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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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If you didn't get it, don't miss out;

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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

December 18, 2023



Happy Holidays!

This past week, we have been hosting Study Hall and Finals Fun in order to support students as they take their final exams. It is important for us to serve as an academic resource for our students. In addition to de-stressing events, we offer study spaces, supplies, and resources.

At this time, most students have headed home and are enjoying a well-deserved break. The APIDA Center would like to wish everyone a very happy holidays season! Take note that we will be observing modified hours over winter break:

- December 18-20, 2023 ---> 10:00-4:30p
- December 21-26, 2023 ---> CLOSED
- December 27-28, 2023 ---> 10:00-4:30pm
- December 29, 2023 ---> CLOSED
- January 1, 2024 ---> CLOSED
- January 2-12, 2024 ---> 10:00-4:30pm
- January 15, 2024 ---> CLOSED
- January 16, 2024 ---> 10:00-4:30pm

Our regular hours will resume on January 17, 2024. While we are on modified schedule, the APIDA Center is still open and available. Feel free to visit us during our open business hours and/or hang with us online via Discord.

Definitely enjoy the next few weeks of respite and reflect on all the good things from this past year. My favorite APIDA Center memory is seeing my Paper Son book at the Angel Island Immigration Station and enjoying that experience with our awesome APIDA students. What is your favorite APIDA memory?

So, that's a wrap! This is the final newsletter of the 2023 year. The next newsletter will be in mid-January. See you then! In the meantime, have fun - but not too much fun! Wink, wink! :)



Donor Spotlight

Cathay Bank Foundation



Big thank you to [Cathay Bank](#), our biggest donor so far. Over the past two years, they have given us \$70,000 to support our work in building inclusive curricula. With these funds, we have created APIDA-centered content and resources and will be able to continue doing so in the next year. (Stay tuned to learn about some of our exciting new endeavors!)

Stewart Kwoh, a member of the Cathay Bank Foundation Board, said, "The Cathay Bank Foundation is pleased to support the important work of APIDA at San Diego State University in combating racism and promoting multicultural understanding through tools to educate young people and the general public."

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center remembers Samoan football legend, Junior Seau!

As this National Football League (NFL) season comes to an end, the APIDA Center remembers the legacy of Samoan linebacker, Tiaina Baul Junior Seau (1969-2012). A San Diegan, Seau was an Oceanside High School alumnus (1987) and longtime resident of North County, San Diego. In 1990, Seau began his professional football career playing for the San Diego Chargers. His impressive tackle skills and team leadership led the Chargers to their first Super Bowl in 1995. Since then, he has played for the Miami Dolphins and the New England Patriots. He was known for playing 20 NFL seasons for teams who played in 12 Pro Bowls and 2 Super Bowls. In 2015, he was posthumously inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Seau suffered from chronic brain damage caused by the injuries he sustained over the course of his 268 career games. He had Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) which is a disease that can cause dementia, depression, increased suicidality, and memory loss due to repeated brain trauma. Ultimately, his condition led him to take his own life in 2012. Because of him, there has been an increase in concerted efforts to increase football player safety.

In addition to his athletic legacy, Seau left a mark on the Pacific Islander community of San Diego. His great grandfather was a village chief from Pago Pago, the capital of American Samoa located in the south-central Pacific Ocean. His mother's lineage comes from Aunu'u, a small island in Samoa with a population of 500. Samoa is an unincorporated U.S. territory home to a population of over 200,000 people. Although born in the United States, Seau spent some of his early childhood living in Samoa where he developed a relationship with his culture and heritage. He was deeply connected with his Samoan roots and hosted Samoan "sister city" projects in San Diego county to instill Samoan pride. His strong values of community are reflected in the Junior Seau Foundation (est. 1992) which seeks to educate and empower youth via child abuse prevention, drug and alcohol awareness, and anti-juvenile-delinquency programs. Seau advocated for the benefits of continuing education and athletic recreational activities. Cumulatively, the Junior Seau Foundation has granted over \$4 million. One noteworthy community event hosted by Seau was a Thanksgiving dinner that fed attendees from homeless shelters, rehabilitation centers, domestic violence shelters, and military families.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center visits San Francisco!

Led by **Skye Akimseu-Calderbank**, APIDA Center Student Assistant, the APIDA Center took 14 students to San Francisco for a fun-filled and educational field trip. On Friday, December 8th, we took a flight to San Francisco and visited the "We Are Bruce Lee" exhibit at the Chinese Historical Society of America Museum. We also visited the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art to see exhibits featuring Pacita Abad, Yayoi Kusama, Yoko Ono, and others. On Saturday, December 9th, we visited the Angel Island Immigration Station and learned about early Asian immigration. On Sunday, December 10th, **Krissa Jackson**, APIDA Center Student Assistant, led a walking historical tour of Chinatown.

Olivia Kirsten Canonizado, senior, said, "These experiences - where the learning happens outside of the classroom, outside of lectures, textbooks, and notes and in actual physical spaces where history was made - are incredibly important." **Troy Chung**, freshman, said, "I cannot stress enough the value this cultural education trip has had on my education and overall college experience."

Many thanks to the [Student Success Fee](#) program, with a super special shout-out to **Claudia Sanchez!**



APIDA Center hosts Mongolian Felt Craft workshop!

On Monday, December 11, the APIDA Center hosted a cultural crafting workshop about Mongolia and the Mongolian felt crafting tradition. Then, we made felt crafts. **Kae Nguyen**, APIDA Student Assistant, made a stuffed horse ornament since Mongolians are known as skilled horse riders. In fact, a popular Mongolian saying is: "A Mongol without a horse is like a bird without the wings."



APIDA Center collaborates with VSA and AB Samahan!

This past week, the APIDA Center hosted events in collaboration with two of our APIDA student organizations. On Monday, December 11th, we hosted a game night with the Vietnamese Student Association in which we learned about and played a traditional Vietnamese gambling game called Bau Cua Ca Cop. On Wednesday, December 13th, we hosted a Fil-Am Film Night with Andres Bonifacio Samahan. We watched and discussed "Yellow Rose."

News from APIDA & Bayanihan ERG



APIDA and Bayanihan ERGs host holiday events!

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. On December 13th, we hosted our annual holiday party and gift exchange at CFO **Agnes Wong Nickerson's** house.

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! On December 14th, we hosted a Parol-Making social at the SA+CD lounge.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

There are new members of the [APIDA VIP Swag Club](#): **Aiden Baldoz**, **Kyle Sayavanh**, **Elena Chico**, **Andrew Arevalo**, **Kae Nguyen**, and **Troy Chung**. For every five events attended, folks can earn APIDA swag. The top earner so far is **Aiden Baldoz**, who has attended over 15 events.

Gabriel Wong (SDSU Alum from the Class of 2021 with a BA in Psychology) is engaged to **Shamrina Mushell** (SDSU Alum from the Class of 2021 with a BA in Finance). Wong said, "We met in an RSO called Greek IV our freshman year and became best friends over the next three years. It wasn't until after we graduated that we realized our true feelings for each other and began dating. After two years of dating and four years of friendship, we got engaged at SDSU, the place where it all started!"

Dorothy Holliday has been collaborating with Goodwill San Diego to create [a series of Instagram posts](#) to model thrifted clothing. In addition to modeling her keen sense of style, Dorothy is also a role model. She will be joining the SDSU Ambassadors team next year!

Tim Park, a third year Civil Engineering major, will be a Land Development Intern for Kimley-Horn this summer. He is excited to be working in downtown San Diego and gaining new experiences.



We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

APIDA Center Study Hall

Location: APIDA Center

Date: December 18 from 10:00-4:30pm

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.

Discord Days with the APIDA Center!

Location: Discord

Far from the APIDA Center? No worries. Join us online over Winter Break on Wednesdays from 3-4 pm.

- December 20: APIDA Wrapped
- December 27: Journaling for the New Year
- January 3: APIDA Arts & Crafts
- January 10: Video Games

Meet Your Counselors

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: Jan 25, Feb 8, Feb 22, and March 7

Meet APIDA-identifying counselors from Counseling & Psychological Services.

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
from 6-8pm

MUSIC
NIGHT

WEDNESDAYS
from 6-8pm

TV
NIGHT

THURSDAYS
from 6-8pm

GAME
NIGHT

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [NSU](#) is attending the [CSUF Titan Tip-Off](#) from February 3-4 at CSUF Student Recreation Center. Complete the [interest form](#) by December 17.
- [VSA](#) is hosting a [Winter Retreat](#) from January 12-14 at Stanton, CA.

Cultural Center Partners:

- All Identity Centers will have modified hours over Winter Break! Check out their Instagram pages for updated information.

Campus Partners:

- [Student Disability Services](#) is virtually hosting a [Disability Ally Session](#) on January 12 from 10-12pm.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- [Taiwanese American Professionals San Diego](#) is hosting [Louis A. Stelzer County Park Clean-Up Event](#) on December 16 from 9-12pm in Lakeside.
- [Filipinos Advancing Creative Education](#) and [SoCal Filipinos](#) are hosting a [Holiday Festival](#) on December 17 from 12-4pm at Three Treasures Cultural Art Society.
- [Asian Solidarity Collective](#) is hosting [Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction with Wilda Wong](#) on Saturdays from January 27-March 16. Apply by January 14. This program is FREE!

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

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** Rosendin is seeking construction interns for the [2024 Summer Internship](#). Students studying Construction Management, Engineering, or Finance apply today.
- **NEW!** NFP is seeking [Business Development Interns](#). Apply today.
- **NEW!** Kiewit is seeking interns for the [West Coast Field Engineer Internship Summer 2024](#). Apply today!
- [Viet Vote SD](#) is seeking two interns to fulfill communication tasks from January 16-July 12. Applicants must be available 8-10 hrs per week. Interns will receive \$600 per month. Send an [email](#) with "Internship" in the subject line and attach a resume (cover letter is optional). 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.
- 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.
- The [Seeding Change Summer Fellowship](#) application is now open. Apply by January 21.
- [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 [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.
- The Taco Bell Foundation's [Live Más Scholarship](#) is awarding \$10 million in scholarships to students from the age of 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 [Samuel Huntington Public Service Award 2024](#) is awarding \$30,000 stipends to graduating college students pursuing a one year public service project. Apply by January 12.
- The [White House Correspondents' Association Scholarship](#) is awarding \$2000 to a student who is an [AAJA member](#). Apply by January 16.
- 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.
- 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 [Redefining Victory Scholarship](#) is awarding four students \$2,500. Apply by April 27.
- **NEW!** The [Hicks Scholarship Award](#) is awarding \$2000 to a student impacted by cancer. Apply by May 15.