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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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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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Resource Center

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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

February 2, 2024



Get ready for the Year of the Wood Dragon!

Fun Fact: I was born in the Year of the Dragon! 2024 is the Year of the Wood Dragon so this should be my year. The dragon is the luckiest of all zodiac animals as it's the only mystical animal. This year's zodiac element is wood which symbolizes good fortune, action, and expansion. This is the year to be bold and have courage! Things are coming our way!

The Lunar New Year is on February 10th. However, in traditional Chinese culture, New Year celebrations actually start 15 days before New Year's Day and continues for 15 days after. Now is the time to clean, get organized, and prepare for a lucky new Year.

My Lunar New Year kicked off with an author visit at Escondido Public Library on January 27th. I read my Lunar New Year children's books, sang songs, and did crafts. It was hosted by Dan Wood, Assistant Library Director. (His name should sound familiar to us because he hosted our Dungeons & Dragons event last year.)

Don't forget to come to our [Lunar New Year Festival](#) on February 9th from 12-2pm at the Student Union Courtyard. There will be lion dances, Asian snacks, and traditional activities! Come for the fun!

Also, sign up for our field trip to [The Huntington](#). Open until spots fill!



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Year of the Dragon 2024

Lunar New Year Festival

When: Friday, February 9th from 12-2pm
Where: Student Union Courtyard

The APIDA Center will be hosting a collaborative event to celebrate the Lunar New Year. All are welcome!

12:00-12:30pm:
Lion Dance Performance

12-2 pm: Activity Booths hosted by:
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

- LION DANCE
- ASIAN SNACKS
- PAPER LANTERNS
- ZODIAC READINGS
- RED ENVELOPES
- CHINESE RATTLE DRUMS
- WATER-COLORING PAGODAS
- CHOPSTICK GAME
- BÀU CUA CÁ CỘP
- YUTNORI
- CALLIGRAPHY



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APIDA Field Trip: Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens



On February 16, 2024, the SDSU APIDA Center and the Office of Housing Administration are hosting a 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. Learn more about The Huntington and its Asian/APIDA exhibits! Apply today!



Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about Groundhog Day!

On February 2nd, the United States observes Groundhog Day, which is a national day of weather forecasting determined by the behaviors of a groundhog. The first Groundhog Day was celebrated on February 2, 1887 in Pennsylvania. In the 18th-19th centuries, German immigrants brought this tradition to the United States. The original iteration of this tradition was known as Imbolc, a festival in Europe that marked the beginning of the Spring Season. The Germans attributed weather predictability to whether small animals were able to see their own shadows. A newspaper editor popularized the tradition by collaborating with groundhog hunters to travel to Gobbler's Knob, a nature site where the first groundhog was believed to predict the weather: If the groundhog sees its shadow, winter will continue for six more weeks; if the groundhog does not see its shadow, spring will arrive early.

Although Groundhog Day is European in origin, nature weather forecasting is prevalent in APIDA culture. For South Indians, the flight of storks in parabolic circle patterns was viewed as an indication of approaching rainfall. For South Asians, peacocks dancing, dragonflies swarming, goats flapping ears, and sheep gathering are other telltale signs of rainfall. Scientists have assessed the validity of using animals as tools to determine rain and have concluded that insects and animals are able to perceive changes to wind, humidity, and pressure which allows them to prepare for rain.

On the Pacific Islands and the Philippines, tracking animal and insect behavior has also been used to determine weather patterns. According to Hawaiian proverbs, the flight patterns of seabirds can predict weather conditions. Indigenous Pacific Islanders believe that birds traveling far distances means the weather will remain calm. When birds return from sea, that can indicate an incoming storm. Navigators on the Gilbert islands looked to the behaviors of red ants to predict the weather. If small red ants scurried to their nests with food, that could be a sign of stormy weather. When the ants are swarmed out, the weather could be calmer and more favorable. Spiders were used as fortune tellers of weather in both Pacific Islander and Filipino traditions. If the spider was located in the middle of his web then the weather was fair, but if it was stationed at the outer edges with other structures for support, then there may be incoming rain and wind. This practice of studying the movements of insects was common among fishers, sailors, and elders in the Tawi-Tawi region of the Philippines. Analyzing nature has been key to the survival of APIDA people and thus these traditions carry ancestral wisdom.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center has a media library, thanks to Dr. Brian Hu!

Did you know that the APIDA Center has a one-of-a-kind media collection? In 2022, Dr. **Brian Hu**, in collaboration with Dr. Loh-Hagan, applied for a SDSU Seed Grant. The project was called, "Asian American cinema and genre analysis." One of the outcomes of this project was a collection of APIDA films and documentaries. Today, most of our media content is housed on streaming platforms; if these platforms were to dissolve, then the content would be lost. Dr. Hu wanted to preserve this content for years to come so he curated a special DVD collection for the APIDA Center. To our knowledge, we are the only space with such a collection. This APIDA DVD library is currently housed in our Quiet Room and is for use at the APIDA Center only.

In addition, Dr. Hu used this collection to inform his research. He recently had an article published; it is entitled, "[A24 and the Asian American Prestige Film](#)." It was published in the *Film Quarterly*. Dr. Hu is the Associate Professor and Area Head in Television, Film, and New Media. He is also the Artistic Director of the San Diego Asian Film Festival. We are so lucky to have him as one of our campus partners. We love Dr. Hu!

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

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.

SDSU Food Safety Training

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, February 4, from 3-4pm

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!

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.

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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

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<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.

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
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Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [KASA](#) is hosting a [Beach Day Social](#) on February 3rd from 1-5pm at La Jolla Shores.
- [APSA](#) is seeking volunteers for their [High School Conference](#). Sign up by February 3rd.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Black Resource Center](#) and the [Native Resource Center](#) are hosting [Paint Talks](#) on February 6th from 3:00-4:30pm.
- The [Pride Center](#) and the [Latinx Resource Center](#) are hosting [Joteria Sin Fronteras](#) starting February 7th from 11-12pm.

Campus Partners:

- [Career Services](#) is hosting a [Spring 2024 Career and Internship Fair](#) on February 7th from 10-2pm.
- The [Glazer Center for Leadership and Service](#) is accepting applications for the [Quest for the Best Vice Presidential Student Service Award](#). Apply before February 19 at 4pm.
- The [Center for Community Counseling and Engagement](#) is seeking to hire Student Assistants. Applicants must be eligible for work study. Submit a resume and cover letter to [Dr. Nellie Tran](#).
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- Check out San Diego [Lunar New Year Events](#) hosted by [SD API Coalition](#) partners!
- [The Asian American Education Project](#) is hosting a webinar series about [APIDA Contributions to Hip Hop](#). The next one is [Hip Hop in Desi American Communities](#) on February 7th from 4-5pm. [Register online!](#)
- The [San Diego Japanese American Citizens League](#) is hosting [SDJACL Community Dialogue](#) on February 8th from 6:30-8:00pm.

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

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** JusticeCorps is seeking students for their [Graduate Fellowship program](#) from August 2024-2025. Apply by February 12.
- [TRC Company's Project Management Internship](#) is seeking Summer 2024 interns. Apply on Handshake by February 16.
- **NEW!** Asian Pacific Islander Capitol Association is hosting [APICA Summer Capitol Fellowship](#) from June 17- August 23. Apply by February 23.
- [LEAP Emerge](#) is an eight-week summer internship program centered on API community leadership. It runs June 10-August 9. Apply by March 1.
- **NEW!** JusticeCorps is seeking [Legal Access Interns](#) for the 2024-2025 school year. Apply by March 12.
- **NEW!** [Create Scholars](#) is seeking students for [Summer Research \(2025\)](#) and [Academic Year Research \(2024-2025\)](#). Apply by March 15.
- [Olami Public Relations and Social Media Internship](#) is seeking interns. Apply on Handshake by May 6.

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Scholarships:

- The [Donald A. Strauss Scholarship Foundation](#) is awarding \$15,000 annually to college sophomores and juniors. Apply by February 14.
- [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 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.
- 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 [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.
- [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.