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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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2nd floor of Aztec Student Union

Rooms #210A-K (Directly above Starbucks)

Hours:

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Friday 10am-4:30pm

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# Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

March 10, 2023



## Girl Power on the Second Floor!

For Women's History Month, I'd like to give a shout-out to my fellow boss-ladies, **Christine Molina** (Assistant Dean of Students for Co-Curricular Programs and Student Support) and **Caryl Montero-Adams** (Assistant Dean of Students for Student Life). The APIDA Center is so lucky to be sharing space with their teams. Our Centers occupy Suite 210 of the Student Union. The APIDA Center is on one side of the floor and the [Center for Student Organizations and Activities](#), the [Center for Commuter Life](#), and [Glazer Center for Leadership and Service](#) are on the other side. Together, we deliver excellence to our SDSU students.

Many, many thanks to Assistant Dean Molina and Montero-Adams for all their support. They have welcomed us into the space and continue to share resources with us. In addition, they put up with all the love and laughter (aka noise) that happens on our side. (Many thanks to our 2nd floor friends who have all helped us out in many ways: **Helen Ma**, **Kaleigh Lacouture**, **Zach McDaniel**, **Chelsea Lombrozo**, and others.)

Fun Fact: There have been numerous occasions in which Assistant Dean Montero-Adams and I have inadvertently wore matching clothes. Stay tuned for the lookbook!

Challenge: Who are some women heroes you would like to thank? Let them know today!!! (Better yet, nominate them for a [Presidential Staff Excellence Award](#), which are due April 3rd.)



**Join Phi Beta Delta!**  
<https://bit.ly/PhiBetaDelta>

## **Join Phi Beta Delta!**

[Phi Beta Delta](#) is an international honor society. It's the first honor society dedicated to recognizing scholarly achievement in international involvement and education. For all members joining this semester, the [Phi Beta Delta SDSU Chapter](#) will pay for your new member fee (\$50) and annual national chapter dues (\$15) - while funds last. So, new members only need to pay \$10 for this year's annual chapter dues! Great deal!!! Don't miss out!

Eligible candidates must attend the Induction Ceremony on April 21 from 4-6pm. At the Induction Ceremony, you will be introduced to the society and conferred a medallion and certificate. Upon graduation, you will receive an honor society cord.

This is a great opportunity for students who have wanted to join an honor society but couldn't afford to do so. It's also a great opportunity for students who are committed to learning more about international issues. Deadline to join is Monday, March 13th by 8pm. Don't forget to sign up on the google form: <https://bit.ly/PhiBetaDelta>

(Fun Fact: Dr. **Loh-Hagan** has the pleasure of serving as this year's International President. For the SDSU chapter, **Gi Gonzales** and **Chloe Verove** are serving as chapter Co-Presidents.)

# A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



## APIDA Center celebrates Susan Anh Cuddy!

There are so many APIDA women to honor during Women's History Month. For this issue, the APIDA Center is amplifying **Susan Anh Cuddy**. Cuddy was a daughter of Korean immigrants, who were the first married Korean couple to immigrate to the United States in 1902. In 1915, Cuddy was born in Los Angeles where she played baseball in high school and at Los Angeles City College, facing adversity in a male-dominated athletic field.

Growing up, Cuddy drew inspiration from her parents who fought to liberate Korea from Japanese colonization, a period of suppression of Korean civil liberties, punishment of dissenters, and coercion of Korean women into sexual exploitation known as "comfort women" to the Japanese military. In 1937, Cuddy's father, an avid advocate for Korean liberation, was arrested, tortured, and killed by Japanese police in Seoul. This sparked a drive in Cuddy to fight against the Japanese imperialists in the name of her father. In 1942, when the Japanese imperialists attacked Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, the U.S. military expanded to include women through the Women's Reserve of the U.S Naval Reserve WAVES program. When Cuddy applied to this program, she was initially rejected because of her race. Cuddy persisted and reapplied.

In 1942, she was admitted into the WAVES programs and became the first Korean-born and first female gunnery officer. She became a lieutenant and worked for the U.S Navy Intelligence, the Library of Congress, the National Security Agency, and the Department of Defense. She was met with suspicions because of her race, and was excluded from handling classified documents. However, Cuddy demonstrated her skill and ability which led to her title as the chief intelligence officer of a code-breaking department.

In 1947, she challenged anti-miscegenation laws in Virginia and married a White man. During the era of segregation, she would sit in the back of the bus and used "colored" restrooms in solidarity with the Black community. Despite her fair skin and proximity to Whiteness, she demonstrated allyship. She devoted the remainder of her life to Korean American activism and Breast Cancer Awareness (as a survivor herself). In 2003, Cuddy was recognized as the Woman of the Year by the State Assembly of California of District 28. In 2006, she received the American Courage award from the Asian American Justice Center in Washington D.C.

And the most funnest of all facts is that Cuddy was an alumnus of San Diego State University, having graduated in 1940 with a degree in Sociology! Go SDSU!

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center hosts CHamoru luncheon!

March 6th is nationally recognized as [Guam History and CHamoru Heritage Day](#) which has been extended to a month. The APIDA Center kicked off [Mes CHamoru](#) with a luncheon on March 6th. We served traditional CHamoru dishes from [Smack'n Guamanian Grill](#), which is owned by SDSU alum, **Christian Graham**. We will be hosting more events for Mes CHamoru: [lecture from CHamoru scholar \(Dr. Olivia Quintanella\)](#), [cultural education program about SPAM in Guam](#), and an [art workshop inspired by a CHamoru artist](#).



## APIDA Center hosts Mystic Society!

On March 9th, the APIDA Center launched our first meeting of the [APIDA Mystic Society](#), in which participants gather to learn about traditional Asian methods of fortune-telling. In honor of Holi Festival, the first meeting was about Indian Palm Reading. **Angela Subido**, APIDA Center Assistant Coordinator, had students in the palm of her hands as she shared the history of palm reading in India and shared the significance of the lines in our hands.



## APIDA Center hosts Holi Festival!

March 8 was Holi Festival, which is India's most vivid and joyous festival. It is the Hindu festival of colors. It celebrates the beginning of spring after a long winter and the triumph of good over evil. The APIDA Center hosted three super fun events for Holi Festival. We hosted a [Bollywood dance workshop](#), taught by Kavita from [Studio K](#). (Her daughter graduated from SDSU Nursing!) We also hosted a [D.I.Y. Chai event](#) in which students learned about chai and made their own tea blend. Lastly, we hosted a [Bollywood movie night](#). We also ate traditional Indian snacks from [Miramar Cash and Carry](#), the largest Indian grocery store in San Diego. For more Holi Festival events at SDSU, connect with the [Sanskriti](#) student organization!

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

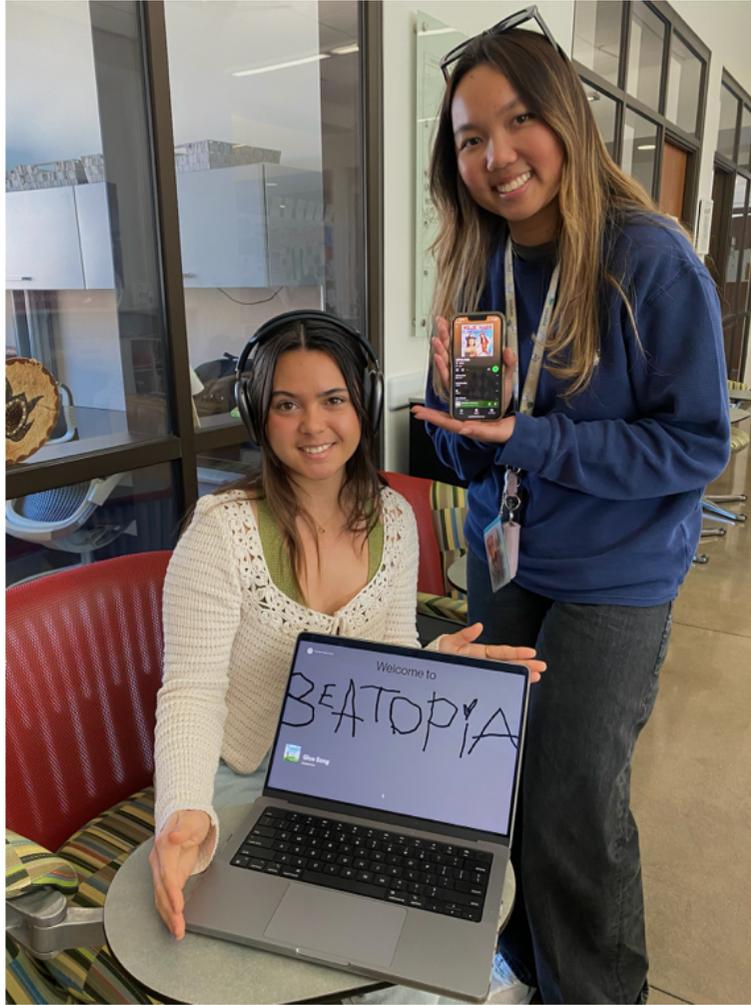
- **Cloud Cheung**, a third year Aerospace Engineering major, presented at the [Student Research Symposium](#) on March 3-4, 2022. His research was entitled, "Endwall Effects on Vortices Over an Airfoil." He collaborated with **Charles Duddy** and **Justin Lynch** under the mentorship of Dr. **Gustaaf Jacobs**.
- Dr. **Chyun Oh** is a global sensation! She has been featured in more than 50 global media outlets cover similar stories (i.e., [SBS](#), [Arirang TV](#), [Ainag News](#), etc.). SDSU is a pioneer of K-pop dance research in the United States. In addition, Dr. Oh will be teaching the first K-pop dance theory class this Fall! In addition, SDSU faculty and students in [K-pop Generation](#) on Netflix Asia, Viki, and Tiving.

**We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!**

**Have a flex to share?**

**Email us at [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).**

# All Things APIDA: Recommendations



**Krissa Jackson** is a first year Public Health major. She is also in our A-LIST community and is an APIDA Center student staff member. She said, "If you are looking for laid-back music that might put you in your feels, I recommend checking out APIDA female indie artists

[Beabadoobee](#) and [Wallice](#).

Beabadoobee, who was born in the Philippines and raised in London, released a Valentine's Day single in 2023 titled *Glue Song* which is the perfect track to get lost in while gazing up at the clouds and romanticizing your life. Wallice, who is of mixed Japanese and white heritage, has a 2021 EP called *Off The Rails*, and her song *Dramamine* might make you think of the nuances of your last relationship, but it is a great addition to any chill playlist. Both artists are signed to the British independent record label Dirty Hit, and their music is worth giving a listen to. In early 2022, Wallice was the opening act for a concert I attended, and her music has been a favorite of mine ever since. I was introduced to a Beabadoobee song through Tik Tok and I hope to see her live in the future!"

**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](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).**

# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## Living that Healthy APIDA Life!: APIDA in Recovery

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 from 1-2pm**

Join us for a presentation with Well-Being & Health Promotions. Learn about addictions that are prevalent among APIDA communities and unpack barriers to seeking treatment. Other events in this series include:

- March 20: Music Festival Safety and NARCAN Training
- April 3: Screen Addiction in APIDA Communities
- April 10: Gambling Addiction in APIDA Communities

## Craft Night: Ruth Asawa-Inspired Sculptures

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 from 6-8pm**

Ruth Asawa is a Japanese American multimedia artist from California. After being incarcerated at the Rowher War Relocation Center during World War II, Asawa advocated for arts education. We will learn about Asawa and then create our own wire sculptures inspired by her work.

## pacificReview Workshop

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 from 1-2pm**

Get to know pacificReview, a literary journal published through SDSU Press. Learn how to submit your comix, poetry, or graphic narrative to the 2023 publication. Participate in an activity to unleash your inner creative!

## Mes CHamoru: Dr. Olivia Quintanilla Lecture

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Thursday, March 16 from 2-3pm**

Dr. Olivia Quintanilla, a SDSU alumna and CHamorro scholar, will discuss her research about the unique histories and futures of the Pacific Islands.

## APIDA Catan Society

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Friday, March 17, 2023 1-3pm**

Do you like playing Catan? Want to learn Catan at a deeper level? Join us to learn more about Catan and then play Catan with us! On March 17th, we will be playing the base Catan game with APIDA house rules. Meetings take place on the following dates from 1-3pm at the APIDA Center. Other events in this series:

- March 27: Decolonizing Catan - First Nations of Catan
- April 3: Stand Alone Variation - Game of Thrones Catan
- April 21: Catan Expansion - Starfarers

## Craft Night: Zarina Hashmi-Inspired Geometric Art

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, March 20, 2023 from 6-8pm**

Zarina Hashmi is an Indian American print-artist. She is known for her use of geometry. Her art chronicles her life and features recurring themes of home, displacement, borders, journey, and memory. We will learn about Hashmi and then create our own geometric art inspired by her work.

## Mes CHamoru: SPAM in Guam

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Tuesday, March 21 from 4-6pm**

Did you know the islanders of Guam are the world's largest consumers of SPAM? Join us to learn more about the historical and cultural significance of SPAM in Guam. Then, participate in a SPAM-tasting event and a recycled SPAM can art project. (More info coming soon!)

## Mes CHamoru: Therapeutic Art inspired by CHamoru artist, Gisela McDaniel

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, March 22 from 4-6pm**

Learn about Gisela McDaniel, a CHamoru artist who uses art to disrupt and to heal. As a survivor of sexual violence, she is committed to using art as a space for empowerment and healing. We will create a project inspired by her work. (More info coming soon!)

## APIDA Poets Society: Chinese Odes

**Location: APIDA Center Conference Room**

**Date: Wednesday, April 5, 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 19: Spoken Word by Pacific Islanders
- May 3: Writers' Workshop and Rehearsal

## APIDA Mystic Society: Chinese Tea Leaves

**Location: APIDA Center Conference Room**

**Date: Thursday, April 6, 2023 from 4-5pm**

Join our APIDA Mystic Society! This semester, we will learn the history of traditional Asian methods of fortune telling. Connect with your spirituality through activities that reveal what 2023 could have in store for you! Next event: April 27 - Hawaiian Birth Signs

## Join Phi Beta Delta!

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Induction on April 21 from 4-6pm**

Are you interested in international education, global affairs, and/or ethnic studies? Do you want to be in an international honor society? Do you want a resume booster? Do you want swag? Join Phi Beta Delta! Phi Beta Delta is an international honor society. Special deal this semester: SDSU Chapter is paying for new member fees (\$50). Deadline to join and pay \$10 chapter fee is Monday, March 13th by 8pm. [Sign up today!](#) Information sessions will be held on March 6 from 5-6pm or March 9 from 2-3pm.

# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- [\(AAPI\)phany](#) is hosting [Permission to Come Home: Asian American Identity and Mental Health](#) on March 14 from 4:30-6:30pm.
- [JSA](#) is hosting [Undokai Practice](#) on March 17 from 4-6pm and on March 19 from 1-3pm.
- [Sanskriti](#) is hosting a [Holi Celebration](#) on March 18.
- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting [High School Conference: Balikbayan](#) on March 18.
- [VSA](#) is hosting [Get Ice Cream with the Interns!](#) on March 18 from 12:00-3:30pm.
- [APSA](#) is hosting [M4 Field Day](#) on March 18 from 12-3pm.

## Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Women's Resource Center](#) is hosting multiple [events](#) this month in celebration of Women's History Month.
- The [Black Resource Center](#), [Center for Intercultural Relations](#), and Muslim Student Association are hosting [Paint Talks: U.N.I.T.Y. Love a Black Woman from Infinity to Infinity](#) on March 14 from 4-5pm.
- The [Native Resource Center](#) and [Undocumented Resource Center](#) are hosting [Talking Circle: Land Back](#) on March 15 from 12:00-1:30pm.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center](#) is hosting [Know Your Rights: What Happens in Immigration Court?](#) on March 15 from 12-1pm.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) and the [Women's Resource Center](#) are hosting [Cafe for Women of Color](#) on March 15 from 4-5pm.

## Campus Partners:

- The Student Ability Success Center and One SDSU are hosting a [Superfest Disability Film Festival](#) on March 15 from 12-2pm.
- One SDSU is hosting "Yes? No? Maybe So?," a one-woman play about consent on March 16 starting at 6:30pm.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- Taiwanese American Professionals San Diego is hosting [Navigating Mental Health](#) on April 1 from 2:00-3:30pm.
- The [Center for Community Counseling and Engagement](#) is offering low-cost weekly counseling services for individuals, couples, and families. Receive services in person or via Zoom.

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

Please research criteria and deadlines.

### Paid Internships:

- The Alliance of Chinese Americans San Diego (ACA) is accepting applications for the [API Public Service Internship](#). Apply by March 26, 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 [Pacific Islander Festival Association](#) is accepting applications for their [2023 Undergraduate Scholarship](#). Apply by April 1, 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, 2023.
- The [Sherwin-Williams Management and Sales Summer Internship](#) is hosting a 10-12 week paid internship over the summer. Apply by April 3, 2023.

### 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). Deadlines are in March-April 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.
- San Diego Pride has opened scholarships for transgender and/or nonbinary San Diego County students. [Apply](#) by March 16, 2023.
- The [Yan Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to an undergraduate student who identifies as female and an immigrant. Apply by April 1, 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 [Saswati Gupta Cancer Research Scholarship](#) is awarding two \$1000 scholarships to undergraduate or graduate students pursuing biology or medicine. Apply by April 6, 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.