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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

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Never too late to give to APIDA!

March 14th was SDSU's Day of Giving but it's never too late to be generous! Please consider donating to the [APIDA Center Program Fund](#). We are grateful for any and all contributions. Your continued support helps us fund programming, resources, scholarships, and more. We are committed to building a strong and vibrant SDSU APIDA community, which includes you!

In addition to monetary gifts, we are also accepting donations of puzzles, games, and APIDA-themed books and movies. Items can be dropped off at the APIDA Center!

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!

**DISABILITY
CELEBRATION MONTH**
SDSU



The APIDA Center celebrates Mia Mingus!

March is Disability Pride Month and Women's History Month. As such, the APIDA Center would like to acknowledge the intersectional activism of Mia Mingus (born 1980).

Growth in the disability justice movement has been attributed to key APIDA leaders such as Mingus whose work has brought greater awareness to the systemic oppression and violence that is present in disabled communities. Mingus is a queer, physically disabled, Korean transracial and transnational adoptee born in Korea and raised in the Caribbean. She currently lives in the Bay Area and works with the Bay Area Transformative Justice Collaborative (BATJC) based in Oakland. She is committed to Transformative Justice responses to child sexual abuse. She shares the teachings of Transformative Justice through her writing, teaching, and community organizing. In 2013, she was celebrated by the White House as an, "Asian and Pacific Islander Women's Champion of Change."

Mingus's work acknowledges the violence that is faced in Disability, Queer, and APIDA communities and provides tools to respond to that violence without perpetuating more harm. For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mingus did trainings about "Pod Maps," which addresses community harm and accountability. Pod Maps help determine the community allies and resources one can turn to for support when they experience harm. Pod Maps were particularly useful to the APIDA community during the current rise of anti-Asian hate.

Today Mingus's activism is recognized by many academic institutions including UCSD which offers a first year seminar entitled, "How to Give a Good Apology" that is centered on her work. Mingus's work uplifts the importance of building community power, accountability, and healing beyond the nonprofit industrial complex and state services.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center goes to Manzanar!

The APIDA Center committed ourselves to learning about the Japanese American Incarceration experience. On Friday, March 10th, we rented a van and visited the Japanese American National Museum and Little Tokyo in Los Angeles. On Saturday, March 11th, we arrived at the Manzanar Incarceration Camp where we participated in a tour and became junior park rangers sworn to preserve Manzanar's history. We stayed overnight in China Lake and also visited a living ghost town along the way. It was an amazing experience. Many thanks to Student Success Fee and to **Gi Gonzales**, APIDA Center Graduate Student, for coordinating the program.



APIDA Center hosts Ruth Asawa-inspired art workshop!

On March 13th, the APIDA Center hosted a workshop about Ruth Asawa, a Japanese American sculptor who was incarcerated at the Rohwer camp in Arkansas. Then, we made wire sculptures inspired by her work.



APIDA Center hosts pacificReview workshop!

The [pacificReview](#) (which was established in 1977) is an annual arts publication coordinated by an experimental editorial cohort of students in the English and Comparative Literature department at SDSU. It is a literary journal published through SDSU Press. On March 14, **Nathan Nguyen**, an Editor of the pacificReview, hosted a workshop where he shared more about the journal and encouraged students to create comics. The pacificReview is currently looking for submissions; this edition is unique in that, for the first time, they are hoping to collect submissions of graphic narratives, comics, art, or anything that tells a story with words and pictures from a diverse group of artists. Consider [submitting!](#)

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Jacqueline Banal**, recent SDSU APIDA Alum, was at the Oscars! She is the Social Media Editor at Complex Networks. She posted, "I'd like to thank The Academy, Complex, my film camera & @fentybeauty Stunna Lip Paint for the core memories."
- Dr. **Nellie Tran** was interviewed as part of the Asian American Psychological Association's Division on Women's next Digital HerStory. She discussed her role as the organization's Past President and her path in leadership and psychology. The interview took place on March 17th.
- **Mikayla Baluyot** is a junior majoring in Graphic Design. She is a talent! While on the road trip to Manzanar, she drew a picture of us from her point-of-view. We tried to re-create the picture.

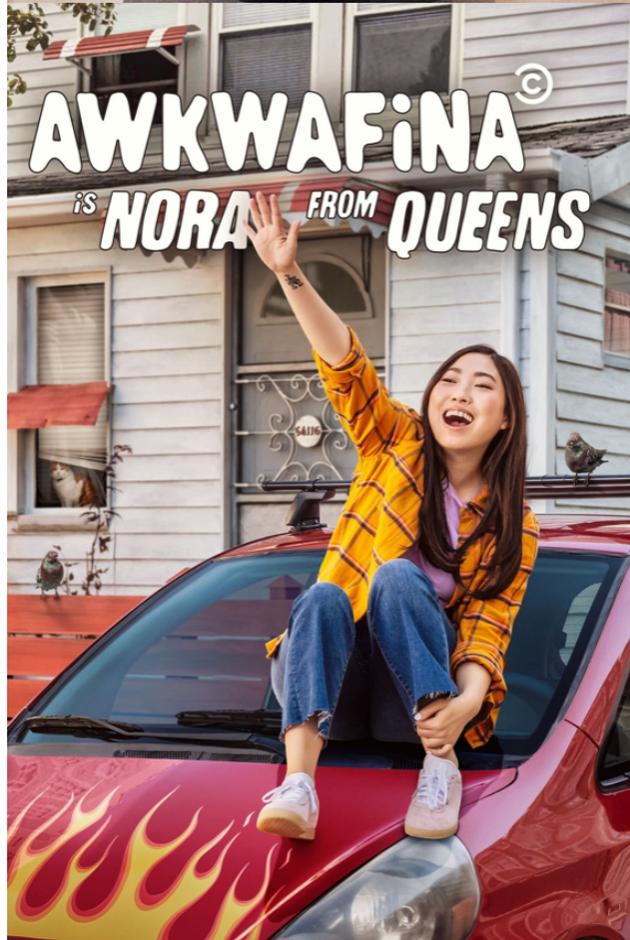


We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Skye Akimseu-Calderbank is a first year Sociology major. In addition, she is part of our A-LIST community and is a student staff member at the APIDA Center. She said, "I am recommending the show *Nora from Queens*, which is available on Comedy Central, HBO Max, Hulu, and Amazon Prime. The show stars Awkwafina, otherwise known as Nora Lum. She was born to a Chinese American father and Korean American mother. The storyline is based on Akwafina's alter-ego Nora Lin, a 27-year-old mostly unemployed woman who lives with her dad and grandma in Queens, NY. Throughout the show, many bad decisions are made which puts Nora in a lot of tough situations but she always seems to find her way out of them with the help of her family members and unlikely friends. It's rating is TV-MA which means it mentions various mature topics such as substance use, sexual themes, and explicit language so I wouldn't suggest it as something to watch with the family. However, it's a good late night watch or something to put on in the background while doing light work. I really enjoy the joyful tone, jokes centered around the APIDA community, and overall storyline of the show. I especially loved the episode that deep dives into Nora's grandma's past where she tells the story of how she came to America, with some exaggeration for dramatic effect. I will mention that the humor is sort of ridiculous but there are many relatable and hilarious moments in this show that makes the watch worth it."

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Living that Healthy APIDA Life!: Music Festival Safety and NARCAN Training

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, March 20, 2023 from 1-2pm

Join our discussion about the APIDA rave community in Southern California. Learn how to stay safe this music festival season. Complete a NARCAN training to prevent Opioid overdoses. Next events in this series: (1) April 3: Screen Addiction in APIDA Communities, and (2) April 10: Gambling Addiction in APIDA Communities.

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.

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 Catan Society: Decolonizing Catan - First Nations of Catan

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Friday, March 27, 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: (1) April 3: Stand Alone Variation - Game of Thrones Catan, and (2) April 21: Catan Expansion - Starfarers.

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: (1) April 19: Spoken Word by Pacific Islanders, and (2) 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

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:

- [Sanskriti](#) is hosting [Holi Celebration](#) on March 18 starting at 12pm at Colina Del Sol Park.
- [KASA](#) is hosting [Trolley Hopping Social](#) on March 19 from 1:00-5:30pm.
- [JSA](#) is hosting [Bowling](#) on March 23 from 5-7pm at Aztec Lanes.
- [Alpha Psi Rho](#) is hosting a [Benefit Show 2023](#) on April 14 from 7:00-9:30pm. [Tickets](#) are available.
- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting [FACN:Pamayanan](#) on April 14 from 6-9pm. [Tickets](#) are available.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Women's Resource Center](#) is hosting [events next week](#) for Women's History Month.
- The [Native Resource Center](#) and College of Sciences Student Council are hosting [Mental Health in Academia](#) on March 21 from 3:30-4:15pm.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#), [Native Resource Center](#), and Young Men of Color Alliance are hosting [Real Talk: Dissecting the Colonial Mask in Masculinity](#) on March 22 from 3-4pm.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center](#) is hosting [Reclaim Your Story](#) on March 23 from 2:30-3:30pm.

Campus Partners:

- The [Weber Honors College](#) is accepting [Fall 2023 Weber Honors College applications](#). Students can earn a minor, study abroad, and take interdisciplinary curriculum. Apply by March 30, 2023.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The [Model Majority: Asian American Comedians](#) show at [Mic Drop Comedy](#) is on March 19 at 6:30pm.
- The [Che'lu Chamorro Cultural Festival 2023](#) is on March 25 from 10am-6pm at California State University San Marcos. Admission is free!

Do you have an opportunity to share?
Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Please research criteria and deadlines.

Paid Internships:

- The [American Heart Association](#) is seeking [Community Impact Interns](#). This paid internship is hybrid and takes place in La Jolla from May 22-August 11.
- 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.
- 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 [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 [Luisa de Vera Buena Memorial Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to a Filipino-American woman pursuing a four-year undergraduate degree. Apply by May 15, 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.