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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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Join the APIDA Center contact list: <https://bit.ly/SDSUAPIDA>



Location:

2nd floor of Student Union

Rooms #210A-K (Directly above Starbucks)

Hours:

Mon-Thurs 10-8pm

Friday 10:00-4:30pm

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SDSU APIDA
Resource Center

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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

August 22, 2023



Welcome
Back!

Welcome back to Fall 2023 semester!

Wow! The summer is over and classes started on Monday, August 21st! We are so excited to connect with all of our students and to meet our new students, especially our A-LIST students. Our APIDA community at SDSU keeps growing! It's so awesome!

Make sure to take advantage of all of the welcome week opportunities! Here are some highlights - make sure to double-check dates/times as adjustments may have been made due to the tropical storm:

- Tuesday, August 22 from 10-2pm at Campanile Walkway: [Go Greek! Expo](#)
- Tuesday, August 22 from 5-7pm at Cholula: Out-of-State Mixer
- Wednesday, August 23 from 10-2pm at Centennial Walkway: Associated Students Expo
- Wednesday, August 23 from 10-2pm at Student Union: [Student Union Block Party](#)
- Wednesday, August 23 from 11-1pm at Commuter Resource Center: First-year Commuter Students Welcome Reception
- Wednesday, August 23 from 12-2pm at Student Union 210: Center for Student Organizations and Activities Open House
- Wednesday, August 23 from 5-7pm at Tula: Out-of-State Mixer
- Thursday, August 24 from 11-1pm at Commuter Resource Center: Transfer Commuter Students Welcome Reception
- Thursday, August 24 from 12-2pm at Student Union Courtyard: [One SDSU Community Kick-Off](#) (APIDA Center will be tabling!)
- Friday, August 25 from 12:00-1:30pm at Scripps Cottage Patio: Community Center Welcome Back Mixer
- Friday, August 25 from 3-4pm at the [APIDA Center: The APIDA Center's Welcome Back Open House](#). (Come get Asian snacks and hang with new and old friends!)
- Friday, August 25 and Saturday, August 26 from 10pm-2am at Campanile Walkway: [Carnival Nights](#)
- Tuesday, September 19 from 5-7pm at Student Union Courtyard: [APIDA Center's APIDA Resource Fair](#)

We can't wait to have you back on campus! Go SDSU!

A Moment in APIDA History:

Be informed! Learn about APIDA communities and histories!



<https://gofund.me/a5117e4a>

APIDA Center extends sympathies to those affected by Maui wildfires.

On August 8, 2023, drought and hurricane conditions have caused widespread fires across the island of [Maui](#). This unexpected natural catastrophe has led to severe damages to residential communities, businesses, and the environmental landscape. These devastating fires have claimed lives, displaced people, and destroyed homes and [historic landmarks](#). The APIDA Center extends our deepest sympathies to all those affected and mourn with the Hawaiian people.

Colonization and imperialism have negatively impacted the Hawaiian Islands. For example, due to exploitation of resources, introduction of invasive species, and prioritization of tourism and militarism, Hawai'i has suffered diseases, habitat loss, climate change, and more. All these factors have led Hawai'i to be drier, hotter, and prone to fires.

We have some students in our SDSU family who have been directly impacted. For example, **Trisha Vann** just finished her first year at SDSU and is studying public health in the hopes of helping her community. Born and raised in Lāhainā, Maui (the former capital of the Hawaiian kingdom), her family has lost their home and Front Street business. Please consider supporting her [gofund.me](#). In addition, she has shared a [resource](#) listing families who have been impacted by the Maui wildfires.

In addition to donating, there are other ways you can help:

- Learn more about Hawaiian culture and history.
- Be sensitive and precise when talking about the Maui wildfires. (AAJA has put out a helpful [guide](#).)
- Do not travel to Hawai'i. Air flights should be reserved for getting folks to safety and resources should be conserved.
- Check in on friends and families who are Hawaiian residents and/or Native Hawaiians.

If you are directly impacted by the fires, please reach out to:

- [APIDA Center](#) at apida@sdsu.edu
- [Economic Crisis Response Team](#) at ecrt@sdsu.edu
- [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) at 619-594-5220

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center tables for New Student Orientations!

Each summer, the APIDA Center tables at the New Student Orientations (NSO). This year, **Matt Garcia** and **Angela Subido** represented the APIDA Center and tabled at 26 events and talked to over 600+ people. We met first-time freshmen, transfers, international students, and more. We also got a chance to chat with their families. NSO tabling is always a fun time. We look forward to seeing all of our new friends at the APIDA Center throughout the year!



APIDA Center and Black Resource Center host workshop about stereotypes of achievements!

On August 2, 2023, the APIDA Center (**Angela Subido**) collaborated with the Black Resource Center (Dr. **Brandon Gamble**) to host a workshop addressing stereotypes of achievements. For example, APIDA communities are negatively impacted by the Model Minority stereotype which presents them as over-achieving; not only is this false, it is also damaging in that it creates a narrative that all APIDA people are academically successful which contributes to low rates of help-seeking behaviors, pigeon-holing, neglect of Asian subgroups who need support, etc. It also creates a racial wedge that prevents multi-ethnic coalition-building that is needed to fight for racial justice. Black communities are negatively impacted by stereotypes that present them as underachieving which has resulted in high placement in special education programs, exclusion, and racial bias/discrimination. These stereotypes contribute to student isolation and struggles with identity. However, the APIDA Center and Black Resource Center are here to provide academic, professional, and personal support to all of our students.



APIDA Center Director is in the news!

In addition to serving as the Director of the APIDA Center at SDSU, Dr. **Loh-Hagan** is also the Co-Executive Director of a nonprofit, The Asian American Education Project, which seeks to ensure that K-12 classrooms across the United States have access to APIDA curriculum. As a long-time educator, Dr. Loh-Hagan is committed to this work. She was featured in an [ABC 7 news story](#) on June 20th. In addition, **Aaron Burgin**, Communications Specialist at SDSU, wrote a news article about her entitled, "[SDSU APIDA Center Director Aims to Transform K-12 Education with Comprehensive Asian American History Curriculum.](#)" He wrote, "Beyond the walls of San Diego State, Loh-Hagan's combined passions for education and Asian American advocacy could impact millions of America's youngest learners...Between AAEdU, her books, and the [APIDA] Center, Loh-Hagan said she feels she is in a position to continue to affect change. All of these endeavors work collectively to increase awareness and education about the APIDA experience."

News from APIDA ERG



APIDA ERG cried at H-Mart this summer!

On August 1st, the APIDA ERG hosted a summer book club. Folks read and discussed Michelle Zauner's *Crying in H Mart*. In addition, we have been participating in game nights, craft nights, and other adventures!

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.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- Several SDSU professors traveled to South Korea this summer. Dr. **Stephen Suh** went to Seoul to complete fieldwork, checking out new Korean American-owned restaurants and bars, interviewing chefs and restaurateurs, and the like.
- Dr. **Minjeong Kim** visited South Korea for her research, conducting interviews with adult children of internationally married couples in South Korea. She was a discussant at the conference on "Lives of Women (and Men) in Korea" at Korea University. In addition, she attended the 2023 Seoul International Book Fair for her research on the representation of multicultural families in contemporary Korean children's literature. (Dr. **Lashon Daley** was also there!) Dr. Kim also traveled to Taiwan for the first time to present her paper at the conference on "Transnational Families and the Second Generation in Asia" organized by Global Asia Research Center at National Taiwan University. Lastly, she presented a paper at the International Sociological Association meeting in Melbourne, Australia.
- Dr. **Chuyun Oh** went to South Korea to collect fieldwork for her new book. She also taught a K-pop course this summer at CSU's Summer Arts program and will be teaching a first of its kind [K-pop dance course](#) in the Fall 2023 semester.
- Dr. **Sandra Wawrytko** generously gave a [planned gift of \\$1 million dollars](#) from the Charles Wei-hsun Fu Foundation to the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies. She said, "I can tell from my own experience as director of the Center that the students want to learn more about their culture."
- Dr. **Loh-Hagan** was nominated to participate in UC Berkeley's Center for Studies in Higher Education [Executive Leadership Program](#). She engaged in seven days of robust professional development. Fun Fact: Dr. **Jennifer Imazeki** also completed the program several years ago.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Troy Chung is a first year Accounting major. He is a member of the third cohort of our A-LIST residential learning community member; A-LIST stands for APIDA Leadership, Identity, Scholarship, and Togetherness. Troy is an out-of-state student from Virginia and loves exploring San Diego. He is recommending [White Rice](#), a restaurant specializing in modern Filipino cuisine, located in the Liberty Station Public Market. He said, "The vast public market at Liberty Station has a melting pot of food cultures; it is a foodie's paradise. White Rice is a Filipino restaurant with courteous staff and a nice storefront display. It also has the best ube bread I have ever tasted - it's very fluffy, not too sweet, and a rich dark purple color. It tastes best when warm (fresh out of the oven); dipping it in the sweet whipped ube butter is a must. The bread was also pre-cut into six rolls (for only \$10) so it was very affordable and sharable."

Share all things APIDA (i.e., books, movies, food, restaurants, etc.).

Send a picture of you with the product and your glowing review.

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

All-Center Welcome Reception

Location: Scripps Cottage

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

APIDA Center will be tabling at this event. It is a great opportunity to connect with all the community centers. There will be food and fun times!

Fall 2023 Welcome Open House

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Friday, August 25 from 3-4pm

To celebrate the first week of Fall 2023 classes, the APIDA Center is hosting our annual Welcome Back Open House. Come get Asian snacks, connect with old friends, and meet new friends. We can't wait to welcome you back to campus! (Note that this event was rescheduled to the tropical storm.)

APIDA Resource Fair

Location: Student Union Courtyard

Date: Tuesday, September 19 from 5-7pm

The APIDA Center is hosting an APIDA Resource Fair. This is a great opportunity to learn about all the various campus organizations (i.e., departments, centers, student orgs, community partners, etc.) that support APIDA students at SDSU.

Save the Dates:

- *Wed, Oct 11 from 11-1pm: Debut x Quinceanera*
- *Wed, Oct 18 from 1-6pm: Makers Market*

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.

Happy Hours at the APIDA Center

The APIDA Center is hosting "Happy Hours" at the APIDA Center! On Mondays through Thursday from 6-8pm, we will be hanging out in the lounge. Come on over and play with us. Craft with us on Mondays. Make music with us on Tuesdays. Watch TV with us on Wednesdays. Play games with us on Thursdays. Open to all while supplies last and while space is available. Most nights will be unstructured and free. However, there will be times when we host specific activities. Keep up with us on Instagram to learn more. Also, there may be times when we need to cancel our Happy Hour to support another program. There's always something fun going on at the APIDA Center!

MONDAYS
from 6-8pm

**CRAFT
NIGHT**

TUESDAYS
from 6-8pm

**MUSIC
NIGHT**

WEDNESDAYS
from 6-8pm

**TV
NIGHT**

THURSDAYS
from 6-8pm

**GAME
NIGHT**

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- The [KASA Korean Fan Dance Interest Form](#) is open. Potential members do not need to be Korean or have experience. All are encouraged to apply.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [PRIDE Center](#) and [Women's Resource Center](#) are hosting [Neighborhoodly Open House](#) on August 23-24, 2023 from 11-1pm at the WRC and PRIDE patio.
- The [Black Resource Center](#) is hosting [Black Welcome Back Open House](#) on August 23, 2023 from 12-4pm at the BRC Backyard.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) is hosting an [Open House](#) on August 23, 2023 from 10-2pm at Student Union 250.

Campus Partners:

- Join our SDSU campus partners in Welcome Week activities.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- [Asian Solidarity Collective](#) and [Pillars of the Community](#) are hosting [Freedom & Justice's Change for Liberation](#) on August 26 from 1-4pm at 6443 Imperial Ave.
- The [California Western School of Law](#) in downtown San Diego is seeking volunteers as administrators/interpreters at clinics from September-December 2023. Pre-Law students who are bilingual (Spanish and English) are encouraged to apply. Contact Lizeth Cervantes at lcervantes@cwsl.edu for more information.

**Do you have an opportunity to share?
Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.**

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- BioLegend is seeking [Business Development Interns](#) to complete a program on site from May 22-September 15, 2023. Apply today.
- The [Rescue Agency](#) is seeking a [Social Media & Digital Marketing Intern](#). This is a remote position in San Diego. Apply today.
- The City of San Diego is seeking one intern for the [Telecom and Utility Division/Field Inspection Internship](#). Undergraduate students interested in construction and engineering are welcome to apply. Apply before August 30, 2023.
- The City of San Diego is seeking one intern for the [Park Ranger Internship](#). Apply before September 2023.

Scholarships:

- The [Dr. Gwen Angelica Agustin-Nodora Scholarship](#) is awarding \$2,500-\$5,000 to Filipinx students studying Psychology, Child Development, Education, Ethnic Studies, Teaching or Art. Apply by August 28, 2023 at 5pm PST.
- The [Kim Moon Bae Underrepresented Students Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1,350 to one BIPOC undergraduate student. Apply by September 1, 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.
- The [County of San Diego Filipino-American Employees' Association, Larry Itliong Scholarship Award](#) is awarding \$500-\$1,000 to students. Apply by September 4, 2023.
- The [Bright Lights Scholarship](#) is awarding \$500 to two students who identify as an underrepresented minority or first-generation. Apply by September 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.

Do you have a resource to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.