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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;

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 26, 2024

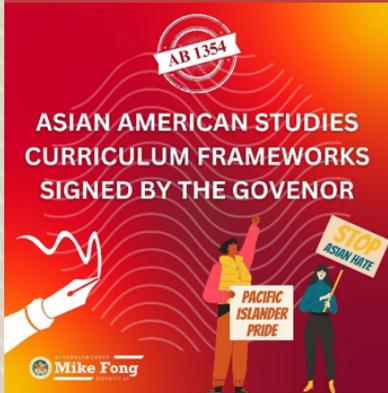


## Spring into 2024!

The start of 2024 has already been full of adventures. We weathered through a literal storm. San Diego made national news with heavy rains and flooding. The CSU made national news with the faculty strike. The start to this semester reminds me of a Bruce Lee quote: "Do not pray for an easy life, pray for the strength to endure a difficult one." Spring 2024 is still ahead of us - There is much to look forward to. Let us know if you need anything. We are here for you.

Remember that the [Add/Drop deadline](#) is 11:59pm on February 2nd. This is the last day for students to add or drop courses. It is also the last day to request the credit/no credit grading option. Be sure to finalize your schedule by the deadline!

# Know APIDA History!



## **APIDA Center learns about Assembly Bill (AB) No. 1354!**

This January 2024 marks the beginning of significant changes to California K-12 education. AB 1354 calls for the inclusion of APIDA history in K-12 curriculum. The legislature encourages the teaching of the Armenian, Cambodian, Darfur, and Rwandan genocides to give context to civil rights and human right violations. Additionally, the legislature calls for the instruction of the WWII Japanese Incarceration, Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, Chinese-American contributions to the development of the Transcontinental Railroad, and more. In learning about the history of oppression as well as APIDA joy and resistance, students will gain a more accurate, complete, and inclusive overview of U.S. history.

AB No. 1354 initially passed in the California Assembly on May 4, 2023 and the Senate on August 17, 2023. On September 1, 2023, the bill was officially signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom. This new legislature will strengthen diversity in statewide curriculum and help combat the violence directed at APIDA communities that has intensified during the COVID-19 pandemic. Initially, AB No. 1354 was introduced by Assembly Member Mike Fong. Presently, Fong serves as the Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and the Assembly Vice Chair of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus. It was supported by major national APIDA networks such as Stop API Hate and Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs Public Affairs (APAPA).

Over 15% of California's population identifies as APIDA. California possesses the second highest percentage of Asian Americans in the country. Given that APIDAs are the fastest growing ethnic group in the state, education on APIDA histories and narratives is long past due.

Dr. [Loh-Hagan](#), a former K-8 teacher and teacher educator, has been working on these efforts for years. As such, the APIDA Center will be working in collaboration with [The Asian American Education Project](#) to support the model curricula for Hmong American, Cambodian American, and Vietnamese American experiences. Follow us on [Instagram](#) to learn more about our community info sessions this February.

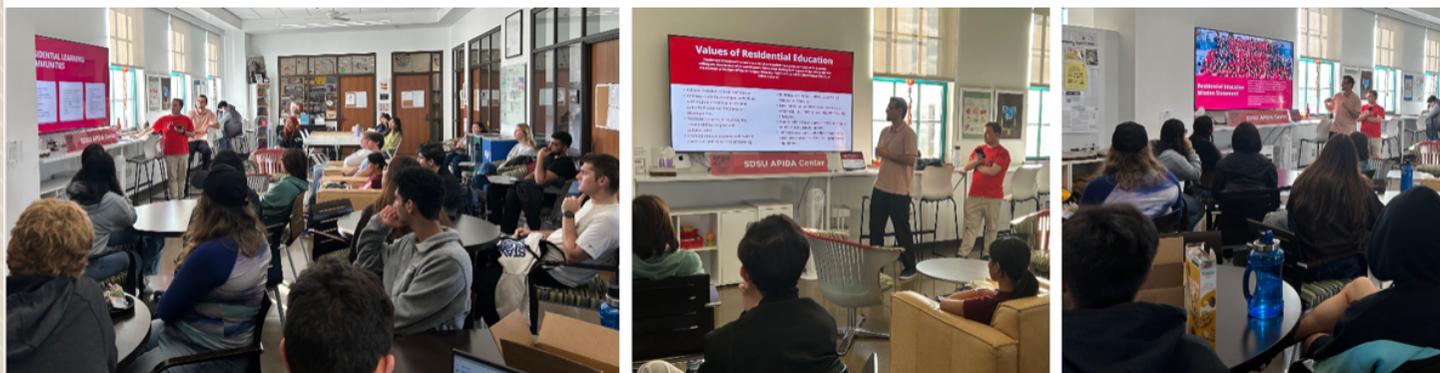
# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center hosts Yu-An Chien!

On Thursday, January 25th, the APIDA Center welcomed **Yu-An Chien** from Counseling & Psychological Services. Ms. Chien specializes in treating trauma, chronic stress, and mood-related disorders. She also helps students navigate life transitions and challenges related to one's cultural identity.

In this series, we would like to introduce students to APIDA-identifying counselors. It is so important for APIDA people to seek help when they need it. Remember that SDSU has folks who are available to support you.



## APIDA Center hosts REO Info Sessions!

The APIDA Center loves working with the Residential Education Office (REO). We are working with them to support our A-LIST (APIDA Leadership, Identity, Scholarship, & Togetherness) Residential Learning Community, among other projects. REO is currently hosting informational sessions about their programs. We hosted a session at the APIDA Center on Thursday, January 25th.

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

Several [SDSU AAJA](#) members including **Brittany Cruz-Fejeran**, **Hannah Ly**, **Petrina Tran**, and **Sumaia Wegner** were featured in ABC 10 news. The article/news clip is entitled, "[SDSU student journalists empower indigenous community in Maui through unique project.](#)"

In an October 2023 Stanford University study, three SDSU aerospace engineering faculty members ranked in the top 2% of aerospace and aeronautics authors worldwide. One of these professors is Dr. **Ping Lu**. He said, "We have a long tradition in conducting really top-notch scholarly research and educating our students with a very solid, well-rounded aerospace education for fifty years or so."

Dr. **Loh-Hagan** was featured in the January 2024 issue of "[Lotus Magazine](#)." The article is entitled, "[Dedicated Educator](#)." This magazine is a bimonthly publication for self-identifying Asian American womxn to share their stories and connect with each other.

## THE AAJA S.T.A.R.T.E.R.S. THE LAHAINA PROJECT PHASE I



AAJA San Diego State University Chapter Launches Lahaina Project



**We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!**

**Have a flex to share?**

**Email us at [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).**

# All Things APIDA: Recommendations



**Hanna Sapida**, a fourth-year Political Science major, is a student staff member at the APIDA Center. She recommends Netflix's "[The Brothers Sun](#)." She said, "The story revolves around the Sun brothers and their mother. Although the story gets a bit graphic, as the Sun family runs a gang in Taiwan, I enjoyed the dynamic between the two brothers. I admired the many facets to their relationship. Throughout the story, you could see how the brothers differed, due to their differences in age, their placement in the family, and their environment. Although the two had grown up together in Taiwan, they ultimately spent the majority of their lives in different countries - a difference that becomes more and more obvious. The show manages to touch upon heavy topics while still being humorous."

**Share all things APIDA (i.e., books, movies, food, restaurants, etc.).**

**Send a picture of you with the product and your glowing review.**

**Email us at [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).**

# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## SDSU Food Safety Training

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Dates: Monday, January 29 from 2-3pm and Thursday, February 1 from 12-1pm**

Do you plan to serve food at your events? If so, SDSU requires Food Safety Training. The training is good for one year. Join us! All are welcome! Attend ONE of the available sessions. An upcoming session will be on Wednesday, February 7 from 3-4pm.

## Cultural Crafting: Dong Ho

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, February 5 from 6-8pm**

Celebrate Tết with us. Learn more about the Vietnamese traditional folk art of Đông Hồ painting which is used to decorate homes for Lunar New Year. Then, make your own Đông Hồ -inspired stamp art.

## Meet the Counselors

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Dates: Thursday, February 8 from 2-3pm**

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

## Living that Healthy APIDA Life! Workshop - Consent: APIDA College Hookup Culture

**Location: APIDA Conference Room or Zoom**

**Dates: Thursday, February 8 from 5-6pm**

This series will be held every Thursday from 5-6pm this February. In APIDA communities, there is a hesitance to discuss sex and dating. To ensure privacy, there are two meeting options: in-person in the APIDA Center Conference Room or via Zoom. Upcoming sessions include: Dating Safety on February 15, LGBTQ+ and APIDA on February 22, and Red Flags on February 29.

## Lunar New Year Festival

**Location: Student Union Courtyard**

**Dates: Friday, February 9 from 12-2pm**

The APIDA Center will be hosting a collaborative event to celebrate the Year of the Dragon. Come for the lion dance, Asian snacks, and traditional activities! All are welcome! There will be a lion dance from 12:00-12:30 and activity booths from 12-2pm hosted by the APIDA Center & APIDA ERG, Asian American Studies, Center for Asian & Pacific Studies, Chinese Cultural Center, APSA, KASA, SEA^3, and APIDA RLC & REO Affinity Group.

## APIDA A Capella Meeting

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Dates: Friday, February 9 at 3pm**

We are starting an APIDA a cappella group. We are recruiting members and officers for our new RSO. No experience necessary. All skills levels are welcome!

## Field Trip to The Huntington

**Location: The Huntington (San Marino)**

**Dates: Friday, 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>

## Kristina Wong Performance and Q&A

**Location: Student Union Theater**

**Dates: Tuesday, March 5 from 5-7pm**

Asian American Comedian and Pulitzer Prize Finalist in Drama, Kristina Wong will be performing her new show, "Kristina Wong: Food Bank Influencer" and engaging in a Q & A. Sponsors: APIDA Center, One SDSU, Arts Alive, Asian American Studies, Fu Foundation, and Center for Asian and Pacific Studies.

## 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](mailto: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:

- [VSA](#) is hosting their [Lunar New Years GBM #1](#) on January 29 from 4:30-6:30pm at Legacy Suite.
- [Alpha Phi Gamma](#) is hosting [Spring Recruitment](#) from February 1-9.
- [Alpha Psi Rho](#) is hosting [For All the Rho Doggs Spring Rush '24](#) from February 1-9.
- [Delta Sigma Psi](#) is hosting [Spring 2024 Recruitment](#) from February 1-7.
- [Sigma Phi Omega](#) is hosting [Spring 2024 Rush](#) from February 1-8.
- [APSA](#) is hosting [APSA Shadows Program](#) on February 2 at 6:30pm at SSW 2512.

## Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting [Native and Indigenous Graduate Student Support Group](#) on January 30 from 11-12pm.
- The [PRIDE Center](#) is hosting a [10-Year Anniversary Open House](#) on January 31 from 3:00-5:30pm.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center](#) is hosting [Welcome Week](#) on January 31 from 11:30-1:30pm.
- The [Black Resource Center](#), [Latinx Resource Center](#), [Education Opportunity Programs Outreach and Success](#), [Project Rebound](#) are hosting [Black Panthers & Brown Berets Unidos in Umoja](#) on February 1 from 12-2pm at the Student Union Theater.

## Campus Partners:

- [International Student Center](#) is hosting [Vietnam Cultural Hour](#) on February 2 from 12:00-1:30pm.
- The [Glazer Center for Leadership and Service](#) is accepting applications for the [Quest for the Best Vice Presidential Student Service Award](#). Apply before 4pm on February 19.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- [VietVote](#) is hosting a [Community Mixer](#) on January 27 from 11:30am-1:30pm.
- [Asian Business Association](#) is cohosting a [Tacos & Lumpia Fundraiser](#) on January 29 from 6-8pm.
- Che'Lu is hosting [Mariana's Got Talent: Chamorro Cultural Festival 2024](#). They are looking for participants. [Email](#) or direct message on [Instagram](#).

# Paid Internships & Scholarships

## Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** [Environmental, Engineering, and Planning Internship](#) with Ascent Environmental is open. Apply on Handshake by February 2.
- **NEW!** [TRC Company's Project Management Internship](#) is seeking Summer 2024 interns. Apply on Handshake by February 16.
- 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.
- **NEW!** [Olami Public Relations and Social Media Internship](#) is seeking interns. Apply on Handshake by May 6.

## 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.
- **NEW!** [The Jimmy & Suey Fong Yee Scholarships](#) is awarding two \$2000 scholarships to students or recent graduates pursuing Sports Journalism. Apply by February 15.
- 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 [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.
- The [Banatao Family Filipino American Education Fund](#) is awarding \$5,000 to students of Filipino heritage in 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.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The [Jennifer Gephart Memorial Working Mothers Scholarship](#) is awarding \$3025 to a mother pursuing higher education. Apply by May 10.
- The [Hicks Scholarship Award](#) is awarding \$2000 to a student impacted by cancer. Apply by May 15.
- **NEW!** The [Concrete Rose Scholarship](#) is awarding two \$1,150 scholarships. BIPOC women with a minimum 2.0 GPA are eligible to apply. Apply by May 24.