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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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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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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

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Happy Lunar New Year!

Lunar New Year's Day is on Saturday, February 10th. We have already started celebrating. On Monday, February 5th, we hosted our Dong Ho cultural crafting event. I also did an author visit about my Lunar New Year books at a local school in El Cajon. The super cool fun fact was that four of my previous students from when I directed the Liberal Studies program were teachers at the school site. It warms my heart to see former students thriving post-SDSU. (Although, it also makes me feel really old!)

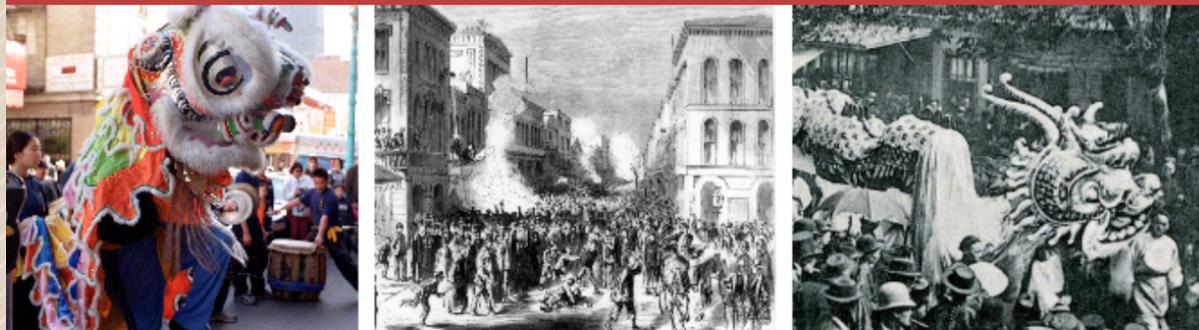
On Tuesday, February 6th, I gave a webinar about teaching about the Lunar New Year in K-12 classrooms. It's so important to go beyond the East Asian narrative and to study the historical and cultural significance of the holiday (and not just do crafts, etc.). Read on to learn more about our Lunar New Year events and about the first U.S. Lunar New Year celebration.

Some tips for celebrating the Lunar New Year:

- Do all your cleaning before Saturday. You need to get rid of any bad luck.
- Do not wash your hair or clean on Saturday. You don't want to scrub away any good luck.
- Do eat long noodles on Saturday; don't cut them. Long noodles means a long life.
- Do not use knives or scissors on Saturday. You don't want to cut away good fortune.
- Do hang out with friends and family. Enjoy yourself!



Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about the First Lunar New Year celebration in the United States!

Lunar New Year is a traditional East and Southeast Asian holiday based on the Lunisolar calendar. It is a festive celebration of new beginnings, good fortune, and the end of Winter. People engage in traditional activities such as food preparation, ancestor offerings, house cleaning, and dancing to ward off evil spirits. This holiday was brought to the United States by the Chinese diaspora.

The first U.S. Lunar New Year celebration was hosted by Cantonese immigrants in San Francisco. During the Gold Rush of the 1840s, Chinese immigrants migrated to San Francisco and established a Chinatown. During the 1860s, Cantonese immigrants hosted a Lunar New Year parade to reconnect with customs of their homeland (i.e., China), while employing the American custom of parades. However, these parades became sites of Chinese discrimination and harassment. The police enforced harsh regulations that prohibited the use of firecrackers, while White Americans were permitted to set off fireworks for Independence Day (July 4). Police blockades, the disruption of importing Chinese goods for the celebration, and anti-Asian laws accentuated systemic racism.

In 1912, the Lunar New Year holiday was banned by the Republic of China. This led to a halt in Chinese American celebrations. In 1931, iterations of the Lunar New Year festival were geared toward attracting tourism to San Francisco's Chinatown. These celebrations were not financially accessible to Chinese American locals and portrayed Chinese culture from an Orientalist perspective. In 1951, the Cold War (1947-1991) interrogated Chinese American loyalty to the United States, and thus the revival of the Lunar New Year parade in San Francisco was seen as a demonstration of anti-communism.

In 1953, the modern, well-known Lunar New Year parade and Miss Chinatown pageant in San Francisco was established. In 1958, the San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce assumed the leadership of this celebration. From the 1960s-1980s, the parade grew in popularity with its iconic 200+ feet long dragon. The parade expanded outside of the ethnic enclave of Chinatown and was nationally televised. Today, Lunar New Year is celebrated widely across the United States.

For Lunar New Year events in San Diego, check out the San Diego API Coalition's webpage: <https://www.sdapicoalition.org/events>

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts Lunar New Year Festival!

On Friday, February 9th, the APIDA Center braved the rain and hosted a collaborative [Lunar New Year festival](#). The rains let up about five minutes before we kicked off. It was quite auspicious! Many, many thanks to the Student Union event planning team for their flexibility and support.

The event started with a lion dance by the White Dragon of East County. The highlight of the event, however, was the activity booths, which were hosted by various APIDA groups at SDSU: APIDA Center & APIDA ERG (LNY Games), Asian American Studies (Zodiac Readings), Center for Asian & Pacific Studies (Red Envelopes), Chinese Cultural Center (Calligraphy), APSA (Paper Lanterns), KASA (Yutnori), SEA^3 (Watercoloring Pagoda), and APIDA RLC & REO Affinity Group (Chinese Rattle Drum). A fun time was had by all, and we managed to stay dry for a couple of hours!



APIDA Center and SDSU Dining hosts Lunar New Year dinner!

On Thursday, February 8th, the APIDA Center teamed up with [SDSU Dining](#) to host a Lunar New Year-themed dinner at The Garden. It was yummy and fun. [Dishes](#) included dim sum, char siu bao, Tet noodles, chao nian gao, sesame chicken, steam pangasius, sweet n' sour pork, congee, and jian dui sesame balls. We tabled there and met a lot of new friends. It was another successful night with over 700 diners.



APIDA Center hosts Meet the Counselor and Consent Workshop!

On Thursday, February 8th, the APIDA Center hosted two events. First, Dr. **Koko Nishi** came and spoke with students about the importance of mental health, especially when handling APIDA cultural and familial expectations. This was part of our [Meet the Counselors](#) series with the SDSU Counseling & Psychological Services.

Second, we hosted a workshop about "Consent: APIDA College Hook-up Culture." Led by **Angela Subido**, Assistant Coordinator of the APIDA Center, participants discussed consent and sexual safety. This is part of our [Living that Healthy APIDA Life!](#) series.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

On February 3, 2024, [KASA Ignite](#), SDSU's K-pop dance team, performed on the steps of the San Diego Museum of Art in celebration of the exhibition of *Korea in Color: A Legacy of Auspicious Images*. This exhibition showcases how color is used in polychrome paintings and how it affects Korean art and culture. With a 10-minute setlist, KASA Ignite gave an amazing performance. Shout out to: **Shea Arnold** (Dance Captain), **Marlene Baldonado** (Dance Captain), **Trisha Van** (Dance Captain), **Shanae Barrete**, **Michael Grimsley**, **Mia Harley**, **Claire Hoxie**, **Linh Nguyen**, **Christian Suatengco**, **Austin Tran**, and **Carmen Penaloza Valdez**.



We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

UndocuAPIDA Support Group

Location: APIDA Conference Room

Date: Monday, February 12 from 1-2pm

If you identify as APIDA and Undocumented, this group is for you! The theme for this month is "Marriage and Changing Status."

Model Curriculum Info Sessions: Hmong American Model Curriculum

Location: Zoom

Date: Wednesday, February 14 from 1-4pm

The SDSU APIDA Center and [The Asian American Education Project](#) teamed up with the Orange County Department of Education to develop three model curricula centering on the Cambodian, Hmong, and Vietnamese American experiences. We are hosting info and focus group sessions. These efforts support AB 1354. Upcoming sessions include: [Vietnamese American Model Curriculum](#) on February 21 from 1-4pm.

Leveling Up: Navigating Upper Division Status

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, February 15 from 3-4pm

As part of SDSU Sophomore Week, we are hosting a workshop for sophomores. Join us to learn more about what being "upper division" status means. Review campus resources to help you complete your degree.

Hmong Breakdance Community in Fresno

Location: Zoom

Date: Thursday, February 15 from 4-5pm

Breakdancing in the Hmong communities of Fresno started as a result of community organizing. Join guest speaker and Hmong breakdancer, Gary Yang.

Living that Healthy APIDA Life! Workshop: Swipe Right: Dating Safety

Location: APIDA Conference Room or Zoom

Date: Thursday, February 15 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: LGBTQ+ and APIDA on February 22, and Red Flags on February 29.

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. A popular tourist destination in SoCal, The Huntington has a wide collection of API collections, gardens, and more. Apply today:

<https://bit.ly/HuntingtonAPIDA>

Meet and Greet: Curtis Chin

Location: SSW 1560

Date: Wednesday, February 21 from 5-7pm

Meet Chinese American author, Curtis Chin. Chin's debut memoir "Everything I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant" shares his memories of growing up in a diverse working-class immigrant community.

Meet the Counselors

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, February 22 from 2-3pm

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

Jumping Through Hoops & Eating Fruit Loops

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, February 27 from 6-7pm

As APIDA folks, we deal with many barriers and obstacles. Sometimes, it feels like we're constantly having to jump through hoops. Let's talk about it! Share your personal experiences, hear other perspectives, meet new friends, and eat Froot Loops with us!

Blasian Support Group

Location: APIDA Center Conference Room

Date: Wednesday, February 28 from 1-2pm

If you identify as Black and APIDA, this group is for you. The theme for this meeting will be "Black Enough? APIDA Enough?" Folks with mixed-raced identities may struggle with their cultural affiliations. Come discuss your experiences with others.

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 work-in-progress show, "Kristina Wong: Food Bank Influencer."

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.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [KASA](#) and [APSA](#) are hosting a [Valorant Tournament](#). Registration is open from February 6-23.
- [NSU](#) is attending the [Intercollegiate Nikkei Council's Nikkei Professionals](#) on February 10 from 10-2pm at the Japanese American National Museum.
- [PISA](#) is hosting a [Picnic Social](#) on February 10 from 3:30-6:30pm at Kate Sessions Park.
- [\(AAPI\)phany](#) is hosting a [General Body Meeting](#) on February 15 from 4:30-5:30pm.
- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting a [Scavenger Hunt Social](#) on February 16 from 3:00-4:30pm.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Women's Resource Center](#) and [Counseling & Psychological Services](#) are hosting [RISE: A confidential, drop-in support space for all survivors of sexual & relationship violence](#). It is on Thursdays from 12:30-1:45pm.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#) is hosting [Gorditx y que?!](#) on February 13 from 12-1pm.
- The [Black Resource Center](#) and [PRIDE Center](#) are hosting [Unity Film Series: Black History Month Movie Night](#) on February 17 from 4:30-7:00pm.

Campus Partners:

- The [Glazer Center for Leadership & Service](#) is hosting [February Workshops](#).
- [Career Services](#) is hosting [Resumania](#) on February 13 from 11-3pm.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The [Asian Americans in Energy, the Environment, and Commerce](#) hosted a SoCal Chapter Networking and Luncheon on Monday, February 12 from 11:30-1:00pm. Folks can also log in via [Teams](#).
- The [Pacific Arts Movement](#), [San Diego Asian Film Festival](#), and the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego are hosting [Rea Tajiri: Wisdom Gone Wild Film Screening](#) on February 15 from 6-8pm.
- The Institute of Reading Development is seeking employees for [Summer 2024 Teaching Positions](#).
- The [Council of Young Filipinx Americans in Medicine 4th Annual Conference](#) is from February 17-18 in Los Angeles. Register today!

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

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** Netflix is seeking multiple interns for the [Summer 2024 Internship Program](#). Apply for an internship in Machine Learning, Motion Design, Production, and more!
- 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.
- 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.
- JusticeCorps is seeking [Legal Access Interns](#) for the 2024-2025 school year. Apply by March 12.
- [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.

Scholarships:

- **NEW!** The [Japanese American Citizen's League 2024 Scholarships](#) are now open. Apply today!
- 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.