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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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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

February 24, 2023



Supporting APIDA in the performing arts!

I have made it a personal goal to attend at least one SDSU arts event per semester. For as many years as I have been working at SDSU and for as many hours as I have spent on campus, I admittedly have not taken advantage of the many wonderful events that take place here. (For example, I have yet to attend a football game or a concert!)

I was recently lucky enough to attend "[Bloodletting](#)" which is playing at the SDSU Experimental Theater from February 17-24th. Kudos to all the talent involved in producing this play. And, the coolest part is that the play has so much APIDA representation. First, it is written by Boni B. Alvarez, a Fil-Am playwright. Second, it stars an all-APIDA cast including **Dey Illagan, Nathan Moore, Sierra Gorla, and Wilfred Grant Paloma**. Third, many APIDA artists were on the production team. And lastly, the whole play is about the Filipino American/Filipino experience.

Many thanks to Dr. **Randy Reinholz**, the [play](#)'s Faculty Director, for giving the APIDA Center (and me) tickets to the event. It was a fabulous experience. There are so many amazing campus productions and performances. I challenge you to go to one!!

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



APIDA Center recognizes South Asian and Black solidarity!

In 1957, Dalip Singh Saund (1899-1973) became the first APIDA politician elected to the U.S. Congress. Saund was born in India and grew up in a Punjabi Sikh family. He migrated from Chhajulwadi, Punjab Province, India to UC Berkeley (CA) to pursue an education in agriculture and food production. During this time period, many Indian refugees immigrated to the United States post-WWI as agricultural laborers, escaping British colonial rule. Although Saund worked in the cannery industry, he pursued his political passion for Indian liberation and was openly critical of British imperialism.

Saund earned his doctorate degree in 1924 and moved to the Imperial Valley following his graduation. There he worked in agriculture with fellow Indian laborers; he picked cotton and farmed lettuce. He experienced racial barriers to economic success since California law prohibited APIDA people from owning land or leasing land. Due to his own experiences with discrimination, Saund took political action to create a pathway of citizenship for people of Indian descent. After becoming a citizen in 1949, he was elected to serve the 29th District from 1957-1963. Under his jurisdiction were Riverside and the Imperial Valley. Saund extended solidarity to other ethnic groups as he empathized with their socio-economic struggles.

His cross-racial solidarity was seen in his critique of labor programs that exploited Mexican agricultural workers and that advocated for the protection of Black civil liberties. Saund was a strong supporter of the 1957 Civil Rights Act which ensured that voters' rights were not interfered with or violated. He pointed out the discriminatory policies that prevented Black people from being eligible voters and called for a removal of those barriers to democracy. Saund firmly believed that as an Indian immigrant he was entitled to American citizenship and all its rights and liberties; he believed that a Black person was entitled to the same. Saund is known for making a speech in which he stated, "No amount of sophistry or legal argument can deny the fact that in 13 counties in 1 State in the United States of America in 1957, not one Negro is a registered voter. Let us remove these difficulties, friends."

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosted our first APIDA Poets Society meeting!

On February 22, 2023, the APIDA Center hosted our first [APIDA Poets Society session](#). We led a workshop about Japanese Haikus. We learned about the history and tradition of Japanese haikus and then practiced writing our own haikus.

The purpose of our APIDA societies is to build community around common interests and passions. Stay tuned as we will be announcing more societies!



APIDA Center collaborates with Black Resource Center to present Blasian Beauty!

On February 24th, the APIDA Center collaborated with the Black Resource Center to present a workshop about "[Blasian Beauty](#)" in honor of Black History Month. We learned about APIDA beauty standards and Black beauty standards. We discussed the impacts of western beauty standards and cultural appropriation. In addition, we participated in a mirror-decorating activity to affirm our sense of self and cultural pride.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Jane (Thursday) Bounkousonh is a 2nd year double major in Television Film and New Media and Journalism. She is recommending Jinbao Chestnuts! She said, "Growing up, my family would always go to Mira Mesa to eat pho at Lucky Seafood market. After eating, we would go grocery shopping to get Asian ingredients. At the front, there would be the Jinbao Chestnut stand. My parents would buy chestnuts from that stand. I have fond memories of eating these chestnuts. I recently learned how to use a chestnut opener, which looks like a sturdy guitar pick. I puncture a line into the shell with the opener and then, squeeze the shell from the top and bottom. The pressure cracks open the chestnut. The chestnuts are roasted at the stall usually around the winter season. The flavor has a subtle nuttiness. The chestnuts have a tender texture. These are the chestnuts of my childhood! You have to be lucky to catch them as I am unsure of the times the chestnut stall is there."



Fun fact about roasted chestnuts: Over 80% of the world's total chestnuts crop comes from China. The first mention of chestnuts in China was around 6000 years ago.

**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: Free Verse by Desi Poets

Location: APIDA Center Conference Room

Date: Wednesday, March 1, 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:

- April 5: Chinese Odes
- April 19: Spoken Word by Pacific Islanders
- May 3: Writers' Workshop and Rehearsal

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!

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:

- [APSA](#) is hosting [Ready Player One: High School Conference](#) on February 25th from 9-9pm.
- [APSA](#) and [KASA](#) are co-hosting a [Valorant Tournament](#) on March 4-5. [Register](#) by February 28th.
- [PISA](#) is hosting [High School Conference Mālama: To Serve and Honor](#) on March 5th from 9-5pm.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Undocumented Resource Center](#) is offering multiple dates for the [Undocu-Ally Training](#).
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) is hosting [Purposeful Vision Boards](#) on February 27th from 3:00-4:30pm.
- The [Pride Center](#) in collaboration with San Ysidro Health Center is hosting [Free HIV Testing](#) on February 27th from 11-5pm.
- The [Black Resource Center](#) is celebrating the [BRC's 5th Birthday](#) on February 28 from 4-6pm.
- The [Women's Resource Center](#) is hosting [Women in STEM Support Group](#) on March 2nd from 4-5pm.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#) and the Culturally Connected Research Hub is hosting [Celebrating BIPOC Research](#) on March 4th from 5:30-7:00pm.

Campus Partners:

- The Campus Fee Advisory Committee (CFAC) is hosting forums to discuss the [Spring 2023 Alternative Consultation: Proposed Out of State and International Student Fee](#). Attend a forum to learn more and exercise your voice!
- [SDSU EOP Learning Support Center](#) is offering [free tutoring](#) to students participating in a Cultural Center mentorship program.
- The Fowler College of Business hosting the [SDSU Women in Leadership Conference](#) on March 9th from 12-4pm.
- The [SDSU Pacific Review Literary Journal](#) is accepting art, prose, and poetry [submissions](#) for their Annual Review.
- The Asian American Studies department is hiring a SDSU undergraduate to work 15-10 hours a week for \$17 per hour over the summer for 10 weeks. This position includes interviewing alumni, coding interviews, recording and editing videos, etc. Send resume by March 1st to Dr. [Alvin Henry](#).
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- [Oceanside International Film Festival](#) is taking place from February 21-25th. Some APIDA/Asian films being featured are *Ang Motel*, *An Island Drifts*, and *The Manliest Man*.
- The [San Diego Chinese Historical Museum](#) is hosting [Tai Chi in the Garden](#) on February 25th from 9:00-10:30am.
- Visit San Diego museums for half the price through Thursday, February 28th. Go to any Macy's or San Diego public library and pick up a free [Museum Month Pass](#). Each pass admits up to four people for half-price. Check out the following APIDA/Asian-themed museums: San Diego Chinese Historical Museum, Japanese Friendship Garden, Mingei International Museum, WorldBeat Cultural Center, New Americans Museum, and more.

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](#) 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 30, 2023.
- The [Asian Pacific American Coalition](#) is accepting Summer 2023 interns from June-August. The internship connects students with elected officials or community based organizations. [Contact APAC](#) for the application. Apply by March 31, 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.
- [PFLAG San Diego County](#) is awarding [18 scholarships](#) with a minimum of \$2000 awarded to LGBTQIA+ students. Apply by March 15, 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.