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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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# Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

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## **Celebrating Amazing Women at SDSU!**

Happy March!!! In March, we celebrate various heritages and histories including but not limited to Mes Chamoru, Maha Shivaratri, Ramadan, International Day to Combat Islamophobia, Hola Mohalla, Holi Festival, International Transgender Day of Visibility, and of course, National Women's History Month!

I want to give a shout-out to all the amazing women at SDSU. I am so thankful for all the femtors, femtees, colleagues, friends, and more.

The history of Asian American women in the United States starts with exclusion (i.e., The Page Act of 1875). Ever since, the voices of APIDA women have been silenced by misogyny, racism, etc. Yet, APIDA women have continued to speak loudly through their words, art, and more. Maya Lin, an Asian American architect, said, "To fly, we must have resistance."

# Know APIDA History!



## **APIDA Center learns about the CHamoru military community in San Diego!**

March marks Mes CHamoru: Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Month. SDSU has a small but mighty Guamanian population. The [APIDA Center](#) will be posting our Mes CHamoru events soon!

For centuries, the island of Guam has faced colonization, militarization, and imperialism. It is situated 2,500 miles east of the Philippines, in proximity to Korea and the South China Sea. Because of its strategic location, the United States militarized the island and fortified an armed presence in the Western Pacific. In 2016, about 28% of the island was occupied by U.S. military forces. Guam, which was once a U.S. colony and now considered a U.S. territory, has developed a complex history of Chamorro U.S. military service.

Guam has always ranked one of the highest sites of U.S. military recruitment. Following WWII (1939-1945), many Chamorros were motivated to join the U.S. military. Some enlisted to express reciprocity for the U.S. "liberation" of Guam from Japanese imperialism during WWII. Other Chamorros enlisted in the U.S. military to provide for their families following the post-war economic decline in Guam. Lastly, some enlisted to connect to their pre-colonial roots of Chamorro warrior culture. This has been known as "indigenize military service" in which Chamorro soldiers emanate a strong sense of Chamorro identity.

One significant vehicle of migration for the Chamorro community is U.S. military service. Following the passage of the 1950 Guam Organic Act, residents of Guam were permitted to obtain U.S. citizenship. Many Chamorros migrated to San Diego given its military relocation and base closures. Many settled in San Diego due to its vibrant Chamorro population, military facilities, and international airport. Today, about 50% of the Chamorro population is affiliated with the military via active duty, reserves, retired, spouse, dependent, etc.

In 1953, the San Diego Sons and Daughters of Guam Club was founded by Joe Flores (U.S. Marine) and Guillermo Taitano (U.S. Navy). They established this organization to be a resource for Chamorros in the diaspora and to be a center of cultural preservation.

For Chamorro families in the diaspora, the U.S. military has benefited Chamorro women's access to healthcare. Chamorro women in San Diego reported seeking preventative care in order to monitor breast cancer, the leading cause of death among Chamorro women on Guam. In San Diego, Chamorro women have reported high rates of breast cancer screening through mammography.

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center hosts student workshops!

The APIDA Center hosted several events this week. On Tuesday, February 27th, **Kae Nguyen** and **Hanna Sapida**, APIDA Center Student Assistants, hosted a discussion support group about the barriers facing APIDA students. It was called "[Jumping Through Hoops & Eating Froot Loops](#)" because we literally ate cereal while discussing barriers such as Perpetual Foreigner, Model Minority, Monolithic Assumptions, Saving Face, Representation, Emasculation, and Fetishization.

**Angela Subido**, Assistant Coordinator of the APIDA Center, teamed up with the Black Resource Center to host a [Blasian Support Group](#). In addition, she hosted a workshop about "[Red Flags: Learning and Communicating Boundaries](#)."



## **APIDA Center represents at the Teacher Clarity Conference!**

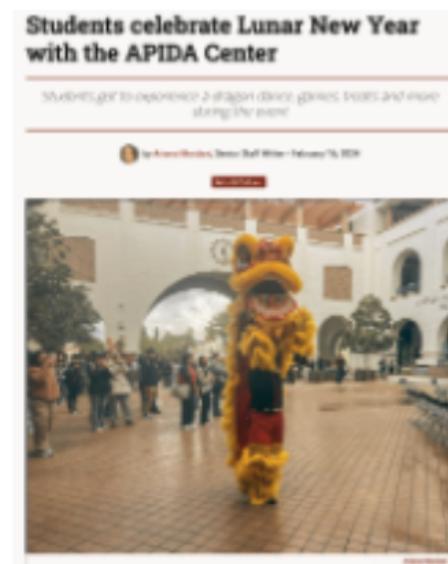
On February 26th, Dr. **Loh-Hagan** was the keynote speaker at the Teacher Clarity Conference hosted by SDSU College of Education professors, Dr. **Doug Fisher** and Dr. **Nancy Frey**. During her introduction, Dr. Frey commended the APIDA Center on our impact and visibility at SDSU and in the San Diego area. Over 350 teachers from across the nation attended this event. Dr. Loh-Hagan spoke about her books, the importance of reading diverse books, and the importance of teaching APIDA histories and narratives.

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

**Rodney Speight Jr.** is a third-year physics major and mathematics minor and an A-LIST member from the first cohort. As the Black Student Science Organization (BSSO) treasurer, vice president of Schwartz Astronomical Society, and a Physics-Astronomy CalBridge scholar, he actively works to support minorities in STEM. He was recently featured in a SDSU NewsCenter entitled, "[Stellar student aims to have an astronomical impact.](#)" His research focuses on gamma rays, forms of energy emitted by high-energy astronomical objects like pulsars, black holes and supernovae.

**Jesca Prudencio**, Associate Professor in the Theater, TV and Film department is the winner of the 2024 San Diego Critic's Circle Award for Outstanding Direction of a Play for her work on "Exotic Deadly: Or the MSG Play," at The Old Globe. She said, "It's even more special since we had several SDSU alumni working on the production with me including [@chandraayeee](#), [@kian.k.c](#), and [@prosperpele](#)."

The APIDA Center was featured in "The Daily Aztec" article entitled, "[Students celebrate Lunar New Year with the APIDA Center](#)" written by **Ariana Mardani**.



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

**Have a flex to share?**

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## Upcoming APIDA Center Events

### 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.

### A Trip to Seattle, Washington: AAAS Conference + Seattle Historic Sites

**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.

### 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.

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TV  
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THURSDAYS  
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GAME  
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# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting [FCC Preview Night](#) on March 3 from 6:00-9:30pm.
- [Sanskriti](#) is hosting [Mock Shaadi](#) on March 7 from 6:00-9:30pm.
- [APSA](#) is accepting [Mentor/Mentee Sign-ups](#). Sign up by 11:59pm on March 9.
- [VSA](#) is hosting [Intern Pie-Off](#) on March 9 from 11:00am-2:30pm.
- [\(AAPI\)phany](#) is hosting [Spring 2024 events](#) in March and April.

## Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) is hosting [Midterm Fuel Stations](#) from March 4-8.
- The [PRIDE Center](#), CHIP, and San Ysidro Health are hosting [Free HIV Testing](#) on March 4 from 11-5pm.
- The [Black Resource Center](#) and Counseling and Psychological Services are hosting [Wellness Wednesday](#) on March 6 from 12-1pm.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center](#), [Women's Resource Center](#), [Black Resource Center](#), [Latinx Resource Center](#), [EOP](#), and [OneSDSU](#) are hosting [Denea Joseph](#) on March 7 from 4:00-5:15pm.

## Campus Partners:

- Career Services is hosting ElevateHer on March 5 from 12-3pm at Extended Studies Center 206-208. Dr. Loh-Hagan will be speaking!
- [EOP Outreach & Success](#) is hiring [Compact Scholars](#). Apply by March 7 by 11:59pm.
- IMSD & MARC programs are hosting a [2024 Post Ph.D. Panel](#) on March 8 from 2:00-4:30pm.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- [DACA/Undocumented College Students Research Study](#) is seeking participants.
- The Fil-Am Men's Community Survey is seeking Fil-Am cisgender men. Email [filammenproject@gmail.com](mailto:filammenproject@gmail.com) to participate. Participants will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card.
- The [San Diego Chinese Historical Museum](#) is hosting an [Anna May Wong Exhibit](#) from March 1-10.
- The Anju SoCal Tour 2024 is performing on March 10 from 2:30-3:30pm at Serra Mesa Kearney Mesa Library. This event is FREE!

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

## Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** Disney is seeking [Summer and Fall 2024 Interns](#). Apply today!
- 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 [Japanese American Citizen's League 2024 Scholarships](#) are now open. Apply today!
- 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 [Davis-Putter Scholarship](#) is awarding up to \$15,000 per year to active and emerging organizers. Apply by April 1.
- **NEW!** The [Fearless Trailblazer Scholarship](#) is awarding \$300 to a first-generation female student. 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.
- **NEW!** The [Sandstone Care Scholarship](#) is awarding \$5000 to an undergraduate or graduate student in recovery. Apply by May 1.
- 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.

**Do you have a resource to share?**  
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