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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

March 15, 2024



## Find joy every day!

I have a new puppy - His name is Dewey and he is a two-month old, ten-pound terror of cuteness. He visited the [Center](#) this week and was a huge hit. **Jalen Olsen**, third year Kinesiology major, said he is a "proud member of the Dewey Fan Club." (Follow Dewey's hashtag at [#DeweyHagan](#))

That dog has rizz! He was a head-turner for sure and got tons of love and attention. Puppies make people happy. Several folks said he brought joy to their day. There are so many benefits to owning dogs: They improve moods. They lower stress. They make us feel love and joy.

Joy. Joy is powerful. Take time to find joy every day. If you ever need a dose of joy, stop by the APIDA Center. I can't promise that Dewey will be there but I can promise that they'll be something joyful for you!

# Know APIDA History!



CHE'LU

Chamorro Hands in Education Links Unity



## APIDA Center learns about the history of CHE'LU San Diego!

The term "che'lu" translates to "sibling," an endearing term that marks closeness between Chamorro friends or organizations. In San Diego, this expression of camaraderie also serves as the name of a significant organization of the CHamoru community. In 2005, CHE'LU San Diego was established to preserve, promote, and perpetuate CHamoru culture, language, and health. Its objective is to unite the people of the Mariana islands by celebrating their indigenous traditions. CHE'LU is an acronym for: "Chamorro Hands in Education Links Unity."

Prior to the colonization of Spain in 1521, Chamorro society developed sophisticated transportation systems guided by environmental knowledge and nature-informed navigational practices. Fast sailing canoes known as the Sakman allowed for Chamorro mobility between the Pacific Islands and led to a blossoming seafaring culture.

In collaboration with the Chamorro diaspora of Southern California, CHE'LU spearheaded the Sakman Chamorro. In 2010, Chamorro organizations united to build a 47-foot replica of a historic, indigenous, Chamorro canoe. This Chamorro canoe was documented in drawings made 270+ years ago. Chamorros in Southern California were inspired by tje Hōkūle'a, a historic Hawaiian canoe that landed in San Diego in 1994.

**Mario Reyes Borja**, an Advisor of CHE'LU and alumnus of San Diego State University, was the master carver of the Sakman Chamorro. In 2010, logs were brought to a canoe shop in El Cajon and local Chamorros began building the replica. Once completed, the Sakman was showcased in popular San Diego bodies of water such as Shelter Island, the Maritime Museum, and Spanish Landing. In 2016, the Sakman Chamorro had a successful launch and arrived in Guam. In 2016, Borja attended the Festival of the Pacific Arts in Guam in order to share the story of the Sakman. The Sakman Chamorro is a capsule of traditional Pacific Islander voyaging practices and a testament to the passion of cultural preservation among Chamorros in the diaspora.

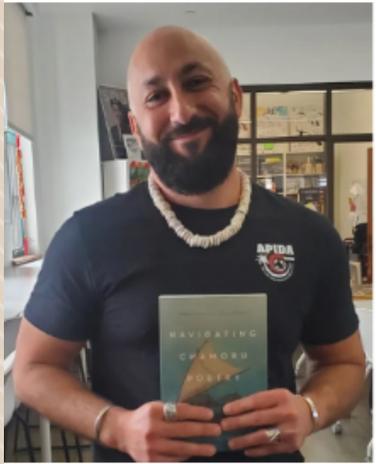
Since 2005, CHE'LU has organized numerous projects that cultivate cultural awareness and preservation such as the annual Chamorro Cultural Festival. The first Chamorro Cultural Festival was hosted in 2010. On March 23, 2024, the 12th annual Chamorro Cultural Festival will take place at the Oceanside Pier Amphitheater.

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center goes to the Cherry Blossom Festival!

We were invited to participate in SDSU GO's field trip to the Cherry Blossom Festival at the Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park. It was a beautiful day among the blossoms. To learn more about the Japanese Friendship Garden, read our [newsletter](#) from last week. To learn more cherry blossoms, read our [social media campaign](#). **Angela Subido** served as one of the chaperones, representing the APIDA Center.



## APIDA Center kicks off Mes CHamoru!

On Monday, March 11, we hosted a cultural crafting night about SPAM in Guam and then made pencil holders with SPAM cans, as an act of sustainable beauty. (Fun Fact: Most of the cans were eaten by **Matthew H Garcia**, who took it upon himself to provide enough "art supplies" for everyone.)

On Thursday, March 14, we hosted National Book Award winner and CHamoru Poet-Scholar Dr. [Craig Santos Perez](#), who weathered a hail storm to spend the afternoon with us. An amazing storyteller, Dr. Perez told his story while reading aloud his poems throughout. He shared the importance of recognizing CHamoru knowledge, histories, and narratives. He talked about CHamoru visual literacy as evidenced by their expertise in "reading" the ocean and navigating the waters. It was a truly inspirational talk.



## APIDA Center makes ice cream!

Ice cream is definitely among the top three favorite desserts. It is eaten all around the world; however, did you know that ice cream originated from ancient China? If you attended our [workshop](#) on Thursday, March 14th, you would have learned this and much more. In collaboration with [MSTI](#) and [APIDA PTA](#), we hosted a workshop about the history of ice cream and the STEM behind making it. One of the participants noted, "It's important to recognize that STEM is everywhere." Another participant noted how colonialism and consumerism (trade) dispersed Asian innovations around the world. Since this workshop was so popular and since we still have supplies, we are hosting [another ice cream workshop](#) on Monday, March 18. Join us!



## APIDA Center attends the AAPI Policy Summit!

On Friday, March 8th, Dr. Loh-Hagan represented APIDA Center at the AAPI Policy Summit hosted by UCLA Asian American Studies Center. This was a great opportunity to learn more about current issues facing the APIDA community and to network with APIDA leaders. For example, Dr. Loh-Hagan caught up with Khydeeja Alam, the Executive Director of the California Commission of Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs ([CAPIAA](#)). Ms. Alam was aware of our work and spoke very highly about our Center. In addition, we were able to chat with our Mesa and City College friends to include **Kirin Macapugay** (SDSU alumna), Dr. Hai Ly Tran, and Dr. Pearl Ly.

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

SDSU's Associated Students hosts GreenFest, which aims to champion sustainability, diversity, and SDSU pride. At their fair event on March 11th, **PISA** and **AB Samahan** performed and the APIDA Center tabled.

*The Daily Aztec* wrote an article about our Kristina Wong event. The article is entitled, "[Comedian and Pulitzer Prize Finalist Kristina Wong served up laughter while educating on food banks.](#)" The author is **Emma Kepfer**.



## Comedian and Pulitzer Prize Finalist Kristina Wong served up laughter while educating on food banks

*The comedian stopped by the Student Union Theater to showcase her new show while highlighting Asian-American excellence in the arts*

by Emma Kepfer, Staff Writer • March 12, 2024

Arts & Culture



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

**Have a flex to share?**

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

# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## Make Ice Cream With Us - Again!

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, March 18 from 1-2pm**

Since we had so much fun the first time, we are hosting another ice-cream making workshop. Learn about the Asian origins of ice cream and about the STEM behind this delicious treat. Must be present the entire time to participate. While supplies last!

## Music Festival 101 and NARCAN Training

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, March 18 from 3-4pm**

Are you attending your first or 100th rave or concert this Spring 2024? Learn about music festival etiquette, safety tips, and the history of APIDA substance use. Participate in the NARCAN training to receive access to NARCAN and learn how to prevent Opioid overdose.

## Cultural Crafting Night: Weaving in Guam

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, March 18 from 6-8pm**

Weaving continues to be an important practice in Guam. For thousands of years, CHamorus have used Guam's abundant foliage to produce useful and unique items. Learn about weaving in Guam and then make tablemats with us!

## SDSU Food Safety Training

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Dates: Tuesday, March 19 from 12-1pm; Thurs March 21 from 3-4pm**

Do you plan to serve food at your events? If so, SDSU requires food safety training. Attend one of the trainings. The training is good for one year. All are welcome!

## Paper-Folding Arts Across Cultures

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, March 20 from 2-3pm**

Join the APIDA Center, Undocumented Resource Center, and Latinx Resource Center for an afternoon of cross-cultural crafting. Learn about the historical and cultural significance of the art of paper-folding and then make origami and/or papel picado crafts with us.

## 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.

## ABA Collab: Movie Night

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, March 20 from 6-8pm**

Mix and mingle with members from the Asian Business Association SDSU organization. Join us for movie night! [@abasdsu](#)

## BYOB: Build Your Own Bahay Kubo with Andrés

**Bonifacio Samahan**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Friday, March 22 from 2:30-3:30pm**

Build your own Bahay Kubo with AB Samahan and APIDA Center. The Tagalog phrase Bahay Kubo means "country house." Learn the history of bahay kubo, the impact of colonialism, and the science behind its construction. Then, build one with us!

## Book Talk & Lecture: Dr. Alfred P. Flores

**Location: Zoom**

**Date: Wednesday, March 27 from 4-5pm**

Dr. Alfred P. Flores is an assistant professor of Asian American Studies at Harvey Mudd College. He will discuss his new book, *Tip of the Spear: Land, Labor, and US Settler Militarism in Guahan, 1944-1962* (Cornell University Press) in which he uses a working-class labor analysis to examine the militarization of Guam.

## 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!

## 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! 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.

# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting [Samahike](#) on March 16 at 6:30am at Torrey Pines Beach Trail.
- [PISA](#) is hosting [Zoo Social](#) on March 16 from 11am-4pm at the San Diego Zoo.
- [APSA](#) is hosting [Picnic Sessions Alumni Social](#) on March 16 from 3-5pm at Kate Sessions Park.
- [JSA](#) is hosting [Spring GBM](#) on March 20 from 3-4pm at Mata'yuum.
- [\(AAPI\)phany](#) is hosting [Cathy Park Hong - Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning](#) on March 21 from 4-6pm at Templo Mayor.

## Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Native Resource Center](#) is seeking [volunteers](#) for Pow Wow 2024.
- The [PRIDE Center](#) is offering [SafeZones Training](#) for Spring 2024.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) and the Muslim Student Association are hosting [Iftar with the Ummah](#) on March 18 from 7-9pm at Templo Mayor.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#) and [Women's Resource Center](#) are hosting [Marchas Feministas: A U.S. and Latine Lens](#) on March 21 from 11am-1pm at the International Student Center Lounge.
- The [Black Resource Center](#) and HB Keep are hosting [Black Fashion Week: The Black Fashion Show](#) on March 22 from 5-7pm at Montezuma Hall.

## Campus Partners:

- [Career Services](#) and [Recreation and Tourism Student Association](#) are hosting [Job Fair](#) on March 21 from 3-5pm at Montezuma Hall.
- The SDSU Public Health Career Fair is on March 25 from 12-2pm at Templo Mayor. Register on [Handshake](#).
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- [Asian Business Association San Diego](#) is hosting [March Member Mixer](#) on March 21 from 5-7pm at the ABA office.
- [Asian Story Theater](#) presents [Two Dragons](#) at the College-Rolando Library on March 22 from 4-5pm.
- First Gen Scholars is seeking a [Full-Time Cohort Director](#). Apply by March 22.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#).

Do you have an opportunity to share?  
Email us at [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).

# Paid Internships & Scholarships

## Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** Delaware North Sportservice is seeking a [Concessions Intern for Petco Park Summer 2024](#). Apply today!
- [Olami Public Relations and Social Media Internship](#) is seeking interns. Apply on Handshake by May 6.

## Scholarships:

- The [Equal Opportunity Scholarship](#) is awarding two students \$500. Apply by March 30.
- **NEW!** The [Chinese American Medical Society scholarship](#) is awarding \$5000 to Medical and Dental School students. Apply by March 31.
- The [Bright Minds Scholarship](#) is awarding \$5,000 to one student pursuing a career in technology. Apply by March 31.
- The [\\$2000 Sallie Mae Scholarship](#) is open to a student currently enrolled in college. 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.
- The [Fearless Trailblazer Scholarship](#) is awarding \$300 to a first-generation female student. Apply by April 1.
- **NEW!** The [LMJ Scholarship](#) is awarding \$10,000 to students for their first year of law school. Women and diverse students accepted to an ABA-accredited law school may apply by April 14.
- 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 [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.