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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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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

February 23, 2024



Learning from our students!

We're always learning at the APIDA Center. We offer programs, field trips, and much more. The best type of learning comes from our own students. The APIDA Center offers students the opportunity to host Student-Led Workshops and Student-Created Social Media Campaigns. **Suha Roni**, one of our A-LIST students, wanted to highlight a holiday from her Bangladeshi culture: [International Mother Language Day](#), which is celebrated on February 21st. There's always something to learn! If there is anything that you would like to present, please contact us at apida@sdsu.edu. We want to work with you. A community that learns together, grows together.

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about the Buffalo Soldiers!

February marks the national celebration of Black History Month. The story of the Buffalo Soldiers illustrates the crucial history of Black and Asian solidarity and resistance. This unity between Black military personnel and Philippine guerrilla fighters forged a racial unity that lives on today.

Following the Spanish-American War of 1898, Spain ceded the territories of Guam and Puerto Rico to the United States; in addition, Spain sold the Philippines to the United States for \$20 million. Filipino warriors organized and fought for independence. U.S. President William McKinley (1843-1901) stated that the Filipino people were "savages" who needed to be assimilated because of their "racial inferiority." This echoed the racist rhetoric used to justify the subjugation of Black people in the United States.

Slavery was formally abolished in 1865 with the passage of the 13th Amendment. However, systemic racism manifested through social structures that hindered the rights of Black Americans. For example, Black Americans were prohibited to serve in the U.S. military until June 28, 1866 when the U.S. Congress established the Buffalo Soldiers regiments, segregated infantries that specifically recruited soldiers of Black descent. These all-Black units were led by White officers who led these regiments on the West of the Mississippi River to prevent White Americans from seeing armed Black soldiers. These units were used as military pawns to fight imperialist wars such as the Spanish-American War; there was a racist belief that Black soldiers would be more immune to weather and diseases than White soldiers. The last Buffalo Soldier regiment to remain segregated was the 24th regiment during the 1950s Korean War.

A total of 6,000 Black soldiers were sent to the Philippines to quiet the indigenous resistance. Many Black leaders and newspapers criticized this unnecessary war of expansion in the Philippines. Ida B. Wells (1862-1931), a Black American journalist, stated that this was "an unholy war of conquest." Filipino fighters produced leaflets of the "The Colored American Soldier," which highlighted the contradiction of Black soldiers fighting the Filipinos when they too were oppressed and violated because of their race. As a result, 30 Buffalo soldiers deserted the U.S. Army with 15 defecting and joining the Filipino nationalist movement.

Black and Filipino Americans have remained intertwined through social movements, community, and Blasian family formations. On February 28 from 1-2pm at the APIDA Center Conference Room, we will be hosting the first Blasian Support Group with the Black Resource Center.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center goes to The Huntington!

On Friday, February 16th, the APIDA Center teamed up with [Residential Education Office](#) to take students to [The Huntington](#), an arts complex that includes a world-class library, art museum, and botanical gardens. The students were most impressed with the Japanese and Chinese gardens, which were beautiful. Lena Truong, first-year Business MIS Major, said, "The Huntington trip was important to me because I got the opportunity to explore. I learned more about the museum's artifacts as well as the stories behind them. In fact, it was a great reminder of why art is needed in today's world. Places like The Huntington preserve culture, promote creativity, and provide peace of mind."

Other random highlights include seeing Dr. **Loh-Hagan's** book in the gift store and catching a glimpse of actor Danny Pudi jogging in San Marino. Many thanks to **Ray Savage**, **Kristine White**, and Dr. **Kara Bauer** for their support!



APIDA Center meets and greets Curtis Chin!

On Wednesday, February 21, we co-sponsored a Meet and Greet with [Curtis Chin](#) - a Chinese American writer, producer, director, and activist. Dr. **Alvin Henry**, Director of the Asian American Studies program, coordinated the program, moderating a Q&A and hosting a memoir-writing workshop. Chin read aloud from his new book, [Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant](#), and shared his experiences growing up as a gay Chinese American kid in 1980s Detroit.



APIDA Center hosts events!

The APIDA Center hosted several events this week. **Angela Subido**, APIDA Center's Assistant Coordinator, continued her [Living That Healthy APIDA Life! Workshop series](#) by hosting a workshop on February 22 about navigating LGBTQ+ and APIDA relationships. These programs are meant to provide safe and brave spaces for students to discuss tough topics. In addition, we partnered with [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) to host a meet and greet with APIDA-identifying counselors. On February 22, we met with Dr. **Tri Nguyen**.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

AAJA SDSU (**Sumaia Wegner, Brittany Cruz-Fejeran, Hannah Ly, and Petrina Tran**) hosted a presentation about their Lahaina Project on Friday, February 23rd. They shared their experiences and findings from a work trip they took in December. They went to Lahaina, Hawai'i, to do humanitarian work and journalistic reporting. In addition, Ly wrote an article for The Daily Aztec entitled, "["It's like a jail to them': Lahaina wildfire survivors seek long-term, dignified housing solutions."](#)"



We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Matthew H Garcia serves as the Associate Director of the APIDA Center. He is recommending the Instagram account [AMAZNHQ](#). He said, "@AMAZNHQ highlights Asian American athletes and coaches who are making an impact in a variety of sports. From high school to professional leagues, this Instagram account spotlights the amazing accomplishments that Asian Americans are experiencing in their respective sports. I like learning about examples of APIDA excellence in sports as it's not common for APIDA community members to be recognized in such spaces. It's important for APIDA to be represented in all fields." Fun fact: Garcia is an avid women's soccer fan (NWSL and USWNT), having held season's tickets for many years. His favorite team is the San Diego Wave FC.

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.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

[A Trip to Seattle, Washington: AAAS Conference + Seattle Historic Sites](#)

RSVP by February 26

Trip Dates: April 24-28

We will be attending the Association for Asian American Studies conference and visiting historic sites like the Wing Luke Museum, Seattle Chinatown, and more! Many thanks to @sdsustudentsuccess. Transportation, lodging, meals, and admissions will be provided.

[Jumping Through Hoops & Eating Froot 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.

[Living That Healthy APIDA Life!](#)

Location: APIDA Conference Room & Zoom

Date: Thursday, February 29 from 5-6pm

In APIDA communities, there is a hesitance to discuss sexuality, relationships, and dating. To ensure privacy, we are providing an in-person session and a Zoom option. The theme for Feb 29th is Red Flags: Learning and Communicating Boundaries.

[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."

[Meet the APIDA Counselors](#)

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, March 7 from 2-3pm

Meet APIDA-identifying counselors from Counseling & Psychological Services such as Dr. Michael Juan.

[APIDA Field Trip to Cherry Blossom Festival with SDSU Go!](#)

Location: Japanese Friendship Garden

Date: Saturday, March 9 from 10-4pm

Join us for a trip to the Cherry Blossom Festival at Balboa Park. Snacks, transportation, and entrance to the event are included. [Register](#) and learn more.

[Make Ice Cream With Us!](#)

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, March 14 from 6-8pm

Did you know that ice cream was invented by the ancient Chinese? The APIDA Center is collaborating with [MSTI](#) and [APIDA PTA](#) to host an Ice Cream-Making event. Learn about the Asian origins of ice cream and about the STEM behind this delicious treat.

[SDSU APIDA Faculty Talk: Dr. Amy Wong](#)

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, March 20 from 5-6pm

Dr. Amy Wong will share research from her new book, *Stories of Survival: The Paradox of Suicide Vulnerability and Resiliency among Asian American College Students*. Her talk will focus on APIDA college students who have experienced suicide ideation from a strength-based perspective.

[Dragon Boat Racing Program](#)

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Sunday, April 14 from 9-2pm

Paddle a dragon boat, play in the water, and participate in a race! No Experience necessary and free to participants! For priority consideration, [sign up](#) by March 7th.

[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
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TUESDAYS
from 6-8pm

MUSIC
NIGHT

WEDNESDAYS
from 6-8pm

TV
NIGHT

THURSDAYS
from 6-8pm

GAME
NIGHT

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [HSA](#) is hosting a [Malibu Hindu Mandir Temple Visit](#) on February 24 from 1-6pm.
- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting [FCC Preview Night](#) on March 3 from 6:00-9:30pm.
- [APSA](#) is accepting [Mentor/Mentee Sign-ups](#). Sign up by March 9.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Black Resource Center](#) and [Women's Resource Center](#) is hosting a [Black Women's Healing Circle](#) on February 26 from 5:00-6:30pm.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#), [Project Rebound](#), [EOP Learning Support Center](#), and [REO](#) are hosting [Investing Basics 101: How can you make your money work for you?](#) on February 28 from 12:00-1:30pm at SSE RM2109.
- The [PRIDE Center](#) and the [Native Resource Center](#) are hosting [Queer Crafternoon](#) on February 28 from 2:30-3:30pm.

Campus Partners:

- [Career Services](#) is hosting [ElevateHer](#) on March 5 from 12-3pm at Extended Studies Center 206-208. Dr. Loh-Hagan is one of the featured speakers.
- [EOP Outreach & Success](#) is hiring [Compact Scholars](#). Apply by March 7 by 11:59pm.
- SDSU Program Evaluation, Compliance and Assessment is seeking five students for the [Research Assistant position at the Student Analytics Impact Research Lab](#).
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- San Diego Mesa College is hiring Project Assistants for their AANHPI team. Send questions, three references, cover letter, and resume to lsimpliciano@sdccd.edu
- New York University is seeking [Research Participants](#). Participants are eligible if they have experience teaching AANHPI Heritage Month activities in elementary schools.
- The [41st Annual San Diego Chinese New Year Fair](#) is from February 24-25 from 10-5pm.
- Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California Youth Leadership Institute Program trains college students passionate about empowering APIs with disabilities. [Application 2024](#) is due by 9pm on March 17.

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

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- [LEAP Emerge](#) is an eight-week summer internship program centered on API community leadership. It runs June 10-August 9. Apply by March 1.
- The [Students for Economic Justice Summer Internship](#) is a six-week summer internship on economic justice campaigns. Apply by March 10.
- 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:

- 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.
- **NEW!** The [Japanese American Citizen's League 2024 Scholarships](#) are now open. Apply by March 1.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The [Davis-Putter Scholarship](#) is awarding up to \$15,000 per year to active and emerging organizers. Apply by April 1.
- 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 [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.