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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)

Summer Hours:  
Monday-Friday  
10:00am-4:30pm

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# Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

July 24, 2023



## Happy 3rd APIDA Birthday!

Can you believe how fast this summer is flying?!?! It's going to be over soon! The 2023-24 academic school year begins in about a month and we are still wrapping up last year - and, oh, what a year it has been!

In June, the APIDA Center took time to celebrate our third birthday (which is July 1st); we hosted luncheons for our campus and community partners and bragged about all that we have done. To learn more about our accomplishments, check out our [2022-23 snapshot](#). We are super proud! To paraphrase the great Sandra Oh, it's an honor to be APIDA at SDSU!

Although things are slower during the summer, the APIDA Center is very much open and still as busy as ever! We have been tabling at New Student Orientations (many thanks to **Angela Subido**), advising incoming students (many thanks to **Matt Garcia**), continuing to build out our physical space, planning awesome programs for this upcoming year, and more!

Make sure to do lots of fun things this summer and come visit us!! Our summer hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00-4:30pm. The next newsletter will come out in late August when the semester start. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer break!

## Happy 3rd Birthday, APIDA Center!

	2020-2021 (Virtual)	2021-2022	2022-2023
Number of Programs & Events	281+	301+	309+
Number of Program Attendees	4108+	3564+	7561+
Number of Visits to Center	-----	4275+	9837+
Number of Unique Visitors to Center	-----	1100+	3067+
Number of Coordinated Care Advising Appointments	-----	220+	474+
Number of Unique CCA Advisees	-----	125+	237+
Number of Instagram Followers	700+	1500+	2064+
Number of Newsletter Subscribers	-----	2070+	2416+

# A Moment in APIDA History:

Be informed! Learn more about APIDA communities!



## APIDA Center learns about Guam "Liberation" Day!

Located in the Pacific Ocean, the island of Guam is desired as a strategic military base. The indigenous people of Guam, known as [Chamorros \(or CHamoru\)](#), have faced centuries of colonization. From 1521-1898, Spain held colonial rule over Guam and suppressed Chamorro traditional practices, perpetuated Spanish values, and spread Catholicism. The Spanish-American War (1898) led to the Treaty of Paris (1898) which forced Spain to cede Guam to the United States, which held colonial control until WWII (1939-1945). (Note that territories are not a state or a country, having no rights, responsibilities, or powers which limits their ability to autonomously govern. Activists continue to advocate for sovereignty and for the preservation of indigenous life.)

From 1941-1944, the Japanese imperialist army held colonial rule over Guam; these years consisted of worker exploitation, torture, and executions. On July 21, 1944 the Japanese surrendered to the United States who took back colonial control of Guam. This date is known as "Guam Liberation Day" and is now an annual celebration held in Guam. It's Guam's largest celebration and consists of a queen contest, carnival, fireworks, parades, memorials, and more.

On July 21st, the people of Guam commemorate the end of Japanese rule by U.S. military forces. They also memorialize the thousands of Chamorros who died during Japanese occupation, especially those who were incarcerated at the Manenggon concentration camp.

Although July 21st celebrates their "liberation" from Japanese colonial rule, Guam has not received true autonomy or "liberation" as U.S. colonization has not only limited rights but has also contributed to the erosion of indigenous culture and to environmental destruction - such as fueling Super Typhoon Mawar.\* Occupation has contributed to climate change in the Pacific Islands which has led to more powerful hurricanes and typhoons.

\*The APIDA Center would like to acknowledge the residents of Guam who have been impacted by [Super Typhoon Mawar](#), which hit Guam starting on May 19th. During this time of widespread environmental destruction, loss, and uncertainty, we recognize the importance of collective response in rebuilding community and the power in understanding the roots of climate disasters. Learn more and support those affected by the typhoon.

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center goes to San Diego County Fair!

On June 17th, the APIDA Center went on a field trip to the [San Diego County Fair](#)! On this day, the Fair was hosting an Asian & Pacific Islander Festival consisting of performances, exhibits, and more.

Many thanks to **Lauren Garces**, SDSU alumna and Co-Chair of the [San Diego API Coalition](#), who coordinated various San Diego APIDA community groups to table at the Fair. The APIDA Center gladly participated in this event and had a blast hanging out with our friends from Mesa College, SD API Coalition, and more. We had a great time eating fair food, riding fair rides, shopping, visiting fair exhibits, and more!

# News from APIDA ERG



## APIDA ERG hosts summer events!

This summer, APIDA ERG members have participated in craft nights, game nights, TV/movie club meetings, and adventure club events. For example, **Matt Garcia** has planned field trips to Mini 626 Night Market, San Diego Lao Food Festival, Foodieland, and more.

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](mailto:vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu) and complete this [membership survey](#).

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

- The [Student Success Fee](#) announced their 2023-24 recipients. Congratulations to the following students for winning awards: **Krissa Jackson** ("A Cultural and Athletic Experience: Dragon Boat Racing"), **Krissa Jackson** ("A Cultural and Athletic Experience: Preservation of the Hmong Traditional Dance"), and **Skye Akimseu-Calderbank** ("Learning about APIDA Immigration: A Trip to Angel Island Immigration Station"). Thanks to **Gi Gonzales** for her support and kudos to **Chloe Verove** and **Kae Nguyen** for submitting proposals.
- Dr. **Yea-Wen Chen** presented at the [Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander Voices in Higher Education Symposium](#) at Southern Methodist University in April 2023. Her presentation was entitled, "Implicit Biases and Microaggressions in U.S. College Settings: Applying a C.H.A.N.G.E Approach to Communication with AAPI and Immigrant Women Faculty." She talked about critical race theory in Texas.
- Dr. **Amy Wong**'s book has been published. It is entitled, [Stories of Survival: The Paradox of Suicide Vulnerability and Resiliency among Asian American College Students](#) (Oxford University Press, 2023).
- Dr. **Loh-Hagan** spoke about teaching APIDA history at the Ethnic Studies symposium for Riverside County Office of Education.

**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 Center Welcome Reception**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, August 21 from 12-2pm**

Come to the APIDA Center and celebrate the first day of classes for the Fall 2023 semester.

## **SDSU Community Centers Welcome Reception**

**Location: Scripps Cottage**

**Date: Friday, August 25 from 12:00-1:30pm**

Meet folks from all the community centers at SDSU.

# Opportunities & Events

## **APIDA Student Organizations:**

- [PISA](#) is awarding \$1200 to four high school students of Pacific Islander descent. [Apply](#) by August 6, 2023.

## **Cultural Center Partners:**

- [Project Rebound](#) is hosting a [Justice Impacted Student Orientation](#) on August 16, 2023 from 9:00am-1:30pm at the Project Rebound Lounge (PSFA-108).

## **Campus Partners:**

- Snapdragon Stadium is hosting a Food + Beverage Job Fair on August 4, 2023 from 9-1pm. There will be on-the-spot interviews. View available [jobs](#).
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

## **Community Partners:**

- The [Model Majority - Asian American Comedians Show](#) is on August 6, 2023 at 6:30pm at Mic Drop Comedy.
- [The House of Chamorros](#) is hosting [Hafa Adai Festival](#) on August 19, 2023 from 10-4pm at the Balboa Park International Cottages.
- The [Asian Pacific Cultural Festival of San Diego](#) is on September 30, 2023 from 10-5pm at Mira Mesa Community Park.

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

## Paid Internships:

- [StepStone Group](#) is seeking Accounting, Business, or Finance majors for their [Private Equity Fund Accounting Internship](#). Apply today!
- [Tesla](#) is seeking Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, or Chemistry majors for their [Cell Engineering Internship \(Fall 2023\)](#). Apply today!
- [Divergent Marketing Solutions Inc.](#) is seeking a full-time [Marketing Intern](#). Apply today!

## Scholarships:

- The [Growing Up in the Family Restaurant Business Scholarship](#) is awarding \$2000 to one first-generation, BIPOC student who grew up in the restaurant business. Apply by August 1, 2023.
- The [Corrick Family First-Gen Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1500 to one first-generation undergraduate student who is pursuing STEM. Apply by August 18, 2023.
- The [Kim Moon Bae Underrepresented Students Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1350 to one BIPOC student pursuing an undergraduate degree. Apply by September 1, 2023
- The [Filipino-American Scholarship](#) is awarding three \$500 scholarships to Filipino undergraduates with a background in community service. Apply by September 2, 2023.
- The [Barbara J. DeVaney Memorial Scholarship Fund](#) is awarding 12 scholarships ranging from \$5,000-\$10,000 to female-identifying students who are single mothers, widows, immigrants, women of color, first-generation, or survivors of abuse. Apply by September 21, 2023.
- SDSU International Affairs is accepting applications for the [U.S. Student Fulbright Grants](#). Applications are due in September.

**Do you have a resource to share?**

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