester, parachute packer, and inspector for the Standard Parachute Company. In 1942, he established the Pacific Parachute Company at 627 8th Avenue in downtown San Diego. He dedicated this business to Gravely. At this time, Black and APIDA communities struggled to find employment due to segregation and race-based discrimination. However, Smith played a role in combating this economic disparity by employing a diverse staff of Black, Filipino, Mexican, and White workers. He became a proponent for racial equality by only partnering with investors who supported the desegregation of the workforce. Beyond racial justice, he also advocated for gender justice, as he promoted women into management positions.

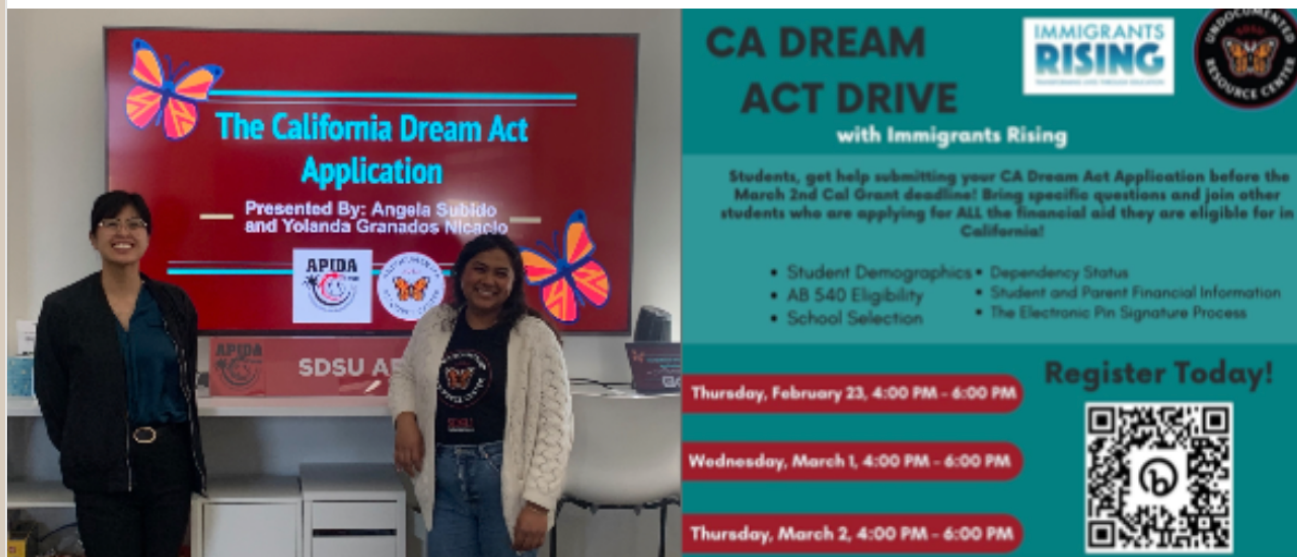
Smith's company produced over 50,000 parachutes for the military during World War II. In 1943, Skippy's successful business earned national recognition when it was named, "Top Black-Owned Business in the United States" by the National Negro Business League. Smith's workforce was groundbreaking in that it was integrated and predominantly female. When the demand for defense supplies decreased, Smith closed the Pacific Parachute Company in 1944 and pursued other business ventures.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center makes Valentine cards!

On Monday, February 13th, the APIDA Center hosted a Valentine-card-making crafting event. We provided the supplies and the students provided the creativity which included cheesy pick-up lines like this one: "Are you a parking ticket? Because you got fine written all over you."



APIDA Center x URC DREAM ACT!

Contrary to popular belief, being undocumented is not just a Latinx issue. In fact, many undocumented folks are of Asian ancestry. Undocumented APIDA people face many struggles in seeking services. As such, the APIDA Center and Undocumented Resource Center (URC) hosted a California Dream Act Application Workshop on February 16th. The APIDA Center Assistant Coordinator, **Angela Subido**, discussed the history and impacts of APIDA immigration policies; she also highlighted undocumented APIDA leaders such as Tereza Lee and Jose Antonio Vargas who have advocated for immigrant rights. The URC Assistant Coordinator, **Yolanda Granados Nicacio**, provided valuable information about the California Dream Act Application (CADAA); she discussed eligibility and financial aid opportunities. If you need support in applying for CADAA, connect with the [URC](#).

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Thomas Tran**, fourth year Astronomy Major, and **Isaiah Kyle Tallod**, second year Astronomy major, serve as the President and Treasurer for the [Schwartz Astronomical Society](#). Their members were recently featured in a [FOX 5 San Diego News segment](#) that took place at Mission Trails focused on the E3 (2022) Comet also known as the "Green Comet." (Fun Fact: If you have a telescope, you can still view the "Green Comet" for a short period of time before it leaves the solar system.)
- **Huy Huynh**, a fourth year Psychology major, is a staff writer for *The Daily Aztec*. He wrote an article entitled, "[Celebrating Lunar New Year from east to west](#)." **Xavier Major**, fourth year Mechanical Engineering major, is quoted in the article. The article also features APIDA staff members, **Angela Subido** and Dr. **Loh-Hagan**.

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



McCain Le, a first year, Civil Engineering major, recommends the Kendama! A Kendama is a traditional Japanese skill toy. It consists of a handle ("ken"), a pair of cups ("sarado"), and a ball ("tama"). Le started playing when he was in 5th grade. He said, "Kendamas were everywhere." Students would take them to school and play with them in between classes. Le already played with yo-yo's and picked up Kendamas by watching videos. He said, "It's a good fidget toy. I played till the end of middle school with friends. I got back into it in October 2022. There is a Kendama pro who also goes to SDSU. We go to Kendama Jams. They happen every Sunday in the Highlands (North County San Diego). Having a Kendama is a good conversation starter and a cool way to connect with people!"

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

APIDA Poets Society: Japanese Haikus

Location: APIDA Center Conference Room

Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 from 1-2pm

Calling all poets, dreamers, and word-lovers! Join APIDA Poets Society! We will read poetry by APIDA authors, learn how to write our own poems, and share our stories. Other events in this series:

- March 1: Free Verse by Desi Poets
- April 5: Chinese Odes
- April 19: Spoken Word by Pacific Islanders
- May 3: Writers' Workshop and Rehearsal

Blasian Beauty

Location: BRC Media Room

Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 from 3:30-5:00pm

For Black History Month, the Black Resource Center and the APIDA Center are collaborating to present Blasian Beauty. Come for a discussion about Black and APIDA beauty standards, a mirror decorating activity, and snacks!

SAVE THE DATES!

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

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!

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- It's High School Conference season. Make sure to check out instagram to learn more!
- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting an [Ice Skating Social](#) on March 3 from 7:00-9:30pm at UTC Ice. Reserve your [ticket](#).

Cultural Center Partners:

- The Young Men of Color Alliance is hosting [Real Talk: Loneliness & Company](#) on February 22 from 3:30-4:30pm.
- The Black Resource Center, Undocumented Resource Center, Latinx Resource Center, Women's Resource Center, MECHA, ASU, and EWB are hosting [Under-Protected, Over-Policed: The Criminalization of Undocumented and Black Immigrants](#) on February 21 from 4:00-5:30pm at Scripps Cottage.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center](#) is hosting [Reclaim Your Story](#) on February 23 from 2:30-3:00pm at the Center for Well-being.
- [The Native Resource Center](#) is hosting [NRC Book Club](#) on February 23 from 4:00-6:30pm.

Campus Partners:

- [Well-being & Health Promotion](#) is hosting [STI Workshop](#) every Tuesday 11-12pm.
- [ECRT](#) is hosting [CalFresh Day!](#) on February 21 from 11-2pm.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The [Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego](#) is hosting [...And Justice For All, A Day of Remembrance](#) on February 25 at 1pm on Zoom. Register by February 23.

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

Please research criteria and deadlines.

Paid Internships:

- [Amtrak](#) is seeking a [Summer 2023 Labor Relations Intern](#) apply today!
- [NBCUniversal](#) is accepting interns for [San Diego Station \(NBC 7\) Digital Internship](#) this Summer 2023. Apply today!
- [Takeda](#) is seeking interns for their [2023 Summer Internship Microbiome - GIDDU](#). Apply today!
- 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](#) takes place from June 20-July 28. Interns will work with 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 their 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, 2023.
- 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 [Ivory Bridges Foundation](#) is awarding a top scholarship of \$10,000. Students who are first-generation and expected to graduate Spring 2024 are eligible to apply. Apply by February 26.
- 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). Deadlines are in March-April 2023.
- The [Lotus Scholarship](#) is awarding two \$500 awards to low-income, BIPOC, and single-parent household students. Apply by March 1.
- 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 doing 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 [Matt Fong Asian Americans in Public Finance Scholarship](#) is awarding two \$5000 scholarships to students studying social science, accounting, or business administration. Apply by April 3, 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.
- SDSU International Affairs is accepting applications for the [U.S. Student Fulbright Grants](#). Applications open on March 30, 2023 and they're due in September.

Do you have a resource to share?
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