

# DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

## 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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Resource Center

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# Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

December 8, 2023



## Finals season is here!

It's so hard to believe that the Fall 2023 semester is almost over. Next week is officially Finals week - although many of our students have already started working on their final exams and papers. Good luck to all! (You can do it and we are here to support you.) The APIDA Center will be hosting our [Study Hall](#) and [Finals Fun](#) events from December 12-18. This means that we will provide students with quiet study spaces from 10-5pm and then host fun activities from 5-8pm. We will also provide snacks, study resources, and more. Come on by!

We will be observing [modified hours](#) over Winter break.

- December 18 ---> 10:00-8:00pm
- December 19-20 ---> 10:00-4:30p
- December 21-26 ---> CLOSED
- December 27-29 ---> 10:00-4:30pm
- January 1 ---> CLOSED
- January 2-5 ---> 10:00-4:30pm
- January 8-12 ---> 10:00-4:30pm
- January 15 ---> CLOSED
- January 16 ---> 10:00-4:30pm

Our regular hours will resume on January 17, 2024.

BTW: I am officially announcing that my favorite gift of this holiday season is a "Loving Asian America" shirt that **Gabriel Wong** gave to me! It is so cool!!!

# Know APIDA History!



## **APIDA Center learns how the Pearl Harbor attack transformed San Diego!**

On December 7, 1941 (otherwise known as the “day that will live in infamy”), the Japanese imperial army bombed the U.S. Pacific fleet located at Pearl Harbor in Hawai’i. As a result, over 2,400 U.S. military personnel died. The attack damaged and destroyed 21 ships. This event transformed the U.S. social, economic, and military structure.

The attack led to U.S. participation in World War II (1939-45). National security along the West Coast became a key priority. This resulted in the illegal and racist incarceration of thousands of Japanese Americans. Japanese families in San Diego were affected as they were forcefully removed to incarceration camps in Arcadia, California and Poston, Arizona.

Prior to the Pearl Harbor attack, San Diego was considered a quiet residential town with retired military officers. After the attack, militarization of San Diego was heightened. San Diego quickly strengthened the defense of its harbor. San Diego experienced a “Blitz-Boom” and began to increase production for military operations. In 1936, Consolidated Aircraft employed 1,600 workers. By September 1940, they added 13,000 laborers to their workforce, boosting the San Diego economy. San Diego also housed one of the largest repair and operations bases for naval aircraft carriers. In 1943, 40,000 San Diegan women were employed in the workforce with 25,000 working in aircraft plants.

The city’s infrastructure was not equipped to accommodate the surge of youth that moved to San Diego to support war development. Water and sewage systems needed to be updated. The demand for public transportation, housing, education, and police services increased. Linda Vista was the largest defense housing and low-income housing project constructed during this time, housing over 13,000 people.

Some lasting impacts of the Pearl Harbor attack were the establishment of bases such as the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Brown Field, Naval Air Station North Island, and Camp Pendleton. Over 100,000 military personnel reside in San Diego. The U.S. Army and Marine Corps train thousands of soldiers at their bases which increases the San Diego county population.

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center hosts Hmong Embroidery event!

On Monday, December 4th, the APIDA Center hosted a cultural crafting night about [Hmong embroidery](#). We learned about the Hmong New Year and about the historical and cultural significance of embroidery in the Hmong culture. Then, we learned how to thread a needle and practiced cross-stitching.



## APIDA Center hosts last A-LIST USEM class!

On Tuesday, December 5th, we hosted our last A-LIST (APIDA Leadership, Identity, Scholarship, and Togetherness) University Seminar [class](#). Students shared their final project posters via a Gallery Walk and then we ate pizza. (The week before, we had hosted poster-making workshops at the APIDA Center.) Standby to learn more about the students' final projects. Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing their work on our [Instagram](#).



## APIDA Center hosts workshop about Pacita Abad!

Pacita Abad (1946-2004) is a Filipina American artist who pioneered trapunto art and called herself an "ambassador of color." She is a favorite at the APIDA Center. On Wednesday, December 6th, we hosted a [cultural crafting workshop](#) about Abad and then made art inspired by her work. This is one of our popular events; we host this workshop about once a semester. (Fun Fact: We are hosting a San Francisco trip this weekend and will be attending the Pacita Abad exhibit at SFMOMA.)



## APIDA Center hosts a gingerbread house-making event!

On Wednesday, December 6th, the APIDA Center collaborated with [APIDA Pre-Teacher Alliance](#) and the SDSU [Math Science Teacher Initiative](#) to host a [gingerbread house-making event](#). First, we learned about ginger's roots in Asia and its spread to the western world via the Silk Road. Then, we learned about the history and migration of the gingerbread house tradition. Next, we learned about STEM concepts behind the building of gingerbread houses and discussed classroom implications. Lastly, we formed [teams](#) and built gingerbread houses (with graham crackers, icing, candy, etc.). The students' [final projects](#) were amazing; lots of creativity was demonstrated and even more fun was had! Many thanks to [PISA](#) and [APSA](#) for rolling out to the event!



## APIDA Center learns about Dr. Mary Joyce Juan!

This year, we are collaborating with Counseling & Psychological Services to learn more about APIDA-identifying counselors at SDSU. On Thursday, December 7th, we hosted Dr. **Mary Joyce Juan**. It is so important to seek help when you need it and know that you have resources available to you.

# News from APIDA & Bayanihan ERG



## APIDA ERG gets ready for their holiday parties!

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](mailto:vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu). On Wednesday, December 13th, they will host their annual holiday party which includes a gift exchange and yummy food!

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](mailto:ERG-FilAm@sdsu.edu). Follow the [Bayanihan ERG](#) to learn more about upcoming socials and FAHM events! On Thursday, December 14 from 1-2pm at the SA+CD Lounge, they will host a [parol-making event](#).

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Meiyen Sung** was awarded the \$2500 Cal Coast Cares Foundation Scholarship. In addition, she is currently studying abroad in England at the University of Birmingham.
- Dr. **Loh-Hagan** presented two workshops about the importance of teaching APIDA histories and narratives at the 103rd National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

**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

## **UndocuAPIDA: Know Your Rights: Traveling Undocumented**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, December 11 from 1-2pm**

If you identify as APIDA and Undocumented, this support group is for you. This session will focus on the challenges and strategies for traveling while Undocumented.

## **Game Night: Bầu Cua Cá Cọp**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, December 11 from 5-6pm**

Bầu cua cá cọp is a Vietnamese gambling game using three dice. Come join the APIDA Center and the [Vietnamese Student Association](#) (VSA) to learn more about Vietnam, this game, and more. Then, play with us!

## **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.

## **Fil-Am Film Night**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, December 13 from 6-8pm**

The APIDA Center and [AB Samahan](#) are collaborating to host a Fil-Am Film Night. Join us for popcorn and movies!

## **APIDA Center Study Hall**

**Location: APIDA Center**

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

During Finals Week (Dec 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**

In the evenings during Finals Week (Dec 12-18, the APIDA Center will be hosting fun study break activities.

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



# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- AB Samahan announced their new "[Back to Samahan](#)" tote bag which goes on sale December 8th. Stock is limited so buy one today!
- Alpha Phi Gamma welcomed their [Alpha Upsilon Auras Class of Fall 2023](#).
- Delta Sigma Psi welcomed their [Alpha Chi](#) class.

## Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Women's Resource Center](#) is hosting [Meet with the Survivor Advocate: Jess Marshall](#) on December 13 from 11-12pm.
- Check out each center's Instagrams for modified hours and finals week activities.

## Campus Partners:

- The [Center for Student Organizations & Activities](#), [Aztec Nights](#), and [Associated Students](#) are hosting [Midnight Study Break: The Concert Tour](#) on December 8 from 9pm-1am at Montezuma Hall.
- The [Center for Inclusive Excellence](#) is hiring a [Diversity Peer Educator](#) for the 2024-2025 academic year. Apply by January 8.
- [@State Student Newsletter](#) has several paid internships and job opportunities. Apply today!
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- [Hui O Hawai'i of San Diego](#) is hosting a [Special By-Laws Vote & Christmas Party](#) on December 9 starting at 11am at Guardian Angels Catholic Church.
- [PASACAT Philippine Performing Arts Company](#) is hosting a [Parol Lantern Festival](#) on December 9 from 2-5pm at PASACAT Center.
- In partnership with The California Endowment and San Diego Foundation, the San Diego Asian Pacific Islander Coalition is now accepting applications for the 2024 [San Diego Asian Pacific Islander Empowerment Grant](#). Apply by January 5, 2024. Award amounts range from \$500 to \$5,00

**Do you have an opportunity to share?**  
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## Paid Internships & Scholarships

### Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** The University of Guam is offering year-long or summer-long paid fellowships to graduate students in STEM who have a connection to Guam (heritage/residence). Applicants can [email](#) for more information.
- **NEW!** The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is seeking a [Motorist Aid Intern](#). Apply today!
- **NEW!** [Viet Vote SD](#) is seeking two communications interns from January 16-July 12 for 8-10 hrs per week for \$600 per month. Send an [email](#) with "Internship" in the subject line and attach a resume and optional cover letter. Apply by December 21.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The [AAJA/ABC News Alexa Valiente Memorial Summer Internship](#) is seeking interns to perform editorial or production duties in New York City or Washington D.C. Applicants must be [AAJA members](#). Apply by January 16.
- **NEW!** The [Seeding Change Summer Fellowship](#) application is now open. Apply by January 21.
- **NEW!** [LEAP Emerge](#) is an eight-week summer internship program centered on API community leadership. It takes place from June 10-August 9. Apply by March 1.

### 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.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The Taco Bell Foundation's [Live Más Scholarship](#) is awarding \$10 million in scholarships to students aged 16-26. Apply by January 3.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The [White House Correspondents' Association Scholarship](#) is awarding \$2000 to a student who is an [AAJA member](#). Apply by January 16.
- **NEW!** The [CIC/Anna Chennault Scholarship](#) is awarding \$5000 to an Asian American graduate student pursuing Journalism. Applicants must be an [AAJA member](#). Apply by January 16.
- **NEW!** The [Vincent Chin Memorial Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1,500 to a student journalist. Applicants must be an [AAJA member](#). Apply by January 16.
- 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 [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.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The Japanese American Citizens League is giving over 30 awards with an annual total of \$70,000. View the [2024 Scholarships](#) and their deadlines.