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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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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

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APIDA Resource Fair slayed!

On Tuesday, September 19th, the APIDA Center hosted our inaugural APIDA Resource Fair! It was amazing. We had expected about 100 attendees and had over 300. It was a great time to connect with various student organizations and campus partners who support APIDA students. There were prizes, swag, a playlist of APIDA musicians, and fun times! We appreciate all those who attended and who tabled.

Many, many thanks to: Math Science Teacher Initiative, APIDA in Education, Phi Beta Delta, Southeast Asian American Alliance, Pacific Islander Student Association, Vietnamese Student Association, Korean American Student Association, Nikkei Student Union, Andres Bonifacio Samahan, Taiwanese Student Association, Asian Pacific Student Alliance, Asian Business Association SDSU, Asian American Journalists Association, APIDA Pre-Law Society, Alpha Psi Rho, Alpha Phi Gamma, Phi Kappa Tau, HSI Student Advisory Board, Associated Students, (AAPI)phany, Counseling and Psychological Services, Basic Needs Center, Well-Being and Health Promotion, SDSU Ambassadors, Office of Educational Opportunity Programs Outreach and Success, Center for Student Organizations and Activities, Center for Commuter Life, Center for Intercultural Relations, Women's Resource Center, Pride Center, Undocumented Resource Center, REO APIDA Affinity Group, Chinese Cultural Center, Asian American Studies, Center for Asian & Pacific Studies, APIDA ERG & Bayanihan.

A Moment in APIDA History:

Learn about APIDA experiences!



APIDA Center learns about Mexipino communities in San Diego!

Mexican and Filipino (or Mexipino) communities in San Diego developed close ties due to a history of Spanish colonization and similarities in culture. As communities of color, they also faced similar discriminatory experiences. Systemic division of White and non-White residents intensified in the 1930s-1960s. This produced multiracial ethnic enclaves of working-class immigrants in San Diego. One of the most distinct multiracial communities were Filipino and Mexican neighborhoods, churches, and social gathering spaces established in Barrio Logan, National City, and Downtown San Diego.

Historically, San Diego's racial discrimination in the housing sector was backed by the federal government. In 1938, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) stated that in order to maintain neighborhood stability, properties should be "occupied by the same social and racial classes." Immigrant groups were forced to settle in industrialized areas where housing was older and health hazards were more prevalent. Logan Heights, known today as Barrio Logan, was one of the neighborhoods that housed a high concentration of Black, Filipino, Latinx, and Chamorro residents. In 1965, the Fair Employment Practices Commissions deemed San Diego as, "one of the most segregated areas in the country" which was tied to employment discrimination.

Before 1910, Mexican and Filipino residents established communities in National City, Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, and San Ysidro. Up to the 1960s, National City and Barrio Logan became the primary areas of settlement for Mexicans and Filipinos. These immigrant communities preferred to stay within racialized spaces that supported their cultures, languages, and traditions. This led to the development of Mexican and Filipino catholic churches. Popular places of worship that welcomed both Mexicans and Filipinos were Saint Anthony of Padua and Saint Mary in National City. In Barrio Logan, Our Lady of Guadalupe was frequented by both groups.

In National City, Toledo's Produce on Palm Avenue, was owned by a Filipino-Mexican couple, James Toledo and his wife. The Toledos sold produce from their farm as well as Filipino and Mexican food.

From 1920-1965, Mexicans and Filipinos gathered at restaurants, barbershops, gambling dens and pool halls in the Filipino District of downtown San Diego. During the rise of the taxi dance halls in the 1920-1930s, Filipino and Mexican bachelors found community at the Rizal Dance Hall on Market Street. Oral histories suggests that Filipino and Mexican families contributed money and food to feed Filipino and Mexican agricultural workers during the Great Depression (1929-1941).

Stay tuned! The APIDA Center will be hosting programs about Mexipino communities for Filipinx American History Month (FAHM) and Latinx Heritage Month.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center makes paper lei!

On Monday, September 18th, the APIDA Center kicked off our popular cultural crafting nights. For our first cultural crafting event of this academic year, we learned about the cultural and historical significance of Hawaiian lei including its symbolism and etiquette. We also discussed how lei are appropriated - remember, Hawaiian traditional attire, including the lei, is not a Halloween costume nor a party theme. We closed the night by [making paper lei](#). Join us next week for our remaining Hawaiian History Month events!



APIDA Center meets with A-LIST students!

Over the next few weeks, we will be meeting with our A-LIST (APIDA Leadership, Identity, Scholarship, and Togetherness) students in order to discuss their final projects. Students are required to host a workshop, create a social media campaign, or write a research paper; the goal is for them to amplify an APIDA topic. These projects are always a highlight of our university seminar. So far, we are cooking up some super cool ideas! Follow us on [IG](#) to learn more as their final projects become a part of our programming and initiatives.

News from APIDA & Bayanihan ERGs



Join the APIDA & Bayanihan ERGs!

SDSU has two Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) dedicated specifically to serving APIDA faculty and professional staff at SDSU. The [SDSU APIDA Employee Resource Group](#) is open to all SDSU employees who identify as APIDA and/or who support the APIDA community at SDSU. If you would like to join, please contact Dr. Loh-Hagan at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu.

The [SDSU Bayanihan \(ERG\)](#) is a network for Filipino American faculty and staff members. Its mission is to increase awareness, education, and promotion of Filipino American culture at SDSU. If you would like to join, please contact ERG-FilAm@sdsu.edu and follow [Bayanihan ERG](#) on IG.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Alex Lai**, SDSU alumna and founding board member of [AAJA](#), is on TV. She is a news reporter-in-residence for KFMB CBS 8 in San Diego. Check her out on the morning news!
- SDSU's Dance 383 students, taught by Dr. **Chuyun Oh**, participated in pre-game festivities at Petco Park for San Diego Padres' Korean Heritage Night. They performed a K-pop choreography. *The Daily Aztec* wrote an [article](#) about them.
- Several APIDA student leaders are serving on the United Sorority & Fraternity Council (USFC): **Eleanor Chun**, **Arnell Sta. Maria**, **Jalen Arbis**, and **Maria Soegiharto**.
- Dr. **Loh-Hagan** was the kick-off speaker for Crafton Hills College's One Book program. She spoke about the Japanese American Incarceration experience. She was also a featured speaker for the Riverside County Office of Education's Excellence Through Equity Conference. She talked about the importance of teaching APIDA histories in K-12.

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Cultural Crafting Night: Kapa Art

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, September 25 from 6-8pm

Learn about the historical and cultural significance of Hawaiian kapa art (fabrics with dye-stamped geometric patterns) and then make kapa-inspired stamped art with us!

Talk Story & DIY Hurricane Popcorn

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, September 26 from 5-6pm

Be in community with us by "talking story" and then make your own hurricane popcorn. We will be talking about the Maui wildfires, climate change, Hawaiian history month, and more.

Speaker Event: Kaliko Kalahiki

Location: Zoom

Date: Wednesday, September 27 from 1-2pm

Kalikoona maukūpuna (Kaliko) Kalāhiki is a queer and māhū Kanaka Maoli student, creative, and farmer from Kāneʻohe. A senior at Brown University, their research, entitled "Queering Aloha 'Āina," specifically looks into the experiences of queer and māhū Hawaiians, uplifting their experiences to challenge dominant theories around kūkulu Lāhui (Hawaiian nation-building). As a mahi'ai (traditional farmer)-in-training, his talk will weave in the importance of centering environmentalism on Indigenous communities in order to combat climate change.

Moon/Mid-Autumn Festival

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Friday, September 29 from 3:00-4:30pm

Celebrate the Moon/Mid-Autumn Festival with the APIDA Center. Eat mooncakes, watch movies, play games, do crafts, and much more!

Comedy Show: Fumi Abe

Location: Student Union Theater

Date: Wednesday, October 4 starting at 4:30pm

The APIDA Center will be tabling at the Fumi Abe event sponsored by the School of Journalism and Media Studies (JMS).

Food Handling Training

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: Pick one of these options:

- Mon, Sept 25 from 1-2pm
- Tues, Sept 26 from 12-1pm
- Fri, Sept 29 from 2-3pm
- Tues, Oct 3 from 12-1pm

Do you plan to serve open food at your public events? If so, SDSU requires Food Handling Training, which is good for one year. Please [RSVP](#). Clarification: This is NOT a certified food handlers training. To become a "certified food handler" (i.e., earn a food handler's card), you would need to take and pass an approved San Diego County food handler's exam. This training only applies to SDSU. Many thanks to Environmental Health and Safety!

APIDA Maker's Market

Location: Student Union Courtyard

Date: Wednesday, October 18 from 1-6pm

APIDA Center is hosting our fourth Makers' Market. [Sign up](#) for a table and sell your homemade products. And/or, [sign up](#) to sing an original song on stage. [Sign up](#) by October 6th, 2023. Spots fill up fast!

Stay tuned for Filipino American History Month events!

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.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [AB Samahan](#), [Anakbayan San Diego](#), and [Malaya Movement San Diego](#) are hosting [Never Again! Never Forget! The Struggle Continues: Open Mic and Art Exhibit](#) on September 22 from 5:30-9:30 pm at the COPAO Office.
- The newly formed [Hindu Student Association](#) is hosting their first meeting on September 25 from 7-8pm at the APIDA Center Conference Room.
- [APSA](#) is hosting [MP3 Night: Meet Your Potential Mentor/Mentee\(s\)](#) on September 29 from 5-6pm at Aztec Green.
- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting [Karaoke Social](#) on September 29 from 6-8pm at The Hive Convoy.
- [Sanskriti](#) is hosting [Garba Night](#) on September 30 from 5-9pm at Montezuma Hall.
- [NSU](#) is participating in [USC Basketball Tournament](#) from October 7-8 at Terasaki Bukodan in Little Tokyo. [Sign up](#) to play!
- [VSA](#) is hosting [Study Session](#) every non-GBM Monday from 4:30-5:30pm at the Legacy Suite.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting [Talking Circle: Lāhainā, Maui Wildfires](#) on September 25 from 1-3pm.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) and [Well-Being & Health Promotion](#) are hosting [Coffee & Donuts](#) on September 26 from 10-12pm at the CIR.
- The [Black Resource Center](#) is hosting a [Black Women's Healing Circle](#) with the [Women's Resource Center](#) on September 26 from 5:30-7:00pm at WRC/PRIDE patio and the [Black Men's Warrior Collective](#) from 6-7pm at the BRC Media Room.
- The [PRIDE Center](#) is hosting [FREE HIV Testing](#) on September 27 from 11-5pm.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#) and the [Undocumented Resource Center](#) are hosting [La Baraja De Nuestrxs Historias: A Loteria Art Workshop](#) on September 27 from 1:00-2:30pm at the LRC Conference Room.

Campus Partners:

- The [Center for Asian and Pacific Studies](#) (CAPS) is hiring a student assistant for 10 hours a week at \$15.50/hour. Students with experience in clerical work, social media, and event planning are welcome to contact CAPS Interim Director, Dr. [Jocelyn Killmer](#).
- The [Glazer Center for Leadership & Service](#) is hosting [Conflict Styles](#) on September 25 from 1:00-1:50pm.
- The Financial Education Peer Program (FEPP) is hosting Growing Your Finances on September 27 from 11:30-1:00pm on Campanile Walkway.
- [SDSU Career Services](#) is hosting the [Part-Time & Seasonal Job Fair](#) on September 27 from 12-3pm at Montezuma Hall.
- The [College of Sciences Student Success Center](#) is hosting Transfer Student Open House on September 28 from 10:30-11:30am at GMCS-429.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The Old Globe in Balboa Park is showing "[Dishwasher Dreams](#)" from September 16-October 15. The play examines the Bangladesh American experience.
- The [San Diego Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League](#) is hosting their annual gala ("Never Forget Stop the Hate") on October 7, 2023. [Get tickets today!](#)
- The [So Sarap! Philippine Festival](#) is taking place on October 14th. They are seeking [volunteers](#). Sign up today!

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- [National Parks Conservation Association](#) is seeking a [Social Media Video Intern](#). Apply today!
- [ASML](#) is seeking a [Community & Employee Engagement Intern](#). Students studying Marketing, Communications, or Event Management may apply.
- [WD-40 Company](#) is seeking a [Part-time Global Learning & Development Intern](#). Students who can commit 10-15 hrs/week for 6 months starting January 2024 may apply.

Scholarships:

- The [AAPI Data Design Contest](#) is awarding \$500 to five winners of their design contest. Submit your design by September 27.
- The [Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C. Disability Scholarship](#) is awarding one student \$1000. Apply by October 1.
- 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 [DRIVE an IMPACT Scholarship](#) is awarding one \$1000 award to an underrepresented minority student. Apply by October 31.
- 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 [Minority/Women in STEM Scholarship](#) is awarding five \$500 scholarships to BIPOC, Women, low-income, or first-generation students in STEM. 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.
- The [West Family Scholarship](#) is awarding \$500 to one BIPOC student active in athletics, drama, or band, with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Apply by December 12.
- The [APIA Scholarship](#) is awarding multiple scholarships ranging from \$2,500-\$20,000 to Asian or Pacific Islander undergraduate students. Apply by January 9.

Do you have a resource to share?
Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.