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



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2nd floor of Student Union

Rooms #210A-K (Directly above Starbucks)

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Mon-Thurs 10-8pm

Friday 10:00-4:30pm

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# Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

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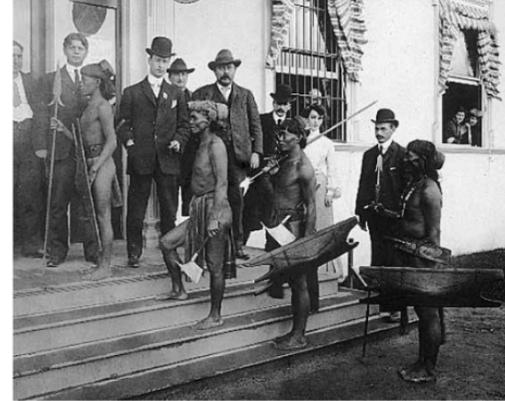


## APIDA Center parties with JACL!

On Saturday, October 7th, the [San Diego Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League](#) (JACL) invited the APIDA Center to attend its annual "Never Forget Stop the Hate" gala. We had a fabulous time! Many thanks to the JACL for their generosity and hospitality. It was such an honor to connect with the JACL, the nation's oldest and largest APIDA civil rights group. In addition to wearing fancy clothes and eating fancy filet mignon meals, we also mingled with fancy JACL members - like [Joanne Hayakawa](#) (SDSU Professor Emerita), [Carol Tohsaku](#) (retired SDSU Instructional Technologist and APIDA Center donor), and [Jeni Burgess](#) (SDSU alumna). The students were excited to network and experience APIDA excellence and APIDA joy. It was magical night, one we will never forget!

# A Moment in APIDA History:

Learn about APIDA histories and narratives!



## APIDA Center learns about the Igorot community in the United States!

The word "Igorot" refers to the indigenous people from the Cordillera mountain range of Northern Luzon in the Philippines. "Igorots" or "Cordillerans" originate from the five major tribes of Benguet, Ifugao, Bontoc, Apayao, and Kalinga. These indigenous communities possess a rich culture of wet rice terrace agriculture, weaving, metalworking, and ancestral worship. Due to their geographic isolation, it was difficult for Spanish colonizers to infiltrate and erase Igorot culture. However, as a result of the Treaty of Paris in 1898, U.S. colonial powers seized socio-political control over the Philippines and made it its mission to "civilize" the "savage" people of the Philippines.

During the early 1900s, the Igorots were forcibly brought to the United States to perform at exhibitions. For example, during the [1904 St. Louis World's Fair](#), a replicated Igorot village was put on display; there, Igorots were forced to perform dances and eat dogs while being watched by White audiences. This was similar to a human zoo. These examples of Western propaganda was used to justify U.S. colonization of the Philippines.

Today, Igorot communities across the globe advocate for the preservation of their culture and traditions. BIBAK (an acronym of the four sub-provinces of Benguet, Ifugao, Bontoc, and Kalinga-Apayao) is a civil rights organization that serves to unite Igorots. The San Diego BIBAK chapter was established on January 18, 1981. Its objectives include dispelling the narrative of barbarism, raising cultural awareness, instilling cultural pride, and providing assistance to new Igorot immigrants.

In 2021, **Kirin Macapugay**, an SDSU alumna and Igorot educator, established IKAT (Indigenous Knowledge, Art, and Truth) with fellow indigenous change-makers. In San Diego this past September 2023, indigenous people of the Philippines gathered for a Cañao, a traditional festival or ceremony. It's important to preserve indigenous culture.

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center hosts campus collabs!

On Friday, October 6th, **Grace Cho**, a SDSU APIDA student leader, coordinated a collaboration between the Korean American Student Association ([KASA](#)), The Women's Network ([TWN](#)), and the APIDA Center. The [workshop](#) was entitled, "[Women of Color in the Workplace & the Importance of DEI: Inclusion Matters in All Spaces](#)." They asked Dr. **Loh-Hagan** to be the guest speaker.

On October 10th, **Angela Subido**, APIDA Center Assistant Coordinator, presented a workshop about Indian Palm Reading to Dr. **Jocelyn Kilmer's** Asian 458: Asian Traditions course. (Contact [us](#) if you are interested in having us present one of our workshops!)



## **APIDA Center hosts FAHM events!**

This week, the APIDA Center hosted a [cultural crafting night](#) about the historical and cultural significance of decorated wooden spoons that can be found in some Filipino homes. We learned about the colonizing impacts of the spoon on Filipino food culture. Then, we painted our own spoons.

In addition, we teamed up with the LRC and WRC to host a [workshop](#) about the colonial roots of Filipino and Latinx coming-of-age ceremonies such as the debut and quinceanera. Participants were treated to a waltz lesson and traditional birthday cakes.



## APIDA Center participates in the YMOC conference!

The CSU Young Males of Color annual conference was held at SDSU on October 9-10. We teamed up with Mesa College's AANAPISI program, which is directed by Leland Simpliciano, to present a workshop entitled, "Asian Pacific Islander (API) Male Transfer Experience." Mr. Simpliciano and Dr. Loh-Hagan moderated the panel. Student panelists were **Ethan Concepcion**, **Andrew Arevalo**, and Brian Huynh. They shared their academic journeys and advised attendees on effective ways to navigate the college experience.

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Barry Lomibao, Jr.** was featured in a SDSU Bookstore promotion. In addition to being a talented musician, he's now a model!
- The Pacific Islander Student Association (PISA) and its President, **Jillian Ped**, were recognized as a festival dignitary at the inaugural Lokahi Festival, which took place on October 7th.
- **Kayana Tedtaotao** (PISA Secretary and A-LIST member) performed at this year's PIFA Festival with Pupu 'ori Te Rahiti Nui.
- **Brittany Cruz-Fejeran**, Senior Staff Writer, for *The Daily Aztec*, wrote an article entitled, "Guam musical artist share culture through West Coast tour."
- Dr. **Loh-Hagan** was a panelist at Storytelling Across Media (SAM) a one-day Comic-Con symposium. It was coordinated by **Moni Barrette**.



**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

### Cultural Crafting Night: Pabalat

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Monday, October 16 from 6-8pm

Learn about the historical significance of pabalat, a form of papercutting originating in the Bulacan province in the Philippines. Then, make our own versions of pabalat.

### Cultural Education Program: Fil-Am & Hmong Hip Hop

**Location:** Zoom

**Date:** Tuesday October, 17 from 3-4pm

Sean Slusser will share his research about APIDA youth groups creating hip-hop cultural scenes, examining Fil-Am hip-hop culture in 1990s Los Angeles and Hmong b-boys in Fresno.

### APIDA Maker's Market

**Location:** Student Union Courtyard

**Date:** Wednesday, October 18 from 1-6pm

APIDA Center is hosting our fourth Makers' Market. This is a great opportunity to support fellow makers and entrepreneurs. Come shop!

### Maneuvering Queer Asia: Research, Activism, and Identities

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Wednesday, October 18 from 5-6pm

Dr. Minwoo Jung, an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Loyola University of Chicago, will discuss political contexts and cultural norms in relation to queer activism in Asian societies.

### Fil-Am TV/Movie Night

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Dates:** Wednesdays, October 18 and 25 from 6-8pm

We will watch Season 2 of "Out of the Boondocks," a locally produced docuseries celebrating San Diego's Fil-Am creative community.

### Dr. Rey Monzon Data Lecture Cultural Education Program: Dr. Rudy Guevarra

**Location:** Zoom

**Date:** Thursday, October 19 from 2-3pm

Dr. Rudy P. Guevarra Jr. is a Professor of Asian Pacific American Studies at ASU. The author of *Becoming Mexipino: Multiethnic Identities and Communities in San Diego*, he will share his research and experience growing up Mexipino in San Diego.

### SDSU FAHM Headliner: Ruby Ibarra

**Location:** Student Union Theater

**Date:** Monday, October 23 from 6-8pm

Ruby Ibarra is a rapper, spoken word artist, and director from the Bay Area, CA. She will be talking about her experiences as a Fil-Am artist. She will also give a brief performance and answer questions from the live audience.

### Cultural Education Program: APIDA Roots Society: Malunggay

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Tuesday, October 24 from 1-2pm

The APIDA Center is launching an APIDA Roots Society to learn more about Asian heritage plants. For FAHM, learn about Malunggay, a plant native to South and Southeast Asia.

### Cultural Education Program: The Significance of 1898

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Wednesday, October 25 from 2-3pm

The 2023 FAHNS theme is "1898: Recognizing 125 Years of Philippine-American History." This year marks the 125th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Paris which led to the U.S. annexation of the Philippines. We will examine impacts and effects of 1898. Asian snacks will be provided!

### A-LIST Student-Led Workshops

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Thursday, October 26 from 2-3pm and 4-5pm

From 2-3pm, A-LIST students will present a workshop about the poetry of Carlos Bulosan (1913-1936). From 4-5pm, A-LIST students will present a workshop about the evolution of Taglish (code-switching in the use of Tagalog and English).

### Cultural Crafting Night: Weave w/ Cynthia Alberto

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Monday, October 30 from 6-8pm

Cynthia Alberto's work bridges traditional and contemporary weaving techniques. After hearing her story, we will engage in a community weaving activity. We will provide supplies but feel free to bring recycled material to weave.

### 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:

- [NSU](#) is attending the [Intercollegiate Nikkei Council Beach Day](#) on October 14 starting at 2pm at Dockweiler Beach, Los Angeles.
- [Sanskriti](#) is hosting a [bonfire](#) on October 14 starting at 5:30pm at Mission Beach.
- [KASA](#) is hosting a [Discord Social](#) on October 14 from 9pm-12am.
- [\(AAPI\)phany](#) is hosting [Combating Anti-Asian Hate](#) on October 19 from 4-6pm at Templo Mayor.

## Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Undocumented Resource Center](#) is hosting Undocu-Week of Action from October 16-20.
- The [Black Resource Center](#) is hosting a [Interested in Grad School?](#) workshop on October 16 from 6:00-7:30pm.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) is hosting [Real Talks with Dr. Ricky Pope](#) on Tuesday October 17 from 3:30-4:30pm.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#), [OneSDSU](#), [Experience SDSU](#), [SDSU Latina Network](#), and [Latinx Chicanx Hispanic Faculty & Staff Association](#) is hosting [Pachanga: Siempre Pa'lante Y Nunca Pa'tras: Know Your Past to Transform Our Future](#) on October 19 from 5-9pm.

## Campus Partners:

- The [Glazer Center for Leadership & Service](#) is hosting [Leadership Workshops](#) from October 17-30. Register [here](#).
- The [Center for Commuter Life](#), [Center for Intercultural Relations](#), [Educational Opportunity Programs Outreach and Success](#), [Black Resource Center](#), [Latinx Resource Center](#), [Native Resource Center](#), and [Undocumented Resource Center](#) are hosting a [Treasuring Transfers & Wellness](#) workshop on October 18 from 4-6pm at the BRC.
- The [International Student Center](#) is hosting an [International Affinity Group Meeting](#) on October 20 from 11-2pm at South Campus Plaza South.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- PASACAT is hosting a [So Sarap! Philippine Festival](#) on October 14 from 10-8pm at Waterfront Park.
- The County and City of San Diego Filipino-American Employees' Associations are hosting [Liwanag a Filipino Migrant Center Film](#) on October 15 from 1:00-3:30pm at the San Diego Central Library.
- Verbatim Books is hosting [Diversity in Romance: Celebrating Filipino American Diaspora with the authors of Forevermore: A Romance Anthology](#) on October 15 at 6:30pm.
- The Logan Heights Branch Library is hosting [Filipino Family Night](#) on October 16 from 5-7pm.
- UCSD is hosting [A Celebration of Pinay and Pinxy Books](#) on October 19 from 5-7pm at Angela's Space at UCSD's Thurgood Marshall College.
- Do you want to go to Japan? Do you want to play an active role in the future of U.S.-Japan relations. Apply for the [JAACL Kakehashi Project Trip](#) by October 25. Selected participants will attend a 9-day trip to Japan.

## Paid Internships & Scholarships

### Paid Internships:

- The Employment Development department is seeking a [paid Student Assistant](#) for the Oceanside office. Apply before October 19.
- **NEW!** Sempra is seeking an [Organizational Development Intern](#). Students with a minimum 3.0 GPA may apply!
- **NEW!** Penske Logistics is seeking a [Supply Chain/Management/Logistics Intern](#). Students pursuing a business major may apply to this 12-week internship.
- **NEW!** Kiewit is hosting a [West Coast Field Internship for Summer 2024](#). Applicants must be available May-August. Apply today!

### Scholarships:

- 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 [Romeo Nursing Scholarship](#) is awarding \$700 to an undergraduate student pursuing a degree in nursing. Apply by November 1.
- The [Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest](#) is open to all high school, college, and graduate students. Winners may be awarded up to \$10,000. Apply by November 6.
- The [Doña Lupita Immigrant Scholarship](#) is awarding \$2000 to one student who is a single immigrant mother or raised by a single immigrant mother. Apply by November 12.
- **NEW!** The [Live Your Dreams Award](#) is awarding \$1000-\$16,000 to women with financial need. Apply by November 15.
- 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. 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 [Revolutionizing Robotics and Computer Sciences Scholarship](#) is awarding three scholarships of \$1500 to undergraduate students studying robotics, engineering, or computer science. Apply by November 20.
- The [Faatuai and Fatilua Memorial Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to a Pacific Islander student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree. Apply by November 25.
- **NEW!** The [Peter Kong-Ming New Award](#) is awarding \$750-\$3000 to students who submit the best paper on an applied research project in the social/behavioral sciences. Submit by November 30!
- **NEW!** The [Ai Engstrom National Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to students with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Apply by December 1.
- The [Brandon Tyler Castinado Memorial Scholarship](#) is awarding \$500 to an undergraduate or graduate nursing student. Military professionals and LGBTQIA+ students are encouraged to apply by December 20.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The [Donald A. Strauss Scholarship Foundation](#) is awarding \$15,000 annually to college sophomores and juniors. Apply by February 14.