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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



Read all about it!!!

Check your email! Newsletter #86 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

January 19, 2024



Prepare for success and sign up for AAS courses!

The semester is underway! There's a lot going on. Success is yours to lose. We offer you the following three tips to prepare for success:

- [Read all your resources](#) including your syllabi, emails, newsletters, etc. It's cool to be informed. Trust.
- Manage your time and prioritize your tasks. Organization is key!
- Ask for help! Remember that the APIDA Center is here for you.

Also, as you finalized your class schedule, consider enrolling in Asian American Studies courses:

- ASIAN 102A: Politics, Power, and Asian America
- ASIAN 102B: Asian American History
- ASIAN 460: Contemporary Issues in Filipino American Communities
- Also consider - DANCE 243: Applied Dance Technique: Hip Hop (This course will address Fil-Am Hip Hop)

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about APIDA support for The Huntington!

On February 16th, the APIDA Center and Office of Housing Administration are hosting a [field trip](#) to The Huntington ([apply to reserve your spot](#))! Located in San Marino, The Huntington library, art museum, and botanical gardens is a SoCal hot spot and super Instagrammable!

The city of San Marino consists of APIDA populations with strong Taiwanese and Chinese communities. Many of these APIDA residents have played a significant role in the restoration and expansion of The Huntington.

In 1997, Mark H.L. Chen and Chun-Mei Chen rallied support from the Chinese Club of San Marino to fund the development of The Huntington Chinese Garden. In 2004, June Li became its founder and curator. In 2014, June and Simon Li provided a \$3 million endowment to fund the East Asian Garden Studies Center and Chinese Gardener curator position. They recently donated a \$2 million gift for the creation of the Star Gazing Tower.

Matthew Lin, the first Chinese American mayor and City Council member of San Marino (2001-09), and his wife, Joy Lin, contributed \$3 million for the Flowery Brush Studio which houses Chinese art, calligraphy and furniture.

The See family and Leong family are two of the earliest recorded Chinese families in Los Angeles. In 2020, the Pacific Rim collection received the Gilbert, Florence, and Leslee See Leong Collection which is an archive of early Chinese American immigrant families. In 2021, Lisa See donated more than 200 rare glass plate negatives and photographs taken in Old Chinatown during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

In 1911, The Huntington established the Japanese Garden; later, a bonsai court and ceremonial teahouse were added. Toshie and Frank Mosher have helped sustain this through the generous Mosher Japanese Garden Curatorial Endowment. Toshie, a survivor of the bombing of Hiroshima in Japan, named a rose "Peace and Harmony" which represents the importance of unity that she believed was needed to combat racial injustice.

Yohko and Akira Yokoi donated their 320-year old ancestral Japanese home, which serves as an embodiment of Japanese architecture, agriculture, and sustainability. Over \$11 million was donated to support the relocation and reconstruction of this historical structure. Additionally, the Wongs funded golf carts to ease travel between the Chinese and Japanese gardens.

It is important to recognize and build an APIDA community of giving. We rely on donors to preserve our histories and uplift our communities. Give what you can, when you can!

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center celebrates first week back!

We were so excited to see students back in our space. The week kicked off with an All-Center student staff training on Tuesday, January 16th in which student staff from all the Community Centers gathered to prepare for the new semester. To support the theme of career development, **Matt Garcia**, the APIDA Center Associate Director, hosted a session about how to talk about your work projects in order to convey your competence and potential on resumes and interviews.



APIDA Center hosts AAPI Studies Summit!

On Friday, January 19, 2024, the SDSU APIDA Center (Dr. **Loh-Hagan**) teamed up with the Mesa College Asian American Studies program (Dr. **Pearl Ly** and Dr. **Hai Ly Tran**) to host a San Diego AAPI Studies Summit. This was an opportunity for AAPI faculty to convene, share updates, and collaborate on curriculum development. Some of the questions addressed were: What AAPI courses are available to students in the San Diego region? What courses need to be developed? How can 2-year institutions support 4-year institutions and vice versa? Representatives from many San Diego campuses were present: SDSU, UCSD, Grossmont College, Cuyamaca College, City College, Miramar College, Southwestern College, and MiraCosta College. We will be hosting more convenings in the future!

APIDA Flex Alerts!

Jose Rizal Mills was featured in "SD Voyager." The article is entitled, "[Daily Inspiration: Meet Jose Rizal Mills](#)." He said, "I work as a Freelance Photographer, specializing in primarily on-set photography for Film and Television productions and in documentary photography. I also work in the film industry with my specialization being a Lighting Technician or Gaffer, which I have been doing for about four years now."

Jalea Villarama performed at the FACE and Three Treasures Cultural Arts Society's [Manila Mesa Holiday Fest](#) on December 17th, 2023. She also started a girl-group called [GirlsJAM](#) and the recently released their first cover, available on all music streaming platforms.

Jacqueline Banal, SDSU Alumna, is the Senior Social Media Strategist for Complex Networks. She attended her first Golden Globes this past week. She said, "I was able to represent my culture in a space not many of us occupy...here's to raising awareness, sharing our talents, and empowering and supporting each other this year and always."

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Daily Inspiration: Meet Jose Rizal Mills



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We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Meet the Counselors

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: January 25 from 2-3pm

Meet APIDA-identifying counselors from Counseling & Psychological Services. On January 25th, connect with Yu-An Chien. Upcoming events in this series: Meet Dr. Koko Nishi on Feb 8; Meet Dr. Tri Nguyễn on Feb 22; Meet Dr. Michael Juan on March 7.

Field Trip to The Huntington

Location: The Huntington (San

Dates: February 16 from 8-6pm

On February 16, 2024, the SDSU APIDA Center and the Office of Housing Administration are hosting a free field trip to the Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens. A popular tourist destination in SoCal, The Huntington has a wide collection of API collections, gardens, and more. Apply today:

<https://bit.ly/HuntingtonAPIDA>

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:

- [AB Samahan](#) is seeking participants for their [Intramural Sports](#) team.
- [ABA](#) is accepting applications for a [Marketing Intern](#). Apply today!
- [PISA](#) is hosting an [Ice Skating Fundraiser](#) on January 19th from 7:20-9:20pm at UTC Ice Sports Center.
- [Sigma Phi Omega](#) is hosting an [Ice Skating Fundy](#) on January 26th from 7-9pm at UTC Ice Rink.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Black Resource Center](#) and [College of Education](#) are hosting a [Pizza Party](#) on January 24th from 12-1pm.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#) is hosting [Juntxs Avanzamos \(Together WE Advance\) Latinx Grad Student Group](#). The first meeting is on January 24th from 12:15-1:15pm.
- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting [Native and Indigenous Welcome Back with the NRC](#) on January 26th from 2-4pm at the Bowling Alley.

Campus Partners:

- [SDSU EOP Outreach and Success](#), the [Latinx Resource Center](#), [Project Rebound](#), and Cal Coast Credit Union are hosting [Managing Your Money](#) on January 23rd from 12:00-1:30pm at SSE 2109.
- The Cal Coast Student Financial Center is hosting [CADAA and FAFSA workshops](#) via Zoom from January 22-26.
- Bayanihan, the SDSU Fil-Am Employee Resource Group, is hosting [Hot Cocoa Hour with Bayanihan](#) on January 25th from 1-2pm at the SA+CD Lounge.
- The [Glazer Center of Leadership and Service](#) is hosting [SDSU Leadership Summit: Leadership in Motion](#) on March 9. Register today!
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- [The Asian American Education Project](#) is hosting a webinar series about [APIDA Contributions to Hip Hop](#). The next one is about [Hmong Breakdance Community in Fresno](#) on January 25th from 4-5pm.
- [San Diego Food System Alliance](#), [Asian Business Association San Diego](#), and [Pacific Arts Movement](#) are hosting [Convoy Stories + Community Social](#) on January 24th from 4-8pm at Cross Street Chicken.
- [Taiwanese American Professionals San Diego](#) is hosting a [Board Game Night](#) on January 24th from 6:30-8:30pm.
- The Council of Philippine American Organizations (COPAO) is seeking the next cohort for their 2024 Filipino/x Leadership Academy. Sign up for a [Zoom info session](#).

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

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** The [Chinese for Affirmative Action Graduate Student Summer Intern](#) is a full-time internship from May 28-August 9. Applications will be open until filled.
- **NEW!** [APAICS Congressional Internship](#) connects AANHPI community in Washington D.C. It takes place from May 30-July 21. Apply by January 26.
- **NEW!** NASA is seeking [Summer 2024 Interns](#) from undergraduate, graduate, and educator levels. Apply by February 2.
- [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 [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.
- **NEW!** The [LAGRANT Foundation](#) is awarding \$2,500-\$3,750 in scholarships to undergraduate, graduate, and Ph.D. ethnic minorities. Apply by February 29.
- The [Community Health Ambassador Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to a student studying nursing. Apply by March 1.
- **NEW!** The [Banatao Family Filipino American Education Fund](#) is awarding \$5,000 to students of Filipino heritage pursuing STEM. Apply by March 1.
- The Pacific Gas and Electric Company's [Better Together STEM Scholarship](#) is awarding \$2,500-\$10,000 to students pursuing science, math, technology, or engineering. Apply by March 15.
- 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 [Mama Verang & Lola Remi Scholarship Fund](#) is awarding three \$1,000 scholarships. Filipinx college students in California may apply by April 17.
- The [Redefining Victory Scholarship](#) is awarding four students \$2,500. Apply by April 27.
- The [Across Cultures: Expand Your Horizons Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1,000 to a student open to learning about other cultures. Apply by April 28.
- The [Hicks Scholarship Award](#) is awarding \$2000 to a student impacted by cancer. Apply by May 15.