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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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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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SDSU APIDA

Resource Center

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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

September 8, 2023



Off to a great start!

The Add/Drop deadline was September 1st so students are now settled into their Fall 2023 semester classes. As an academic resource, the APIDA Center is here to support students as they navigate their college experiences. We offer academic advising, cultural/heritage education, and co-curricular activities.

We recommend that students stay organized, manage their time, and make as many connections as possible - and, remember - there's always something happening at the APIDA Center.

We have had another fun-filled week and have many more fun adventures ahead. Join us every day, all day! We are here for it all!

A Moment in APIDA History:

Be informed! Learn about APIDA communities and histories!



APIDA Center learns about San Diego's Muslim community!

September 11, 2001 (referred to as 9/11) was a tragic day of terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Virginia. Post 9/11, the U.S. government increased funding for surveillance programs that targeted Black, Muslim, Arab, and South Asian communities. The creation of the Department of Homeland Security, San Diego's location next to the U.S.-Mexico border, and the establishment of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has greatly affected Black and Brown communities.

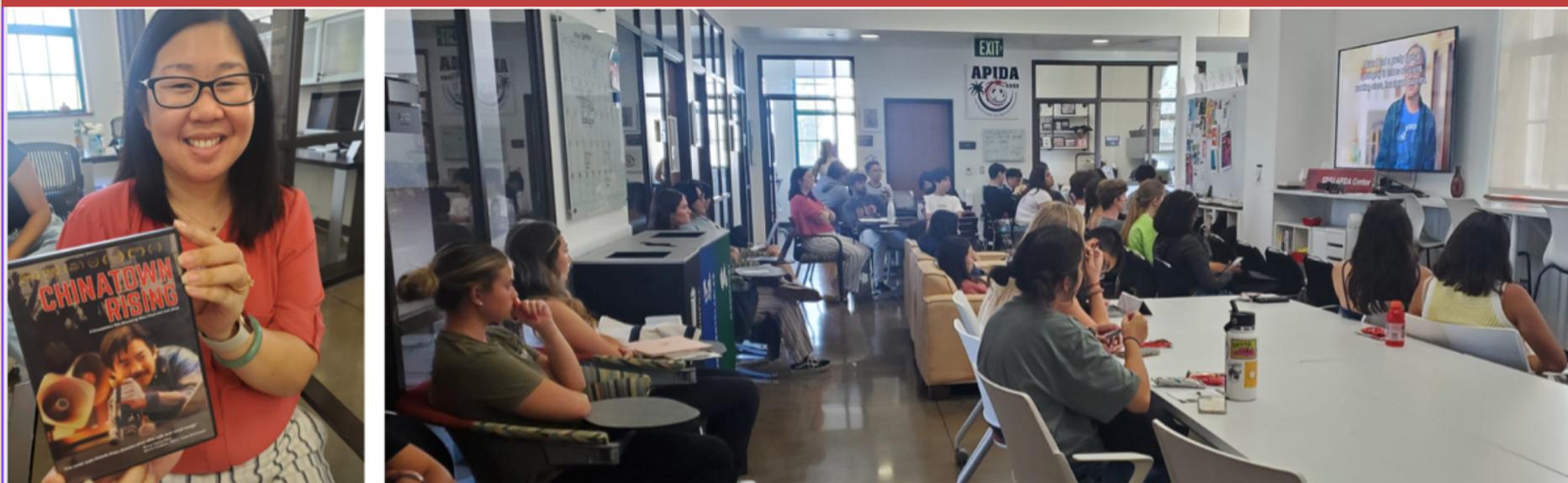
The religion of Islam is practiced in countries across Asia and the Pacific such as Indonesia, Bangladesh, and the Philippines. Islamophobia or the "fear of Islam" has contributed to the Perpetual Foreigner stereotype, discrimination, and racial violence that APIDA people face.

Muslim settlement in the United States began in the 18th and 19th centuries with the forced migration of enslaved African Muslims. Following World War I (1914-1918), Muslim migration increased from areas such as Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Palestine. The Immigration Act of 1924 halted the migration of people from Asian countries; Arab Muslims were categorized as "Asian" and were thus affected by these exclusionary immigration policies. In the 1940s, following World War II (1939-1945), many Muslims from India, Pakistan, and Eastern Europe migrated. In 1948, after the establishment of Israel, there was an increase in Palestinian migration. The 1965 Immigration Act repealed prior immigration restrictions which led to an increase of Muslim South Asian and Southwest Asian immigrants.

Muslim immigration has led to the forming of deep community roots throughout California. Many settled in ethnic enclaves or near commercial areas. From 2000-2010, the population of Muslims in San Diego grew from approximately 7000 to over 20,000. As of 2022, approximately 120,000 Muslims live in San Diego. Some immigrants from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Palestine, Pakistan, and India have established small businesses and engaged in the professional workforce in San Diego, whereas other Muslim immigrants have faced the harsh realities of working-class and gig economy jobs. Many Muslim residents have developed communities in El Cajon. They have established community centers and ethnic markets. Today, there are over twenty Muslim places of worship, centers, and schools spanning from Chula Vista to North County.

To learn more about Muslim communities at SDSU, connect with the [Center of Intercultural Relations](#).

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center screens "Chinatown Rising"!

On Tuesday, September 5th, the APIDA Center had a movie night. We are so grateful to the [Weber Honors College](#) and **Jacqueline Toy**, Associate Director, for hosting a screening of "[Chinatown Rising](#)" (and for donating a copy of the DVD to our media library). This documentary is about the Asian American Movement of the 1960s, specifically about San Francisco's Chinatown and the activist leaders who fought for the neighborhood. A significant quote from the film is "Chinatown is an institution created by racism." Following the screening, students had the opportunity to do a Q&A (via Zoom) with the film's co-director/producer, [Josh Chuck](#).



APIDA Center participates in K-pop Dance Showcase and Panel!

Wednesday, September 6th was a poppin' day. The APIDA Center was lucky enough to participate in an [Arts Alive](#) program about K-pop, coordinated by Dr. **Chyun Oh**, a Fulbright scholar and Associate Professor of Dance Theory/Practice. Dr. Oh has put SDSU on the map for all things K-pop. She has pioneered K-pop dance studies and developed the first 3-units K-pop course in the United States.

In the morning, there was a panel featuring Dr. Oh, **Chitra Gopalakrishnan** (Lecturer of Graphic Design and K-pop fan), Dr. **Loh-Hagan** (APIDA Center), Cherry Sakura (K-pop Dancer/YouTube Influencer), and **Emily Xuan** (K-pop Graphic Designer & Illustrator). In the evening, there was an amazing dance performance by **KASA Ignite**, **Dance 383 K-pop students**, and [CTRL.ALT.SD](#). To close the evening, there was a Random Dance Play, which was so much fun! The whole day was truly amazing!!! Dr. Loh-Hagan had the honor of moderating the Q & A between the audience and the dancers; and Dr. **Bill Tong** (Interim Provost) and Dr. **Janis McKay** (PFSA Dean) gave opening remarks. Many thanks to Dr. **Arzu Ozkal** (Chair of Arts Alive) for her support.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- The [Daily Aztec](#) is an important resource for the SDSU community. Congrats to our APIDA Daily Aztec staff members: **Sumaia Wegner** (Managing Editor), **Hannah Ly** (News Editor), and **Petrina Tran** (Photographer).
- Dr. **Nellie Tran** received an [APA Award and facilitated a White House initiative panel](#). She has also taken on the Executive Director role at the [Center for Community Counseling & Engagement](#), a training clinic for the SDSU Counseling and School Psychology department, where master's level therapists in training see clients from the community for individual, couples, and family therapy. The Center offers low-cost, high-quality therapy supervised by licensed clinicians and are currently accepting requests for appointments. Sessions are available in Spanish, Spanglish, Vietnamese, Arabic, Urdu, Farsi, Hindi, and Dari. If you are interested in making an appointment, please complete the request for an appointment at <https://bit.ly/3EjseiH>.

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Ethan Concepcion is a third year majoring in history. He said, "Check out [JJ Island Grindz](#), a restaurant located in Bonita. It specializes in Pacific Islander food with a focus on Hawaiian and Chamorro cuisine. I was lucky enough to talk with someone from the staff and found out we both had family in Guam. We shared family names and memories of the times we had been to the island. They had amazing Islander music playing in the background and the food came out really quick. The menu also had the Hawaiian and Guamanian flags next to each item to help guests know what kind of food they would be receiving. I got the Chamorro Combo that came with tender pork ribs, mac salad, chicken kelaguen, red rice and their amazing finadene."

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

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.

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.

MONDAYS
from 6-8pm

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from 6-8pm

**TV
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THURSDAYS
from 6-8pm

**GAME
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Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [VSA](#) is hosting an [H-Mart Social](#) on September 8 from 5-8pm.
- [JSA](#) is hosting a [bonfire](#) on September 9 from 5-9pm at Mission Beach.
- [Sanskriti](#) is hosting an [Orientation Meeting](#) on September 12 at 7:15pm at Templo Mayor.
- [AAPI Pre-Law Society](#) is hosting a [Guest Speaker](#) on September 14 from 3:30-4:30pm at the APIDA Center.
- [AB Samahan](#) is accepting applications for their [Kasama Program](#). Apply by September 16.
- [KASA](#) is hosting a [Kate Sessions Social](#) on September 16 from 4:30-7:30pm.
- [APSA's Fam Sign Ups](#) are now open! FamBam will be on September 23 from 11-4pm.
- [PISA](#) is hosting a weekly [Dance Practice](#) every Friday from 2:00-3:30pm at the ENS Field.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [PRIDE Center](#) is hosting [Queering the Norm](#) on September 12 from 12-1pm.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#) and the [PRIDE Center](#) are hosting [Joteria sin Fronteras](#) on September 13 from 1-2pm.
- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting a [Book Club](#) on September 14 from 2-3.
- 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](#).
- The SDSU STEM Career & Internship Fair 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.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- [Asian Solidarity Collective](#) is hosting a [Mindfulness Workshop](#) on September 9 from 10-2pm. RSVP for location info.
- [Filipina on the Rise](#) is hosting a [San Diego Meetup](#) on September 14 from 6-8pm at Second Chance Brewery.
- The San Diego JACL Monthly Community Dialogue is hosting Kristin Taketa on September 14 from 6:30-8:00pm. RSVP at sandiego@gmail.com to get the Zoom link.
- [Asian Business Association](#) and the [Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies](#) are hosting the [San Diego Regional Leadership Academy](#) from September 29-30, 2023. Apply by September 15.

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- [OCA San Diego Asian Pacific American Advocates](#) are seeking interns for their Social Media Internship and ACP Community Outreach Fellowship. Apply now!
- [ByteDance](#) is seeking a [Video Analysis and Quality Algorithm Intern for Summer/Fall 2023](#). Ph.D students should apply now!
- [Grant Thornton LLP](#) is seeking a [Tax Intern for Winter 2024](#). Undergrad and graduate students in Accounting should apply now!
- [Solar Turbines](#) is seeking a [2024 Intern in Fleet Assessment Services](#). Undergrad and graduate students in Engineering should apply now!
- [Northrop Grumman](#) is seeking a [2024 Returning Test Engineering Intern](#). Undergrad or graduate STEM students should apply now!
- Clean Harbors is seeking a [CleanPack Chemist for the Summer 2024 Internship](#). Third and fourth year undergraduate students pursuing a degree in Chemistry, Biology, or Environmental Sciences should apply now!

Scholarships:

- The [Veterans Writing Group of San Diego Ernie Pyle Award](#) is awarding two scholarships from \$500-\$1000 to undergraduate students with a military background and a minimum of a 2.0 GPA. Apply by September 11.
- 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.
- The [I Can Do Anything Scholarship](#) is awarding two \$500 scholarships. Undergraduate and graduate students may apply by October 1.
- The [Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans](#) is awarding up to \$90,000 per fellow. Apply by October 26.
- 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 [Healing Self and Community Scholarship](#) is awarding two \$500 scholarships to BIPOC students interested in art and health promotion. 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.