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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

May 12, 2023



Happy APIDA Graduation and Happy Summer!

On Wednesday, May 3rd, the APIDA Center hosted our third graduation and end-of-year celebration. It was our biggest event yet with about 200 attendees. It was such a pleasure to recognize our December 2022, May 2023, and August 2023 graduates. What a triumph! The night was filled with food, fun, and festivity. We had catered food, caricature drawings station, balloon artist station, and a 360 photo booth. Most importantly, we celebrated being in community with graduates, friends, family, faculty, and staff. It was a great night and a great way to end the school year! We're already looking forward to next year.

This week has been busy with final exams, commencements, etc. We are also wrapping up our [APIDA History and Heritage Month](#) events. As such, the APIDA Center is getting ready for the summer! Please note that we will be open during the summer so come visit us; however, we have [modified our hours for the summer](#). From May 15 to August 18, the APIDA Center will be open from 10:00-4:30pm. The campus will be closed on: May 29 for Memorial Day, June 19 for Juneteenth, and July 4 for Independence Day. Our regular hours will resume on August 21, 2023.

Lastly, this is our last newsletter for the school year. Our next newsletter will be in August when the fall semester starts. Until then, have a fabulous summer break! Make time for APIDA joy!



December 2022 Graduates

Gi Gonzales
Mirei Kubota
Pandora Outhone

August 2023 Graduates

Kirstin Armada Curtis
Danielle Thompson

May 2023 Graduates

Caili Neahla Anderson
Gabrielle Cabanting
Ed Legaspi
Kimberly Chen
Caitlyn Dang
Kaelan Alexander Ganzon
Lahiru Kodituwakku
Kimberly Lam
Tam-Nhu Lam
Sabina Law
Ryan Lieng
Deanna Krystal Magpali
Luke Moolmuang
Amanda Ng
Lynn Nguyễn
Giselle Sarmiento
Evelyn Ton
Emily Diễm Trần
Jordan Valdez
Maverick Alacayaga Villon

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



APIDA Center learns about Japanese American tuna workers!

This May is APIDA History and Heritage Month. One of the reasons why the month of May was chosen was because it commemorates the arrival of the first Japanese immigrant to the United States on May 7, 1843. His name was Nakahama Manjiro (1827-1898) and he was called the U.S.'s first ambassador to Japan. He arrived to the United States at age 14. He was a fisherman.

Did you know that San Diego is often credited with birthing the American tuna fishery and that Japanese American fisherman played a big role in that? Starting in 1903, a sardine packer in San Pedro switched to canning albacore. Canned tuna became popular and brought fishing fleets to both San Diego and San Pedro. San Diego became the major base for the fleet through the 1970s and then became known as the "Tuna Capital of the World." Catching, canning, and marketing tuna would employ up to 40,000 San Diegans - many of whom were Japanese immigrants.

San Diego's first cannery, which opened in 1911, was the Pacific Tuna Canning Company at F Street. Over the next decade, about ten more canneries opened along the San Diego waterfront (Laurel Street to Barrio Logan). Masaharu Kondo was a former Japanese professor from the Imperial Fisheries Institute in Tokyo; he opened M.K. Fisheries Company in San Diego.

These canneries obtained most of their tuna supply from small fishing boats manned by Japanese and Portuguese immigrants. Japanese immigrants developed the industry by advancing fishing techniques and providing a large workforce. (As an example - off the coast of Los Angeles, Terminal Island became known for its many Japanese tuna fishermen which gave the island the name of "Little Nippon.") Due to the high number of Japanese American fishermen, these workers collectively organized as the "Japanese Fishermen's Association of San Diego," which consisted of about 200 members. By 1918, Japanese immigrants owned more than 45 fishing vessels in San Diego, establishing a monopoly. Competitors created the "Tuna Exchange" which formed an agency that increased the employment of White fishermen in an effort to break this Japanese monopoly.

The assembly line labor of packing canned tuna in San Diego Bay's "Cannery Row" was a sought after job by San Diego residents, especially during the Great Depression. The tuna industry became San Diego's third largest industry behind the U.S. Navy and the aerospace industry. However, working conditions were problematic. In 1927, tuna packers complained about infrequent meal breaks, inconsistent working hours, and low pay.

In June 1982, Bumble Bee Seafoods closed on Crosby Street where women workers had canned tuna for over 70 years. In 1984, the Van Kamp Seafood cannery, San Diego's last tuna cannery, closed. Today, the San Diego Maritime Museum and the USS Midway museum have replaced former cannery locations.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts Makers Market!

On Thursday, May 4, the APIDA Center and One SDSU hosted the third Makers Market. What started as a rainy morning turned into a sunny (albeit chilly) day. Performers and vendors were not to be deterred. They weathered through and we all had a great day. Over 700 shoppers attended and many items were sold. Next year's Makers Market will take place in October and May. Make sure to follow the [APIDA Center instagram](#) for the call for applications.



APIDA Center hosts Study Hall and APIDA Month events!

As part of our commitment to support students' graduation and retention initiatives, during Finals week, the APIDA Center hosted Study Hall hours. We know that study spaces are hard to come by so we turned our Center into a quiet study space from 10-5pm. After 5pm, we hosted various Finals Fun and APIDA Month activities. Many thanks to **Justin Pachecho** for hosting another super fun arcade night! The APIDA Center is a place for both fun and academics. Come on by!



APIDA Center hosts APIDA student orgs summit!

On Friday, May 12, several APIDA student organization leaders met over lunch. We reflected on the previous year and discussed plans for next year. We also shared lessons learned and goals. Our APIDA student organizations at SDSU are amazing. What a fantastic group of leaders.



APIDA Center thanks our Student Staff!

The APIDA Center has the best student staff ever! **Gi Gonzales**, APIDA Center Graduate Assistant, graduated from her teaching credential program; as such, this was her last semester at the APIDA Center. She has been with us since the very beginning. Her contributions are everywhere - from the building of shelves to the planning of signature events. We will miss her so much.

This semester, we hired four A-LIST students: **Skye Akimseu-Calderbank**, **Krissa Jackson**, **Chloe Verove**, and **Kae Nguyen**. They have helped create social media campaigns, supported our events, helped with center operations, and much more. They are going back home for the summer and we hope to see them again in the Fall.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- Dr. **Loh-Hagan** has had a busy month representing the APIDA Center at various events. Over the past few weeks, she has spoken at the Teaching for Justice conference at UC Irvine, at The Asian American Foundation Summit in New York City, and at the Los Angeles County Office of Education Ethnic Studies Symposium in Los Angeles. She also did a virtual presentation for Crafton Hills Community College as part of their APIDA Month programming.
- Dr. **Krishna Ramamoorthy** has successfully defended his doctoral dissertation entitled, "Novel Pricing Strategies to Improve Quality of Experience in Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access Wireless Communication Networks." He is a proud graduate of the PhD in Computational Science program. He will be teaching courses at SDSU next year as a lecturer.
- **Kai Fernandez** performed at the APIDA Graduation Celebration. In two costume changes, he did a medley of Elvis Presley songs and delighted everyone. He was a huge hit. What a talent!



We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

News from APIDA ERG

APIDA ERG will host summer events!

The [SDSU APIDA Employee Resource Group](#) (ERG) is a network for APIDA faculty and staff members. We are open to all SDSU employees who identify as APIDA and/or who support the APIDA community at SDSU. If you would like to join the APIDA ERG, please contact Dr. Loh-Hagan at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu. Standby for our summer programming! We will be hosting some super fun events!

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

APIDA Crafts Workshop

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, May 15 from 12-2pm

We love crafting. We have done a variety of crafting projects throughout the years. Come to the APIDA Center and do a craft with us. Audience choice.

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.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- In preparation of the upcoming school year, many of our APIDA student organizations have announced their new 2023-2024 Executive Boards. Check out their Instagram pages for updates! Congratulations to all the new officers and best wishes to all the previous officers!

Cultural Center Partners:

- All SDSU Cultural Centers will be open over the summer with modified hours. Check out their instagrams to learn more!
- Over the summer, the SDSU Cultural Centers will be tabling at the New Student Orientations.

Campus Partners:

- SDSU Educational Opportunity Programs, Outreach & Success is hiring a part-time [Outreach Assistant](#) for the 2023-2024 academic year. Apply by May 12.
- The [Chinese Cultural Center](#) will host "One Stroke Drawing" workshop to celebrate APIDA History and Heritage Month. This event will take place on May 17 from 2-3pm in PFSA 130.
- [SDSU Go! Summer in San Diego - Spiderman: Across the Spider-Verse](#) will take place on June 3 from 12:30-4:00pm at AMC Theaters Fashion Valley Mall. Reserve your ticket today!
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- UCSD is hosting a lecture about "The Evolution of Asian American Studies at UCSD" on May 15 from 4-6pm at Sixth College Lodge.
- The [San Diego Leadership Alliance City Block Social: Building Progressive Power Block by Block](#) is on May 18 from 6-9pm at the Quartyard.
- [Asian Business Association](#) is hosting [Everything Everywhere All At ABA Gala](#) on May 19 from 5:30-9:30pm at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront.
- [Asian American Joy](#) is on May 20, 2023 from 12:00-3:30pm at the North University Community Library.
- The [AAPI Cultural Festival](#) is on May 20, 2023 from 2-5pm at Ocean Beach Library.
- [Asian Solidarity Collective](#) is hosting their [7th Annual Fundraising Gala: Reflections of Resistance & Resilience](#) is on May 21, 2023 from 3-8pm.
- The [San Diego County Fair Asian & Pacific Islander Festival Day](#) is on June 17, 2023 from 11-5pm
- [QAPIMEDA](#) is hosting [Queer Trans AAPI Week](#).
- [LAOSD](#) is hosting the [San Diego Lao Food Festival](#) from June 17-18.
- [LEAD Filipino](#) is hosting [Awareness in Action Program: A Filipino Studies & Civic Engagement Course](#) from June 28-September 6. Register by 6pm on June 20.
- [API Initiative](#) is hosting the [3rd Annual Filipino American Friendship Festival](#) on July 22, 2023 from 11-6pm.

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- Sempra Energy is seeking an [Accounts Payable Intern](#). Junior or Senior level students pursuing a degree in Accounting or Finance may apply.
- Morgan Stanley is seeking a [Private Wealth Management Intern](#).
- Deloitte is seeking applicants for the [Discovery Internship](#) for Summer 2023. Freshman and Sophomore students are eligible to apply.
- BioLegend is seeking [Business Development Interns](#) from May 22-September 15, 2023.
- Pacific Manufacturing is seeking [Merchandising & Marketing Interns](#). Marketing, Fashion Merchandising, and Design students are encouraged to apply.
- The [City of San Diego's Employ & Empower Summer Internship](#) is seeking 100-200 interns to complete an 8-week program from June 21-August 11, 2023.
- Sony is seeking a [Digital Media Intern](#) and [Experiential Marketing Intern](#) from June-August 2023.
- Vista Hill ParentCare is seeing [Social Work and CFD Summer Interns](#). Submit your resume to arowe@vistahill.org.

Scholarships:

- 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 [Young Women in STEAM Scholarship](#) is awarding three \$5000 scholarships to low-income, undergraduate, women-identifying students pursuing STEM. Apply by May 23, 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 [Lily Pabilona Emerging Entrepreneur Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000-\$5000 to API students pursuing a career in business. Apply by May 31, 2023.
- The [Thear Sy Suzuki R.I.S.E. Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1500-\$2500 to API students who demonstrate self-development. Apply by May 31, 2023.
- The [#LiveLikeLyly Memorial Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to API Students pursuing fashion or graphic design. Apply by May 31, 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 [Learner Education Women in Mathematics Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to a woman identifying student pursuing a career in a math-related field. Apply by June 1, 2023.
- The [Asian Business Association](#) is awarding [two \\$1000 scholarships](#). Apply by June 30, 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.
- The [Anastasiya Y. Hardie Women in Engineering Memorial Scholarship](#) is awarding \$500 to a female, immigrant student studying engineering. Apply by July 17, 2023.
- The [Filipino-American Scholarship](#) is awarding three \$500 scholarships to Filipinos undergraduate students with a background in community service. Apply by September 2, 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.