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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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Check your email! Newsletter #81 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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SDSU APIDA

Resource Center

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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

November 17, 2023



Thankful for community!

As we look forward to Fall break next week, it's time to give thanks. I am very grateful to the strong and vibrant APIDA community at SDSU. The APIDA Center is currently in our fourth year and we are so grateful to our friends on campus, in the San Diego region, and across the CSU system. Our success greatly depends on everyone's support, love, and generosity.

#GivingTuesday is on November 28th. For those who have a little extra to give this season, please consider donating to the [APIDA Center's Program Fund](#). We would appreciate it! (P.S. You can donate at any time!)

As a reminder, the campus will be closed on November 23rd and 24th. In addition, the APIDA Center will have modified hours on Wednesday, November 22 - we will be closing at 4:30pm on that day. Because of the holidays, we will not be sending out a newsletter next week. The next newsletter will be on Friday, December 1. In the meantime, enjoy your time with friends, family, and food!

#GIVING
TUESDAY™

SELECTED DESIGNATIONS

Name	Amount
Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Resource Center Program Fund	\$ <input type="text"/>

#GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world.

Fall Feast Tips

'Tis the season for a fall feast! In addition to the traditional turkey and gravy dishes, consider adding an Asian/APIDA flair to your fall feast table.

For those of you who like to cook, here are some of our favorite recipes:

- [Filipino Mango Salad](#)
- [Sticky Rice Stuffing](#)
- [Pumpkin Soup with Lime Leaf and Coconut](#)
- [Char Siu Wellington](#)
- [Tandoori Turkey](#)
- [Chocolate Haupia Pie](#)

For those of you who want some simpler options, consider the following:

- Add sesame oil and/or toasted sesame seeds to mashed potatoes.
- Brush miso onto roasted sweet potatoes.
- Add soy sauce, hoison sauce, and/or oyster sauce to your turkey marinade.
- Add ginger and/or garlic to your vegetable dishes.
- Add chopped-up dates to your cranberry sauce.

Donor Spotlight



Many thanks to [Pacific Arts Movement](#), one of the largest media arts organizations in North America centered on APIDA/Asian cinema. They are the hosts of the prestigious San Diego Asian Film Festival (SDAFF). They recently donated several cases of water and COVID tests to the APIDA Center. (Fun Facts: **Alex Villafuerte**, PacArts Executive Director, is a SDSU alum with a B.A. in Economics. Dr. **Brian Hu**, PacArts Artistic Director, is an associate professor of Television, Film, and New Media at SDSU.)

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about San Diego Indian American Society!

San Diego County is home to over 30,000 Indian Americans. Indian Americans comprise 2.42% of the San Diego population. The Indian community in San Diego mostly resides in Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo, and Black Mountain Ranch. Over 7,000 Indians live across those areas. The second and third largest Indian communities in San Diego are settled in Mira Mesa and Miramar. Indian American culture in San Diego has thrived with the establishment of "Little India" in Mira Mesa which consists of Indian grocery stores, temples, and businesses.

The San Diego Indian American Society (SDIAS) was formed on January 14, 1984. Their goals were to provide scholarships to benefit San Diego students, to develop projects to create cultural bridges between India and San Diego, to recognize meritorious service, and to strengthen the international relations between India and the United States.

One of the founding members is Dr. **M.C. "Madhu" Madhavan**. He first arrived in the United States in the 1960s via a Fulbright to pursue his Ph.D. He is a Professor Emeritus at SDSU and helped to establish the Asian and Pacific Studies program. In founding SDIAS, Madhavan expressed that the organization's core belief is humans helping each other. In 1984, Madhavan developed the Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship program for San Diego high school students pursuing higher education.

Every year, SDIAS gives over \$100,000 in financial awards to students in the United States and India. In addition to their financial contributions, SDIAS has hosted annual cultural events such as Diwali to bring together the San Diego Indian American community. On November 4, 2023, SDIAS celebrated "Festival of Lights: A Diwali Celebration" at the Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park. This celebration included colorful dance performances from a variety of regions in India, Indian food stalls, and a 1008-lamps lighting ceremony.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts several Diwali events!

Diwali marks the end of monsoon season in India and is a time of bountiful harvest. This celebration marks the transition to new beginnings, harmony, and light overcoming evil. It is a multi-faith holiday celebrated by people who practice Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism, or Newar Buddhism. Even non-religious people celebrate Diwali, and this holiday is popular among people of Indian ancestry. This year, the globally recognized date of Diwali celebrations is November 9-14, 2023.

This past week, the APIDA Center has hosted several events to celebrate Diwali. This year, we learned about [Goddess Lakshmi](#) and actively welcomed her into our space by crafting and playing cards!

On Monday, November 13th, we hosted a cultural crafting night in which we learned about jute in India and then made [jute pouches](#). On Tuesday, November 14th, we learned about [Chai Tea](#) and then made our own Chai tea packets. On Wednesday, November 15th, we learned about [torans](#) and then made our own lucky door hangings. On Thursday, November 16th, we learned about the tradition of card-playing on Diwali and then played [poker](#).



APIDA Center hosts an A-LIST social!

A-LIST stands for APIDA Leadership, Identity, Scholarship, and Togetherness. Currently, we have three cohorts of students who have lived in our designated A-LIST residential learning community and/or enrolled in our A-LIST university seminar.

On Tuesday, November 14th, the APIDA Center hosted an A-LIST social in which we invited members from all three cohorts to attend. We served Asian-inspired ice cream flavors plus Asian toppings. In addition, **J.P. Pacheco** hosted Japanese arcade games.



APIDA Center hosted an APIDA PTA event!

APIDA Pre-Teacher Alliance (PTA) is a new student organization committed to supporting APIDA students who are interested in pursuing a career in education. Their goals are to diversify the teaching force and promote APIDA histories and narratives in K-12 classrooms.

On Wednesday, November 15, we hosted our first General Body Meeting and our first guest speaker, Principal **Lora Bumatay**, who is the principal of Chula Vista Middle School and a SDSU alumna. Principal Bumatay shared her own experiences and gave tips to help our teacher-candidates get hired. She advised folks to show up and to be restorative.

News from APIDA & Bayanihan ERG



APIDA ERG x Bayanihan Social!

On November 16th, the APIDA and Bayanihan Employee Resource Groups collaborated to host a super fun lunch social. We hosted an ice cream social and a potluck that included lumpia, pastries, and a cream cheese sardines dip!

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.

The [SDSU Bayanihan \(ERG\)](#) is a network for Filipino-American faculty and staff members. The mission of the Bayanihan ERG is to increase awareness, education, and promotion of Filipino-American culture at SDSU. If you would like to join the Bayanihan ERG, please contact ERG-FilAm@sdsu.edu. Follow the [Bayanihan ERG](#) to learn more about upcoming socials and FAHM events!

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Weave with APIDA: Placemats

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, November 27, 2023 from 6-8pm

Learn about the importance of weaving in indigenous cultures around the world, with a special focus on APIDA heritage cultures. Then, make placemats with us.

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, 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

**CRAFT
NIGHT**

TUESDAYS
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**MUSIC
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WEDNESDAYS
from 6-8pm

**TV
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THURSDAYS
from 6-8pm

**GAME
NIGHT**

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [APSA](#) is hosting a [Field Day](#) on November 18 from 11-3pm at Crown Point Park.
- [VSA](#) is hosting [VSA and the Bee](#) on November 18 from 5-7pm at Montezuma Theatre.
- [KASA](#) is hosting an [Ice Skating](#) event on November 18 at 7pm at UTC.
- [AAJA](#) is launching a Students Traveling Across Regions to Empower, Represent and Serve (S.T.A.R.T.E.R.S.) Initiative Phase 1: Lahaina Project. The project is set between December 7-13 and will promote the voices of Lahaina through advocacy and rebuilding. Contact [Hannah Ly](#) to learn more.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [PRIDE Center](#) is hosting [QTPOC Sip & Study](#) on November 29 from 12-2pm.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) is hosting its [20th Birthday Celebration](#) on November 28 from 1-3pm at the Student Union Courtyard. The APIDA Center will be tabling. Join us!

Campus Partners:

- The [International Student Center](#) is hosting a [Friendsgiving Lunch](#) on November 22 at 11:30am.
- The [Glazer Center for Leadership & Service](#) is hosting [November/December Workshops](#).
- [Student Disability Services](#) is hosting [Disability Ally](#) sessions.
- The [Aztec Student Union](#) is hiring A/V technicians, program assistants, graphics assistants, and operational team assistants.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The [San Diego Anime Convention](#) is from November 18-19 from 10-6pm at the Handlery Hotel San Diego.

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

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** Hologic Inc. is seeking a [Women's Health Lab Marketing Summer Intern](#). Marketing, Business, Economics, or STEM students with a minimum 3.2 GPA may apply!
- **NEW!** Intuit is seeking a [MBA Finance Intern, Project Management Office, Global Business Services](#). MBA students may apply!
- **NEW!** TikTok is seeking a [Research Intern \(Multimedia Streaming\)](#) for Summer 2024. Ph.D. candidates in computer science or electrical engineering may apply!
- **NEW!** The American Association for the Advancement of Science is hosting a [Mass Media Science & Engineering Fellowship](#). The fellowship is from June 5-August 20, 2024. Apply by January 1.
- The White House is seeking one-year, full-time, paid [Fellows](#) to assist senior White House staff, cabinet secretaries, and other top-ranking government officials. Apply by January 5.

Scholarships:

- 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.
- 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.
- The [Elevate Women in Technology Scholarship](#) is awarding \$500 to one woman who is pursuing a career in technology. Apply by November 30.
- **NEW!** The [Future Designer scholarship](#) is awarding \$1500 to one student designer. Apply by December 1.
- The [Ai Engstrom National Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to students with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Apply by December 1.
- The [Lamber Goodnow Injury Lawyers Education Scholarships](#) is awarding two \$1000 scholarships. 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 [Whittel & Melton Magna Carta College Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1,215 to one student. Apply by December 15.

- **NEW!** The [Pratibha Pandey Merit-Based Scholarship](#) is awarding \$500 to one student who identifies as low-income with a minimum 3.2 GPA. Apply by December 21.
- The [Achieve Today Scholarship Fund](#) is awarding one \$1000 scholarship. Apply by December 31.
- The [iVein Health & Wellness Scholarship](#) is awarding \$2,500 to one student. Students must have a minimum 3.7 cumulative GPA. Apply by December 31.
- The [Gilman-McCain Scholarship](#) is awarding \$5000 to students participating in study abroad or international internship programs. Undergraduate students with good academic standing who are dependents of U.S. military personnel are eligible. Apply by January 4.
- The [APIA Scholarship](#) is awarding multiple scholarships ranging from \$2,500-\$20,000 to Asian or Pacific Islander undergraduate students. Apply by January 9.
- The [Lotus Scholarship](#) is awarding \$500 to one BIPOC student. Apply by January 29.
- The [Empowering Motherhood Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to a mother who is furthering her education. Apply by February 2.
- The [Donald A. Strauss Scholarship Foundation](#) is awarding \$15,000 annually to college sophomores and juniors. Apply by February 14.
- The [Equal Opportunity Scholarship](#) is awarding two students \$500. Apply by March 30.
- **NEW!** The [Bright Minds Scholarship](#) is awarding \$5,000 to one student pursuing a career in technology. Apply by March 31.