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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

April 14, 2023



A very APIDA weekend!

This weekend is full of APIDA love. Several student organizations are hosting their cultural nights this weekend. For example, [Andres Bonifacio Samahan](#) is hosting their 38th annual Filipino American Culture Night on Friday, April 14th. [Asian Pacific Student Association](#) is hosting their Fashion Talent Show on Saturday, April 15th. [Vietnamese Student Association](#) is hosting their Vietnamese Culture Night on Sunday, April 16th. These student-led events showcase a tremendous amount of talent and cultural pride. I can't wait!!!! My weekend is booked - what about yours?!?!

In addition, a resolution has been passed to recognize April 14th as National Sikh Day in the United States. This resolution coincides with the harvest festival of Baisakhi in Punjab and celebrates the contributions of Sikhs to America. It also acknowledges the arrival of Sikhs in America about a century ago; today, around one million Sikhs currently reside in the United States. And, Cambodian or Khmer New Year is also this weekend. Learn more about it in the next section.

APIDA love is everywhere this weekend!

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



APIDA Center highlights the Khmer community in San Diego!

This weekend is the celebration of the Khmer, Thai, and Laos new year! Khmer or Cambodian New Year will be celebrated from April 14-16, 2023. Khmer New Year differs from Lunar New Year in that it lasts for 3-4 days and is based on the traditional solar new year observed in countries such as India, Thailand, and Laos. The Khmer people are native to Cambodia and are also known as Cambodians. Cambodia is located on mainland Southeast Asia and neighbors Thailand and Vietnam. This new year celebration marks the end of the harvest season and the beginning of the rainy season for the Khmer people.

Approximately 6,000-7,000 Khmer Americans reside in the county of San Diego, mainly in City Heights. In 1978, over 200,000 Khmer refugees migrated to the United States due to the Cambodian genocide of 1975-1979. In 1987, the international refugee policy changed, decreasing the number of Cambodians who qualify for asylum. Similar to Vietnamese immigrants and their nail salons, Cambodians are known for the doughnut shop industry that has grown in the United States since the 1980s. Today, 80% percent of California donut shops are Cambodian-owned, with 40 shops located in San Diego.

In addition to Khmer businesses, cultural sites for the Cambodian community are located across San Diego. Built in 1982, Wat Sovannkiri is a Cambodian and Laotian temple in City Heights. Decorating the temple are statues of angels, guardians, lions, dragons, and warriors who protect the temple from evil. The Buddhist religion is taught by welcoming monks who encourage all to learn more about the Buddhist faith. Prior to the pandemic, on Sunday mornings Wat Sovannkiri would host a market to sell fruits and homemade food.

The [Cambodian New Year Celebration](#) in San Diego starts on Friday, April 14th starting at 3pm at Tierra Central (4090 University Avenue).

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center tables at NRC Pow Wow and Mesa College!

This past week, **Angela Subido**, Assistant Coordinator for the APIDA Center, has been busy representing the APIDA Center at various events. On April 8th, she tabled at the SDSU Pow Wow, coordinated by the Native Resource Center. On April 12th, she tabled at Mesa College, connecting with future SDSU students.



APIDA Center hosts workshops!

As always, this was a busy week for the APIDA Center. On Monday, April 10th, we collaborated with the Undocumented Resource Center and hosted an UndocAPIDA support group. In addition, we hosted a workshop about "Gambling Addiction in APIDA Communities" as part of our Living that Healthy APIDA Life recovery series.

On Tuesday, April 11th, in partnership with the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life and led by **Matt Garcia**, we hosted a student panel about the experiences of APIDA students in Greek life. Many thanks to the following students for participating: **Alex Ho, Ethina Sarno, Kimi Chen, Maggie Tang, and Tyler Tiengerd.**

On Wednesday, April 12th, we hosted an APIDA Pre-Law Society to support APIDA students who are interested in pursuing a career in law.

On Friday, April 14th, as part of Take Back the Week, we hosted a workshop entitled, "Protect Women's Writes" in which we discussed the harmful representation of APIDA women in media. Participants were encouraged to rewrite these narratives and challenge the status quo.



APIDA Center hosts Justin's Arcade!

On Thursday, April 13th, [Justin Pacheco](#) hosted a fantastic workshop entitled, "Arcade Culture in the United States and Asia." He shared facts about the growth and development of arcades. He focused specifically on rhythm games. Then, he set up three exclusive Japanese games for participants to play: Dance Dance Revolution, Sound Voltex, and Taiko no Tatsujin. It was so much fun!!!!



APIDA Center hosts film screening!

On Friday, April 14th, we collaborated with local community colleges to host a campus tour, mixer, film screening, and discussion. We ate lots of yummy food by Smack'n Guamanian Grill and learned a lot from watching "[A Long March](#)." Many thanks to our Mesa College partners for coordinating the event with us: [Asian Pacific Diversity Club](#), Prof. Jennifer Derilo, Prof. Amber Alatorre, and Leland Simpliciano.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Chyna Oyola** is a graduate student in the College of Education. She has been offered the [Mundt Peace Scholarship](#), a two-month scholarship in Cape Town, South Africa. She was also accepted into the [Student Leader Global Summit](#) in Rome, Italy where she'll work with students from around the world and will be in attendance as a representative of the United States.
- **Anthony Nguyen**, SDSU Alum, joined the Alliance Healthcare Foundation (AHF) as their new Administrative Manager. Previously, he was the Alliance Coordinator at Rady Children's Institute for Genomic Medicine and the District Director/Office Manager for U.S. Congressman Scott Peters (CA-52) where he worked on issues around healthcare, seniors, housing, labor, human trafficking, national security, and Asia-Pacific affairs.
- Dr. **Loh-Hagan** was invited to be one of the authors featured at the [College-Rolando Library's Local Author Fair](#). This event was a part of their Youth Literacy Day celebration.

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

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All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Carrie Lee is a first year graduate student in the Postsecondary Educational Leadership with a Specialization in Student Affairs (PELSA) masters program and serves as the Assistant Coordinator in both the Glazer Center for Leadership and Service and Residential Education Office. She said, "Starting on April 13th until April 15th, the 60th annual [Merrie Monarch Festival](#) in Hilo, Hawai'i is taking place! My mom was born and raised on the island of O'ahu and immediately put me into hula lessons once I could walk. I remember tuning in to watch the Merrie Monarch Festival every year and was in awe of the grace and beauty of each dancer. Hawaiians have used hula to pass on the stories, language, and culture of the native people. Join me in watching the live stream!"

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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.

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:

- [SDSU KASA](#) and [UCSD KASA](#) are co-hosting a [Black Day Mixer](#) on April 14 at 4pm.
- [Alpha Psi Rho](#) is hosting a [Benefit Show](#) in collaboration with The B+ Foundation on April 14 from 7:00-9:30pm.
- [Sanskriti](#) is hosting [Movie Night: Come Watch Raazi](#) on April 16 at 7:20pm.
- [APSA's E^2](#) is hosting [E^2 Beach Bonfire](#) on April 21 from 5-9pm.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) is hosting events throughout April to celebrate [SWANA Heritage Month](#).
- The [Native Resource Center](#) is presenting the 3rd Annual [Native & Indigenous Research & Arts Symposium](#) on April 14 and 15.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#) is hosting [Proud to be First-Gen and Queer](#) on April 19 from 12-1pm.

Campus Partners:

- The Lecture series on Human Rights in the Asia Pacific Region is coming to an end. The last event for this series will be held on April 24th, 2023. Dr. Jiun-Ru Chiang will present on "The Struggle of Memory Against Forgetting: Transitional Justice in Taiwan" from 2:00pm-3:15pm in West Commons 220. He will also give a Master Class on "Taiwan's Asylum Policy for Hong Kongers and its Shortcomings" from 5:00pm-6:45pm in Arts and Letters 105.
- Womxn Empowered is an on-campus club that focuses on providing a safe space for womxn to gather and meet new people. They have bi-weekly meetings and monthly socials. They are looking for board members. [Sign up today.](#)
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The [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!](#)

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

Please research criteria and deadlines.

Paid Internships:

- [Catalent Pharma Solutions](#) is seeking a [Process Engineering Assistant Intern](#). Engineering students are encouraged to apply.
- [VSE Corporation](#) is seeking [interns for technical writing, editing, and communications](#).
- [Live Nation Entertainment](#) is seeking a [Marketing Intern](#) for Summer 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 [Seherzada Scholarship](#) is awarding one \$1050 scholarship to any woman who identifies as an English Language Learner and as a parent pursuing education. Apply by May 1, 2023.
- The [OCA APIA Advocates San Diego Chapter](#) is hosting a 2023 Essay Contest and awarding \$100, \$300, and \$500 to three essays addressing this prompt: "How can you help stop hate?" Submit to OCASDChapter@gmail.com by May 1, 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.
- The [McDuffie Software Engineering Scholarship](#) is awarding two \$1000 scholarships to female undergraduate students pursuing a degree in computer science or computer engineering. Apply by July 15, 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.