

# DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



Read all about it!!!

Check your email! Newsletter #62 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

Connect with us!



@sdsuapidacenter



SDSU APIDA

Resource Center

SA+CD

Center Website: <https://sacd.sdsu.edu/apida>

Center Email: [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu)

Director: Dr. Loh-Hagan at [vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu](mailto:vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu)

Associate Director: Matt Garcia at [mhgarcia@sdsu.edu](mailto:mhgarcia@sdsu.edu)

Assistant Coordinator: Angela Subido at [asubido@sdsu.edu](mailto:asubido@sdsu.edu)

# Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

April 7, 2023



## Yay for Asian American Studies!

This week was the Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) conference which took place in Long Beach. Conferences are a great opportunity to catch up with fellow colleagues and to learn new things. It was so cool to see so many APIDA people collectively thriving and geeking out about APIDA topics.

Several of us, including myself, presented at the conference. I presented a workshop about teaching APIDA histories and narratives in K-12.

**Leiana Lepule**, recent alum of the SDSU Liberal Studies and Multiple Teaching Credential program, was in a panel entitled, "Navigating Higher Education, On Campus Organizing, and Beyond as Pasifika Women." (She was amazing!)

Dr. **Alvin Henry** chaired a session entitled, "Navigating the Potentials and Challenges of a 1460 World: Workshopping Strategies and Resources Workshop."

Dr. **Stephen Suh** presented his paper entitled, "Contesting 'Lin'inality: The Evolution of Jeremy Lin's Racial Subjectivity."

Dr. **Nellie Tran** presented with **Kevin Yabes**, a SDSU alum on "Racial Trauma & Healing as Understood by Psychologists, Public Health, & Educators."

Dr. **Priya Kandaswamy** was in a panel entitled, "What is Asian American Abolition Feminism?"

Not only did SDSU represent at the Final Four, but we also represented at AAAS! (BTW - Congrats to our SDSU Basketball Team! We are so proud of you!)

# A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



## APIDA Center learns about Little Baghdad!

April is Southwest Asian & North African (SWANA) Heritage month. SWANA encompasses the geographical region of Morocco to Afghanistan. This region is sometimes referred to as Middle Eastern North African (MENA).

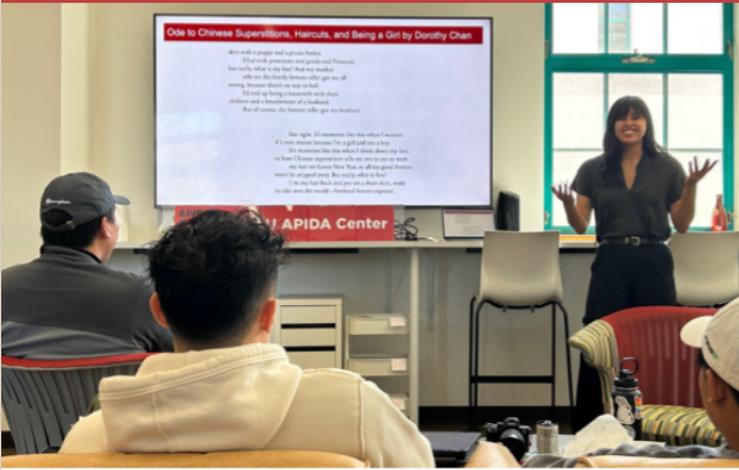
San Diego has been a cultural hub for immigrants with ethnic enclaves throughout the county. City Heights in El Cajon is an example. It is home to a diverse population of Southeast Asian refugees as a result of the Vietnam War. In addition, El Cajon has also welcomed SWANA refugees, giving this city the name of "Little Baghdad."

San Diego County has received more refugees than any other city in the State of California. Since 2008, it has been estimated by Dr. **John Weeks**, a demographer and Professor Emeritus of Geography at SDSU, that about 400 Iraqis had immigrated to San Diego per month. Refugee families from Afghanistan, Syria, and Iraq compose the majority of the SWANA community in El Cajon. Many of whom escaped imperialist rule and religious persecution. For example, Chaldean Catholics fled Iraq to escape religious persecution. Kurdish people and Shi'a muslims later migrated to the United States following the Gulf War (1990-1991).

The Refugee Crisis in Iraq Act (2008) increased the amount of Iraqi refugees admitted to the United States which led to a larger Chaldean population in El Cajon. Local reports state that the city is home to 10,000 Syrian refugees and 50,000 Chaldeans. Today, 50% of El Cajon residents are of Arab descent.

Iraqi Americans have represented El Cajon as civic leaders and business owners. Little Baghdad is flourishing with Arab-language signs, businesses, markets, and cultural centers concentrated along Main Street. SWANA people have adopted and fused SWANA and American culture; for instance, they created Valley Fries, a reimagined Carne Asada fries topped with shawarma. Visit Little Baghdad!

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center hosts workshops!

This was a busy week at the APIDA Center. **Angela Subido**, APIDA Center Assistant Coordinator, hosted three workshops. On Monday, April 3rd, she hosted a workshop about screen addiction as part of our APIDA Recovery series. On Wednesday, April 5th, she hosted a workshop about Chinese Odes as part of our APIDA Poets Society. On Thursday, April 6th, she hosted a workshop about reading tea leaves as part of our APIDA Mystic Society.

On Wednesday, April 5th, **Matt Garcia**, APIDA Center Associate Director, collaborated with **Jose Wong**, Graduate Assistant at the Center for Intercultural Relations. They hosted a workshop entitled, "APIDA Masculinity: Emasculated and Excluded" as part of the Young Men of Color program. They discussed yellow peril ideology, bachelor societies, APIDA male stereotypes, and more.

Students engaged in thoughtful discussions and shared their experiences with each subject. These APIDA Center workshops and societies provide an opportunity to learn about APIDA history and culture.

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Rodney Speight**, a 2nd year Physics major and a former A-LIST student, earned a paid internship at the University of Maryland Department of Astronomy Summer Scholars Program. He will be working on research focused on Quantum Information Science, specifically Java Script-based research.
- **Brittany Cruz-Fejeran**, a journalism major minoring in history, was born and raised on Guam/*Guåhan* before coming to San Diego. She wrote an article for *The Daily Aztec* entitled, "[Mes CHamoru reminds me of what I miss from home – and why I can't go back yet.](#)"
- **Kirstin Curtis**, a Graduate Student in the Women Studies program, was accepted into the Seeding Change National Fellowship 2023 cohort. She will be placed at Filipinos Advancing Justice in Oakland, California this summer.

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

**Have a flex to share?**

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

# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## 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.

## UndocuAPIDA Support Group: Family Separation

**Location: APIDA Center Conference Room**

**Date: Monday, April 10, 2023 from 1-2pm**

The APIDA Center and the Undocumented Resource Center are collaborating to launch an intersectional support group. The UndocuAPIDA Support Group takes place every second Monday of the month from 12-1pm at the APIDA Center Conference Room. We will discuss experiences, share resources, be in community, and eat Asian snacks! The first meeting will focus on the theme of family separation.

## Living that Healthy APIDA Life!: Gambling Addiction in APIDA Communities

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, April 10, 2023 from 1-2pm**

Casinos are a popular attraction among APIDA immigrants. Join us for a discussion about APIDA gambling addictions and how that impacts financial and emotional health.

## APIDA FSL Student Panel

**Location: COM 207**

**Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023, from 6-7pm**

Learn more about APIDA student experiences in Fraternity and Sorority Life at SDSU! This event is applicable to Fraternity & Sorority Life's Greek Accreditation DEI-C-1.

## APIDA Pre-Law Society

**Location: APIDA Conference Room**

**Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 from 4-5pm**

The APIDA Pre-Law Society is a new SDSU student organization, supported by the APIDA Center. It is focused on providing additional support and guidance to APIDA students aspiring to work in the legal field! Join us for the very first organization meeting to learn how to become involved!

## 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!

## Protect Women's Writes!

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Friday, April 14, 2023 from 1-2pm**

This workshop is in honor of Take Back the Week and Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April. We will discuss the ways in which harmful media representations of APIDA women perpetuate violence against women and girls. We will also brainstorm ways to rewrite your own positive and empowering narratives.

## Tour, Mixer, and Film Screening of "A Long March"

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Friday, April 14, 2023 from 2:00-5:30pm**

Join SDSU APIDA Center and our community college partners for a campus tour, mixer (with food), and a film screening & discussion of "A Long March."

## True Colors: Personality & Communication Styles Exercise and Conversations

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 from 2-3pm**

The APIDA Center and the Glazer Center for Leadership & Service are collaborating to present this workshop. Learning to understand the different personalities and communication needs in your organization or network is an important leadership tool.

## Beauty Night with A-List!

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 from 6-8pm**

Join APIDA Center and A-LIST (our APIDA residential learning community) for a night of beauty fun! We'll discuss Asian vs. Western beauty standards. Then, we'll practice some Asian beauty routines and bedazzle some mirrors!

## APIDA Poets Society: Pacific Islander Spoken Word

**Location: APIDA Center Conference Room**

**Date: Wednesday, April 19, 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. The next event in this series is on May 3 and will focus on workshopping creative works.

## Incorporating a Diverse Mindset into Your Leadership!

**Location: AH2108**

**Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 from 2-3pm**

Want to prevent group-think mentality? What to enhance your leadership? Learn how to better acknowledge and understand the different perspectives, experiences, and mindsets that others bring into a space. This workshop is applicable to Fraternity & Sorority Life's Greek Accreditation LED-C-1.

## APIDA Catan Society: Catan Expansion Seafarers

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Friday, April 21, 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! We will play a Catan expansion.

## Time Management for APIDA Student Leaders

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023, from 2-3pm**

Among the most important skills mastered by great leaders is the art of time management. This workshop will present skills and practices necessary to be an effective and well-balanced student leader while acknowledging and honoring APIDA family and cultural expectations.

## APIDA Video Game Society

**Location: APIDA Discord**

**Date: Wednesday, April 26, 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 May 31, June 28, and July 26.

## APIDA Mystic Society: Hawaiian Birth Signs

**Location: APIDA Center Conference Room**

**Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 4-5pm**

Join our APIDA Mystic Society! This semester, we will learn the history of traditional Asian methods of fortune telling. This session will focus on the practice of reading Hawaiian Birth Signs.

## 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!

# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- [NSU Executive Board Applications](#) are due on April 7 at 11:59pm. Voting will take place from April 7-21.
- [KASA](#) is hosting a [Karaoke Social](#) at Melody Karaoke on April 8 from 8-10pm.
- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting [FACN: Pamayan](#) on April 14 from 6-9pm.
- [Alpha Psi Rho](#) is hosting [Benefit Show 2023](#) on April 14 from 7:00-9:30pm.
- [JSA](#) is participating in [Undokai](#) at Bolsa Chica State Beach on April 15 from 9:30am-6:00pm.
- [APSA](#) is hosting [APSA's 25th Annual Fashion Talent Show: Dreams Come Together](#) at Montezuma Hall on April 15 from 6-10pm.
- [SDSU](#) and [CSUSM](#) VSA are hosting [Vietnamese Culture Night 2023: Our Story](#) on April 16 from 6-9pm.

## Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) is hosting events throughout April to celebrate [SWANA Heritage Month](#).
- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting their annual [Pow Wow](#) on April 8. (APIDA Center will be tabling there!)
- The [Undocumented Resource Center](#) and [Career Services](#) are hosting [Interview Etiquette](#) on April 12 from 12-1pm.
- The [Women's Resource Center](#) and the [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) are hosting [Cafe for Women of Color](#) on April 13 from 4-5pm.

## Campus Partners:

- [Aztecs for Recovery](#) meets at the Calpulli fourth floor conference room 2 on Wednesdays from 5-6pm.
- [Career Services](#) is hosting [Just in Time Career Fair](#) on April 13 from 10:00am-2:30pm.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- [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 Japanese American Citizens League San Diego is hosting a virtual community dialogue with Matthew Weisbly who will be discussing his Jewish Japanese identity. This event takes place on April 12 at 6:30pm. RSVP to [sandiegojacl@gmail.com](mailto:sandiegojacl@gmail.com) to attend.
- [Cambodian New Year Celebration](#) is taking place on April 14-15, 2023.
- The [12th San Diego Asian Film Festival Spring Showcase](#) is from April 20-27. Buy your [all-fest pass!](#)
- Dr. Bronner and the Dr. Bronner Family Foundation are hosting free non-profit workshops about [Burnout & Resilience for Activists](#).

# Paid Internships & Scholarships

Please research criteria and deadlines.

## Paid Internships:

- [Hyatt Regency](#) is offering a [Seasonal Food & Beverage Internship](#) starting in May.
- The [Padres Baseball Camp Coach Internship](#) is for applicants pursuing a degree in early childhood education. Interested candidates must be able to commit 2-4 weeks during the summer of 2023.
- [DAHLIN](#), an architecture firm, is seeking [Architectural Summer Interns](#). Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited architecture school or program.
- [Platform Science](#) is seeking a [Business Development Intern](#). Applicants must be available to work full time from June to mid-August 2023.

## Scholarships:

- The [American Bar Association Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund](#) grants \$15,000 in financial aid over 3 years to 10-20 incoming ethnic minority students in law school. Applications are open from February 1, 2023 to April 15, 2023.
- 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 [Sunshine Legall Scholarship](#) is awarding 5 \$2000+ awards to BIPOC high school or undergraduate students. Apply by April 24, 2023.
- The [Andrew Perez Mental Illness/Suicidal Awareness Education Scholarship](#) is awarding one \$1000 scholarship to a BIPOC student who struggles with mental illness. Apply by May 13, 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 [Novitas Diverse Voices Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to a low-income, first-generation, BIPOC, or LGBTQIA+ student pursuing a career in Public Relations. Apply by May 25, 2023.
- The [Against the Grain Groundbreaker Leadership Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1500 to Asian American students. Apply by May 31, 2023.
- The [Korean American Scholarship Foundation Western Regional Chapter](#) is awarding \$500-\$5000 to full-time students of Korean heritage. Apply by June 30, 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?**

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