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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



Read all about it!!!

Check your email! Newsletter #82 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

December 1, 2023



From Fall to Winter Break!

Well, we're back! I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing Fall break. Personally, I ate a ton of food and chased my dog off the Thanksgiving dinner table, several times. Just another doggone day at the Loh-Hagan house! What was the highlight of your break?

As we come back from Fall break, we are getting ready for Winter break! The end of the semester is right around the corner. In the upcoming weeks, we will be hosting our last few programs, taking a field trip to see Angel Island in San Francisco, and hosting our [Study Hall](#) and [Finals Fun](#) events. Take note that we will be observing modified hours over Winter break.

There's still plenty of time to come visit us before the 2023 year ends. We still love puzzles, hanging out, studying, and learning about all things APIDA. Remember: For every five APIDA Center event you attend, you can shop at our [swag store](#)! See you soon!



Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center recognizes Sikh and Japanese farming legacy!

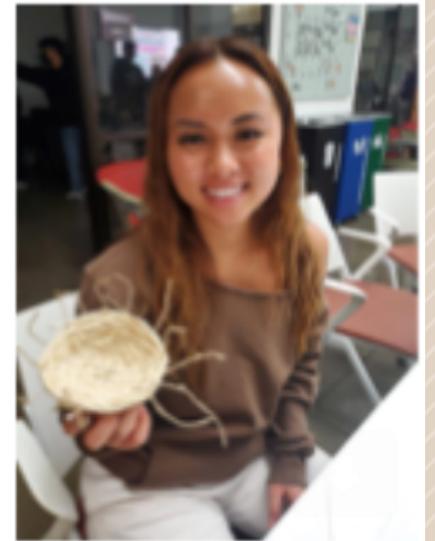
From the early 1900s-1960s, Asian and Pacific immigration has led to large communities of APIDA agricultural workers. Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, and Sikh farmworkers migrated to the West Coast. They worked and saved money to eventually purchase their own agricultural plots. Many of these immigrants came to the United States with farming skills and knowledge from their home countries. As such, Sikh and Japanese farmworkers significantly developed the agricultural landscape in Southern California.

Sikh farm workers have viewed their relationship with tending the land and providing food to their communities as an important value. In fact, agricultural labor is not just a job, it's a reflection of faith. Sikh agricultural workers have contributed to the harvest of raisins, almonds, lettuce, cotton and peaches across California. In 1978, Didar Singh Bains (1938-2022), a Sikh farmworker, became the largest independent peach farmer in California. He was renowned for being the "Peach King." He was famous for his farm in Yuba City, where he employed hundreds of Sikh refugees following the Sikh massacre in India in 1984.

Japanese workers also heavily impacted agricultural economy. In Oceanside, the famous Yasukochi farms have survived four generations of Japanese-owned farming. In 1924, the Yasukochi family became known as the "King of Chiles" due to their innovative chile-dehydrating equipment and techniques. After the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, the Yasukochis were incarcerated in camps in New Mexico and Arizona. In their absence, Mr. Gray, an Escondido school teacher, tended to the farms until they were able to return. Every year since, the Yasukochi family would deliver some of their fresh harvest to Mr. Gray to express gratitude for his act of service.

It is important to recognize the APIDA communities that have tended to the land, built economic pathways, and fed thousands through their agricultural labor.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center learns about indigenous weaving!

This past month, we focused on indigenous weaving as our theme for our Cultural Crafting Nights. This was in honor of Native American History Month. On Monday, November 27th, we hosted our last weaving event in this series. We learned about the importance of weaving to indigenous cultures and how weaving has been affected by colonization and industrialization. We also learned the importance of preserving weaving as an art form. We made looms out of paper plates and then made coasters.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Cultural Crafting Night: Hmong Embroidery

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, December 4 from 6-8pm

The Hmong New Year is celebrated in the fall. It's a time to celebrate the harvest and to be thankful for family and friends. Learn more about the Hmong and then practice Hmong embroidery with us.

Cultural Crafting Night: Pacita Abad-Inspired Art

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, December 6 from 3-5pm

Back by popular demand! We are hosting a special cultural crafting night to learn about Pacita Abad and to make art inspired by her! Fun Fact: Some of us will be traveling to San Francisco to see her exhibit in person!

Make Gingerbread Houses With Us!

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, December 6 from 6-8pm

The APIDA Center, APIDA Pre-Teacher Alliance, and Math Science Teacher Initiative are collaborating to host a Gingerbread House-Making event! Learn about the STEM concepts behind making a gingerbread house and then discuss ways to teach this activity in your own future classrooms. Also, learn about the historical and cultural significance of ginger/gingerbread in Asian cultures. All are welcome!

Cultural Crafting Night: Mongolian Felt Craft

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, December 11 from 6-8pm

The Mongolian Independence Day is celebrated on December 29th. For our last cultural crafting event of the semester, we will learn about Mongolia and then make a felt craft (i.e., ornaments, coasters, etc.) based on Mongolian textile arts.

APIDA Center Study Hall

Location: APIDA Center

Date: December 12-18 from 10am-5pm

During Finals Week (December 12-18), the APIDA Center will be hosting quiet STUDY HALL hours from 10-5pm. All participants can get snacks and test-taking supplies.

APIDA Center Finals Fun

Location: APIDA Center

Date: December 12-18 from 5-8pm

During Finals Week (December 12-18), the APIDA Center will be hosting fun de-stressing events from 5-8pm.

- December 12: Make Cards
- December 13: Watch TV
- December 14: Play Games
- December 18: Color Anime

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [APSA](#) is hosting [Kinda Sorta Formal: Lantern Festival](#) on December 2 from 5-9pm at Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center.
- [SDSU Climate Cafe](#), a new student org, is seeking members committed to learning about the climate crisis.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Black Resource Center](#) is hosting [Kwanzaa 2023 Celebration](#) on December 1 from 5-7pm at Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#), [Women's Resource Center](#), and [Student African American Sisterhood](#) are hosting [Cafe for Women of Color: Intersectionality](#) on December 5 from 2:30-3:30pm at the WRC.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#) is hosting [En Confianza](#) on December 5 from 1:30-2:45pm and December 7 from 3:00-4:15 pm at the LRC.

Campus Partners:

- [Career Services](#) and [Basic Needs Center](#) are virtually hosting [Career Services & Handshake Overview](#) on December 4 from 11-12pm.
- [Educational Opportunity Programs, Outreach & Success](#) is hosting [Winter Warm Up: Cocoa & Cheer Extravaganza](#) on December 6 from 8-3pm.
- The [Glazer Center for Leadership and Service](#) is hosting [Aztec Core Leadership Retreat](#) from January 10-12. Apply by December 8.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- [Malaya Movement San Diego](#) is hosting an [Educational Discussion on Political Prisoners](#) on December 2 from 3-7pm at the Asian Solidarity Collective Office.
- The [Ed Ladder](#) is hiring part-time tutors/academic coaches for after-school programs in South San Diego. Pay is \$20 per hour for 4-8 hours per week. Start immediately. Apply on [Handshake](#).

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

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** Hologic is seeking several Summer 2024 Interns: [Environmental Health & Safety](#), [Women's Health Lab Marketing](#), [Finance Candidate Pool](#), [Software Tools Development Engineer](#), [Bioinformatics Analyst](#), and [R&D Research Associate 1](#). Apply today!
- **NEW!** WD-40 is seeking a [Global Learning & Development Intern](#). If you would like experience in Human Resources, apply today!
- **NEW!** BDO is seeking an [IS Assurance Intern](#) for Summer 2024. Students pursuing a degree in Accounting, Computer Science or Information Systems should apply today!
- 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.

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Scholarships:

- 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.
- 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 [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.
- **NEW!** The [Answering Legal's Future Attorneys of America Scholarship](#) is awarding \$5000 to current or incoming law students with a 3.5 GPA. Apply by December 30.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The [SBB Research Group Foundation STEM Scholarship](#) is awarding \$2500 scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students with a 3.5 GPA pursuing a degree in STEM. Apply between December 1 - February 28.
- **NEW!** The [Community Health Ambassador Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to a student studying nursing. Apply by March 1.
- The [Equal Opportunity Scholarship](#) is awarding two students \$500. Apply by March 30.
- The [Bright Minds Scholarship](#) is awarding \$5,000 to one student pursuing a career in technology. Apply by March 31.