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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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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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Spring into Spring!

Time flies! Next week is Spring Break. The APIDA Center will have modified hours next week. From March 27th to March 30th, we will be open from 10:00-4:30pm. The campus will be closed on Friday, March 31 for Cesar Chavez Day. Regular hours will resume on Monday, April 3rd.

Although there will be no classes next week, the APIDA Center will be available for students to hang out, get advising, etc. We are offering two programs: [Catan Society](#) on Monday and [APIDA Video Game Society](#) on Wednesday. Check out our calendar and/or [Instagram](#) for more information.

Please note that we just launched our [Registration Workshops](#), [APIDA Graduation & End-of-Year Party](#), and [Makers Market](#)! Sign up today!

The next newsletter will be on Friday, April 7th! Until then, take this time to rest and relax! Happy Spring Break!

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



APIDA Center remembers the fight for Ethnic Studies!

This March, we remember the historic BIPOC student strikes in the Bay Area that established Ethnic Studies nationwide. In 1968, the United States faced national political unrest. The Black Student Union at San Francisco State University (CSU) advocated for a Black Studies department which was rejected by the administration for three years. In 1968, they formed a multiracial coalition with the Latin American Students Organization, the Filipino American Collegiate Endeavor, the Asian American Political Alliance, El Renacimiento, and others. This became known as the Third World Liberation Front (TWLF). (During the early 1960's, empowered APIDA students collectively used "Asian American" as a political strategy. This created unity among APIDA people to advocate for Asian American rights.)

BIPOC students wanted their own spaces to learn about their heritages, traditions, and histories. From November 6, 1968 to March 20, 1969, these student activists engaged in five months of strikes. On March 20, 1969, a deal was struck resulting in more diverse admission processes and the development of the first College of Ethnic Studies in the nation. That stated, not all of their demands were met; the fight for inclusive, equitable, and meaningful education for all continues today.

In 1970, inspired by the TWLF, San Diego State University established the first Women's Studies Department in the nation. On August 17, 2020, AB 1460 was signed into law; this bill requires all students at the California State Universities to take three units in Ethnic Studies in order to graduate. Today we celebrate the student activism that led to the creation of Ethnic Studies departments. The APIDA Center, through our programming, uplifts our APIDA histories and narratives; in addition, we proudly and actively support the ongoing establishment of Asian American Studies at SDSU.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts series about "Living That Healthy APIDA Life!"

In collaboration with SDSU Well-Being and Health Promotion, the APIDA Center hosted two workshops on March 13th and March 20th. On March 13th, we discussed the importance of destigmatizing recovery in the APIDA community. On March 20th, we shared tips for Music Festival safety, specifically addressing the culture of APIDA ravers. We also provided a NARCAN training to help respond to opioid overdoses. Upcoming sessions will address screen addiction in APIDA communities (April 3) and gambling addiction in APIDA communities (April 10).



APIDA Center hosts workshop about SPAM in Guam!

Did you know that the islanders of Guam are the world's largest consumers of SPAM? It is estimated that they eat on average more than 16 cans per person annually. As part of Mes Chamoru (Guam History and Chamoru Heritage Month), the APIDA Center hosted a workshop about SPAM in Guam. We learned a ton of fun facts about our favorite canned SPiced hAM (aka SPAM).

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Barry Lomibao, Jr.** will be playing in the Oh My Gong! Gong Festival on April 16th from 2-6pm. Oh My Gong! Is a one-day festival celebrating Indonesian music and performing arts and exploring the connection between musical and cultural diversity.
- Dr. **Loh-Hagan** will be speaking at the Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) conference which takes place on April 5-8 in Long Beach. She is talking about the importance of teaching APIDA Histories in K-12 classrooms. (Dr. **Stephen Suh** and Dr. **Alvin Henry** will be at AAAS as well!)

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Kaelyn Nguyen is a first year Biology major, an A-LIST participant, and an APIDA Center Student Staff member. She said, "I recommend Wuhu Tea Cafe right near the SDSU Campus! It's a short walk away but it's definitely worth the trip. My dad and I would end a hard week of work or school by getting boba at different cafes. Living on campus, I don't always get to go out with my family or travel far for drinks. Going to Wuhu Tea Cafe brings a little bit of joy. I get to call my dad and talk about the boba drinks we ordered that week (and if we like them or not). It's just a little bit of magic to connect with him while I'm away from home. The atmosphere here is laid back and relaxing, so it's a great place to go with friends to hang out or study too! The library can get packed during mid-terms and finals season. Luckily there's always an open table here. They also play really good music. A lot of my playlist is filled with what they play here. My go-to drink is the Ice Cream Black Tea with Boba. (There is also pretty good wifi)."

Share all things APIDA (i.e., books, movies, food, restaurants, etc.).

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Upcoming APIDA Center Events

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. Future events in this series: (1) April 3: Stand Alone Variation - Game of Thrones Catan, and (2) April 21: Catan Expansion - Starfarers.

APIDA Video Game Society

Location: APIDA Discord

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 from 3:00-4:30pm

Calling all video game enthusiasts! Develop your team player skills and have tons of fun with the APIDA Center this spring and summer! Let's play online video games. Open to new and advanced players. Join us on Discord! Future events in this series takes place on April 26, May 31, June 28, and July 26.

Living that Healthy APIDA Life!: Screen Addiction in APIDA Communities

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, April 3, 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 event in this series is on April 10 and will focus on Gambling Addiction in APIDA Communities.

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. Future 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 in this series takes place on April 27 and focus on Hawaiian Birth Signs

APIDA CCA Registration Workshops

Location: APIDA Center or Zoom

Dates: April 10th-21st (various)

Need help registering for Fall 2023 courses? The APIDA Center is here for you! We are hosting registration workshops via zoom AND in-person (drop-in hours at the APIDA Center).

Arcade Culture in the United States and Asia

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023 from 6-8pm

Justin Pachecho is hosting this student-led workshop about arcade culture. Learn about the history and differences between U.S. and Asian arcade culture; then, play some exclusive Japanese rhythm games with us!

APIDA Graduation Celebration & End-of-Year Party

Location: Student Union Courtyard

Date: Wednesday, May 3 from 5-8pm

We will be celebrating our December 2022, May 2023, and August 2023 graduates. There will be food, games, music, and fun! [RSVP](#) by April 28th. Eligible graduates must attend the entire event to get an APIDA honor cord.

Makers Market

Location: Student Union Courtyard

Date: Wednesday, May 3 from 5-8pm

Calling all Makers, D.I.Y.ers, entrepreneurs, and singer-songwriters! Sign up to sell your homemade products and/or to sing an original song on stage.

[Sign up](#) by April 21 to secure your spot!

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:

- [APSA](#) is hosting a [Dave & Buster's Alumni Social](#) on March 25 from 6-8pm.
- [JSA](#) is hosting [Spring Matsuri](#) on April 5 from 4-9pm.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) and the [Muslim Student Association](#) are hosting [Ramadan Programs](#) throughout April.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center](#) is hosting [UndocuAlly Trainings](#) throughout April.
- The [Pride Center](#) and the [Undocumented Resource Center](#) are hosting [Queer Crafternoon](#) on April 4 from 2:00-3:30pm at the Pride Center Multi-Purpose Room.

Campus Partners:

- [Well-Being & Health Promotions](#) is hosting a [Free STI Education Workshop](#) every Tuesday from 11am-12pm at the Calpulli Center 3201.
- The [pacificREVIEW](#) is accepting [submissions](#) for their Graphic Edition. Submit by March 31, 2023.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The [2023 Chamorro Cultural Festival](#) is on March 25 from 10-6pm at CSU San Marcos. Admission is free!
- [Asian Solidarity Collective](#) and [Pillars of the Community](#) are hosting [Change for Liberation: Legal Defense Fundraiser For Donald Sirypano](#) on April 1 from 12-3pm at Pillars of the Community.
- [Asian Pacific Islander Community Actions](#), [Asian Solidarity Collective](#), and the [San Diego API Coalition](#) are hosting [Mental Health & Community Care: A Forum on the Asian American & Pacific Islander Experience](#) on April 8 from 10am-12pm at Mira Mesa Library.
- The [Institute of Reading Development](#) is hiring Summer Reading Teachers. Earn between \$600-\$700 per week over 10 weeks. [Apply today!](#)

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

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Please research criteria and deadlines.

Paid Internships:

- The [Mingei International Museum](#) is seeking a paid [Digital Communications Intern](#). Apply today!
- 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.
- 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 [Sunshine Legall Scholarship](#) is awarding 5 BIPOC high school or undergraduate students \$2000+. Apply by April 24, 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.

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