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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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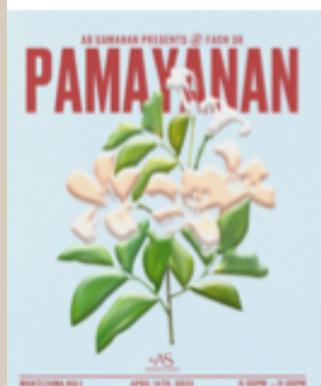
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# Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

April 21, 2023



## Oh, what a cultural night!

Oh my goodness! We have some seriously super talented students. This weekend was gas, ng!! [Translation for Boomers: "This weekend was awesome, not gonna lie!"]

Several student organizations hosted their cultural nights this past weekend and they totally slayed! And, I was eating up every minute of it!

- [Andres Bonifacio Samahan](#) hosted their 38th annual Filipino American Culture Night (FACN) on Friday, April 14th. Shout out to FACN leaders: **Alyssa Taylor** and **Lala Vicencio**.
- [Asian Pacific Student Association](#) hosted their Fashion Talent Show (FTS) on Saturday, April 15th. (Dr. **Nellie Tran**, **Jessica Chang**, and I had the honor of serving as judges.) Shout out to FTS leaders: **Josh Dumaua**, **Miya Grant**, **Ethan Ho**, and **Giselle Sarmiento**.
- [Vietnamese Student Association](#) hosted their Vietnamese Culture Night (VCN) on Sunday, April 16th. (**Anh Tran** and I had the pleasure of serving as sponsors.) Shout out to VCN leaders: **Diemthu Tran** and **Tiffany Truong**.

It was three magical nights of singing, dancing, acting, and more. Every second was amazing. I love our students so much! They are so fire!!!!

Don't miss out - [Pacific Islander Student Association](#) will be hosting their 26th annual Lu'au on Sunday, April 30th.

# A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



## APIDA Center learns about APIDA human trafficking in San Diego!

In observance of SDSU's Take Back the Week (TBTW), the APIDA Center would like to shine light on APIDA immigrants who face and/or are at risk to human trafficking. Human trafficking is the recruitment of individuals through the use of coercion for purposes of economic exploitation. It can include forced labor in the domestic, service, agricultural, or sex industry. APIDA immigrants are at a high risk of human trafficking since many may feel obligated to send remittances to families in their country of origin, may wish to escape poverty in their host country, or may need to pay off family debt. Migration status is the top risk factor for human trafficking. Nationally, human trafficking survivors tend to be immigrants from China or South Korea, with minimal English comprehension and a need to pay off debts.

San Diego is known for being a multicultural hub of immigrants and refugees. El Cajon is home to a vibrant SWANA community, City Heights houses the Vietnamese community, and National City/Paradise Hills is where many Filipinos reside. Many APIDA immigrants came to the United States seeking political refuge, access to education, and economic opportunities. This has made them vulnerable to human trafficking. According to the University of San Diego and Point Loma Nazarene University, human trafficking and prostitution is the third most lucrative illegal business in San Diego, yielding over \$810 million per year following drug and gun sales.

San Diego massage parlors have become hotspots of human trafficking; some activists believe this is due to the high concentration of U.S. military personnel in the area. Many APIDA survivors of human trafficking, who tend to be recent immigrants with limited job options, had answered job ads for massage therapists and then were forced into sex work. They were threatened with deportation, arrest, and violence.

When reflecting on the coercive sexual violence of human trafficking that persists in San Diego, it is important to acknowledge the socio-economic systems that drive migrant workers to these vulnerable positions. There is a long history of sexual violence against the APIDA body which has been systemically conditioned through exploitation of the working class.

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



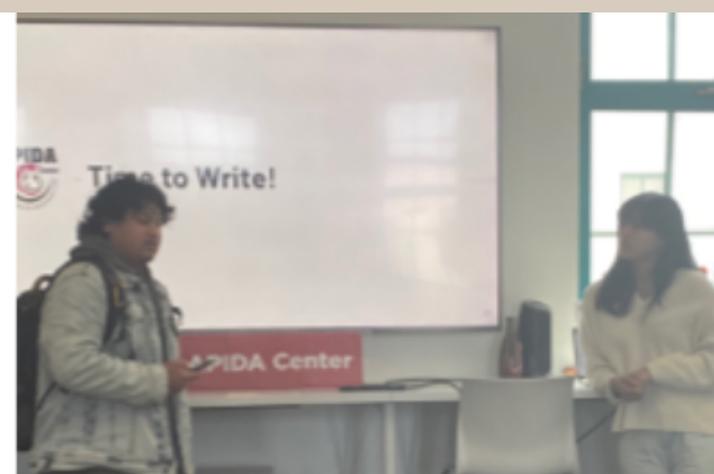
## APIDA Center hosts collaborations!

This past week, the APIDA Center hosted several collaborations. On Monday, April 17, Dr. **Loh-Hagan** and **Gi Gonzales** hosted a Beauty Night with our A-LIST residential learning community. (Many thanks to **Leyana Nabi**, A-LIST residential hall advisor, for the inspiration.) We discussed Asian and Western beauty standards and practiced some Asian skincare beauty routines. It was so much fun! Standby for more APIDA beauty shop workshops!

We also hosted two workshops in collaboration with Glazer Leadership and Service. On Monday, April 17th, we hosted a workshop about True Colors to discuss various personality and communication styles. On Wednesday, April 19, we hosted a workshop about growing diverse mindsets in leadership. (Many thanks to **Matt Garcia**, **Carrie Lee**, and **Cesar Lopez**.)

In addition, on Wednesday, April 17, we hosted a movie night and discussion with Andres Bonifacio Samahan, led by **Lia Escobar**.

Lastly, **Angela Subido** and **Chloe Verove** tabled at the Creative Arts Festival on April 17th (which was coordinated by **Nina Go** and **Cierra Watkins**) and at the Commuter receptions on April 20th.



## **APIDA Center hosts workshops!**

On Wednesday, April 19, **Angela Subido** hosted our last session of APIDA Poets Society. We discussed Spoken Word by Pacific Islanders.

On Friday, April 21, we hosted a tour for a group of emerging leaders from Korea as part of the [Fulbright Korean International Education Administrators \(KEIA\)](#) program. This group wanted to better understand the U.S. education system and learn how to strengthen their own international education program in Korea. We are grateful to the [San Diego Diplomacy Council \(SDDC\)](#), an organization that works with the U.S. Department of State to implement international professional exchange programs.

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Maryam Abdul Sattar** is a Graduate Student in social work. She was rewarded for reading our newsletter! She said, "I recently learned about the APAC Tom Hom Civic Engagement Scholarship through the APIDA newsletter. I applied for the scholarship and was notified this week that I have been selected for the scholarship. I am reaching out to thank you for sending the opportunity in the APIDA newsletter. The award will be given to me on May 6 at the APAC annual award ceremony." She continues, "I hope that this is going to encourage students to apply for opportunities like these when they get them."
- **Pandora Phimmasoung Outhone** is the Outstanding Graduate for the Asian Studies Major. She selected Dr. **Grace Cheng** as her Most Influential Faculty Member.
- **Aiden Baldoz**, a first year A-LIST student, is an SDSU model! He has been featured on the SDSU Explore [webpage](#) and social media.



**Congratulations to all those who were admitted to SDSU and a big WELCOME and WOOHOO to all those who selected SDSU as their school of choice! The APIDA Center can't wait to meet you!**

**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

## **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:

- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting a [Beach Clean Up Social](#) on April 22 from 2:00-6:30pm.
- [VSA](#) is hosting a [Bonfire Social](#) on April 22 from 6:30-8:30pm.
- [PISA](#) is hosting [PISA Picnic](#) on April 23 from 11-4pm.
- [APSA](#) is accepting [Appointed Officer Applications](#). Apply by April 23.
- [\(AAPI\)phany](#) is hosting [AAPI Women in the Arts Panel](#) on April 25 from 5-7pm.

## Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Pride Center](#) is hosting [Gender Affirmnoon](#) on April 24 from 10:30am-5:30pm.
- The [Black Resource Center](#) is hosting [Afrofuturism](#) on April 24 from 6:30-8:00pm.
- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting an [Indigenous Hip-Hop Workshop](#) on April 25 from 3:00-4:30pm.
- The [Women's Resource Center](#) is hosting [Shattering the Silence](#) on April 25 from 4:30-6:00pm.
- The [Center for Transformative Justice](#) is hosting [SDSU Information Session for Admitted Justice Impacted Students](#) on April 25 from 11:00am-12:30pm.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#) is hosting [Interview Tips Workshop](#) on April 26 from 12-1pm.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center](#) is hosting an [Undocu-Ally Training](#) on April 26 from 1-4pm.

## Campus Partners:

- [SDSU Center for Asian and Pacific Studies](#) is hosting a lecture series on Human Rights in the Asia Pacific Region on April 24. "The Struggle of Memory Against Forgetting: Transitional Justice in Taiwan" is from 2:00-3:15pm. "Taiwan's Asylum Policy for Hong Kongers and its Shortcomings" is from 5:30-6:45pm.
- [Career Services](#) will be tabling in [EOPOS](#) on April 27 from 10:30am-12pm.
- [SDSU Fowler College of Business](#) is accepting applications to the [Lavin Entrepreneur Program](#). Apply by April 30.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- The [Southern California Asian & Pacific Islander Festival](#) is on April 29, 2023 from 10-5pm at the Oceanside Civic Center. The APIDA Center will be tabling there!

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

## Paid Internships:

- Vista Hill ParentCare is seeing [Social Work and CFD Summer Interns](#). Submit your resume to [arowe@vistahill.org](mailto:arowe@vistahill.org).
- [Empowering Pacific Islander Communities \(EPIC\)](#) is accepting [applications](#) for PILOT Summer Institute at UC Davis from July 24-28, 2023. Participants will receive a \$600 stipend upon completion of the program. Apply by April 21, 2023.
- [CSU Entertainment Alliance](#) is offering [FREE summer housing in Los Angeles](#) to students who have secured internships. Apply by April 23, 2023.
- [Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee](#) is accepting [applications](#) for Democracy Summer 2023. Participants will receive a \$500 stipend upon completion of the program. The application has been extended to April 30, 2023.
- The [CSU Chancellor's Office STEM-NET Summer Student Stipend](#) is awarding \$2,500 to a first-gen student or Pell grant recipient participating in research. Apply by May 1, 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 [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 ESL and parent pursuing education. Apply 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 [Asian American Architects and Engineers Foundation](#) is awarding [scholarships](#) up to \$7000 to high school, undergraduate, and graduate 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.