

# DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

## SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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Check your email! Newsletter #70 is out!

If you didn't get it, don't miss out;

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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# Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

September 1, 2023



## One big happy APIDA family!

These two weeks have been full of love, life, and laughter. It's been such a delight to connect with old friends and make new friends. The APIDA community at SDSU is thriving. It's so nice to have so many supporters across campus. Please come to our space and attend our programs. We would love to see you!

A major highlight was seeing some former A-LIST members connect with current A-LIST members. (We now have three cohorts of A-LISTers.) This is definitely history in the making. We are adding to our APIDA family in so many ways. And, there's always room for more! Join us!

There's so much APIDA joy at SDSU! YAY!



# A Moment in APIDA History:

Be informed! Learn about APIDA communities and histories!



## **APIDA Center remembers Chinese laborers who built the Hotel Del Coronado!**

On Monday, September 4, SDSU's campus will be closed in observance of Labor Day. This holiday uplifts labor activists who advocated for the 40-hour work week, safer working conditions, paid time off, and sick leave. However, these labor protections were not uniformly established across worker groups and racial identities. In San Diego, Chinese immigrant workers faced social, political, and economic challenges.

In the 1850s, Chinese immigrants left their homeland in pursuit of economic opportunity in the United States. Many Chinese immigrants were employed in manual labor jobs (i.e., farming, laundering, railroad construction, etc.) However, their employment was viewed as a "threat" to White workers, who accused Chinese immigrants of taking away their jobs. Chinese laborers faced discriminatory policies and endured unsafe working conditions with little pay.

A cheap labor force, they were hired to build the Transcontinental Railway and the Southern California Railroad which spanned San Diego, Oceanside, and Barstow. They received a wage of \$2 per day and were classified as "unskilled" workers. From 1880-1885, Chinese immigrant laborers were transported from San Francisco and Oakland to San Diego. In San Diego, they built railroads as a non-union workforce and were tasked to construct the famous Hotel del Coronado which began in 1887.

Barracks were constructed near the hotel to house the workers in close proximity to the building site. This iconic hotel has served as a backdrop in Hollywood movies and continues to attract visitors from all over the world. However, there is very little mention of the Chinese labor that largely built this iconic establishment.

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center hosts a Welcome Back Open House!

On Friday, August 25th, the APIDA Center participated in the All-Center Welcome Reception and hosted our annual Welcome Back Open House. (The Open House was originally scheduled for Monday, August 21 but we had to reschedule due to the tropical storm.) The Open House was a great time! We ate Asian snacks, played games, and hung out. We also gave tours of our space. There's always something fun happenign at the APIDA Center. Join us!



# APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Renz Mark Cabrera** (Liberal Studies Major) has been elected as the College of Education's Student Council President.
- **April Joy Payumo** (SDSU Alum) is a second year law student at the University of San Diego School of Law. She is on the board of two student organizations: MilBar Secretary and APALSA Associate Board Member. She is also volunteering at USD's veterans legal clinic.
- The **College of Education** has hired two new APIDA professors: Dr. **Jianmin Shao** (Assistant Professor of Child and Family Development) and Dr. **Samuel Song** (Professor and Director of Counseling and School Psychology).

**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

## **Chinatown Rising**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Tuesday, Sept 5 from 3:30-6:10pm**

Movie night! We are thrilled and grateful to Weber Honors College for hosting a screening and Q&A of "Chinatown Rising" at the APIDA Center! We will provide Asian snacks!

## **K-POP Dance Showcase and Panel**

**Location: Smith Recital Hall**

**Date: Wednesday, Sept 6 from 11-12pm & 7-8pm**

Calling all K-POP fans! Join us for a panel discussion from 11-12pm and a dance showcase from 7-8pm featuring K-pop dance teams. Asian snacks will be provided.

## **APIDA Resource Fair**

**Location: Student Union Courtyard**

**Date: Tuesday, Sept 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**

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. 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](mailto:vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu).

## **Happy Hours at the APIDA Center**

The APIDA Center is hosting "Happy Hours" on Mondays through Thursday from 6-8pm. 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. However, there will be times when we host specific activities and when we need to cancel in order to support another program.

# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- [\(AAPI\)phany](#) is hosting events this Fall 2023. Check out their [Upcoming Events](#).
- [Alpha Phi Gamma](#) is hosting [Fall Rush](#) from September 1-8.
- [Sigma Phi Omega](#) is hosting [Fall Rush](#) from September 1-8.
- [Delta Sigma Psi](#) is hosting [Rush Events](#) from September 1-10.
- [Alpha Psi Rho](#) is hosting [Rush Events](#) from September 3-8.
- [APSA](#) is hosting a [Bonfire](#) on September 8 from 5-9pm at Mission Beach.
- [VSA](#) is accepting [Internship Applications](#) until September 11.

## Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Black Resource Center](#) is hosting [Wellness Wednesday](#) on September 6 from 12-1 pm.
- The [PRIDE Center](#) and [Counseling & Psychological Services](#) are hosting [Lounge with Luna](#) on September 7 from 3-4pm.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#) is hosting [En Confianza](#) on Tuesdays 1:30-2:45pm and Thursdays 3:00-4:15pm at Love Library 182-A.
- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting [September Events](#). Check out their calendar!
- The [Women's Resource Center](#) is hosting Fall sessions of the [Brave Project](#).

## Campus Partners:

- [Pathways to Careers in STEAM Education](#) is hiring Service-Learning Tutors (2023-2024).
- The [Center for Student Organizations and Activities](#) and the [Glazer Center for Leadership and Service](#) are hosting [September Workshops](#).
- [Career Services](#) is hosting [Resumania](#) on September 6 from 11-3pm at SSE 1200.
- SDSU STEM Career & Internship Fair 2023 is on September 13 from 10-2pm at Montezuma Hall.
- [Well-Being Health Promotions](#) is hosting [Smart Recovery](#) weekly meetings on Wednesdays from 4-5pm at Calpulli Center.
- [SDSU's Social Health and Affective Neuroscience \(SHAN\) Lab](#) is seeking non-white freshman participants for their study. Participants can be compensated up to \$115.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- [VietVote](#) is seeking queer Asian artists based in San Diego for a one-day exhibition at the Mingei Museum on October 24. [Apply](#) by September 8.
- [Asian Solidarity Collective](#) is hosting a [Mindfulness Workshop](#) on September 9 from 10-2pm. RSVP for location info.

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

## Paid Internships:

- SDSU Career Services is seeking an [Industry Relations Intern](#). Apply by September 8, 2023.
- [OCA San Diego Asian Pacific American Advocates](#) are seeking interns for their Social Media Internship and ACP Community Outreach Fellowship. Apply now!
- [Enterprise](#) is seeking a [Management Trainee Intern](#) Fall 2023. Apply now!
- [Amtrak](#) is seeking a [Fall 2023 Drug and Alcohol Program Intern](#). The internship is from September 18, 2023 to April 26, 2024.
- [Tesla](#) is seeking a Service Technician Trainee for their [Fall 2023 Internship](#) in Kearny Mesa. Apply now!

## Scholarships:

- The [Filipino-American Scholarship](#) is awarding three \$500 scholarships to Filipinos undergraduate students with a background in community service. Apply by September 2.
- The [Association of Environmental Professionals San Diego Chapter](#) is awarding \$2000 scholarships to students pursuing an environmental career. Apply by September 8.
- The [County of San Diego Filipino-American Employees' Association, Larry Itliong Scholarship Award](#) is awarding \$500-\$1,000 to students. Apply by September 4.
- The [AAPI Data Design Contest](#) is awarding \$500 for a winning entry. Submit by September 15.
- The [Bright Lights Scholarship](#) is awarding \$500 to two students who identify as an underrepresented minority or first-generation. Apply by September 15.
- The [Barbara J. DeVaney Memorial Scholarship Fund](#) is awarding six awards of \$5000 and six awards of \$10,000 to female-identifying women of color, single mothers, widows, immigrants, and first-generation college students. Apply by September 21.
- SDSU International Affairs is accepting applications for the [U.S. Student Fulbright Grants](#). Applications are due in September.
- The [I Can Do Anything Scholarship](#) is awarding two \$500 scholarships. Undergraduate and graduate students may apply by October 1.
- The [Ahmadi Family Scholarship](#) is awarding four \$500 scholarships to first-generation students who are the child of immigrant parents. Apply by November 15.
- The [Clevenger Women in Foster Care Scholarships](#) is awarding two \$500 scholarships. Students who identify as female or single mothers with who grew up in foster care are eligible to apply. Apply by November 15.
- The [American Association of University Women Select Professions Fellowship](#) is awarding a \$20,000 fellowship to a woman pursuing select professions in a graduate program. Apply by November 15.