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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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If you didn't get it, don't miss out;

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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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

April 19, 2024



Our Inaugural South East Asian American Festival!

We did it! We hosted our first South East Asian American (SEAA) Festival. April is a significant month for Southeast Asian Americans: (1) Thai, Laotian, Cambodian New Year, (2) Hmong Heritage Month, (3) Laotian Heritage Month, (4) Black Friday (Fall of Saigon), and more.

Many thanks to Student Success Fee grants, led by **Krissa Jackson**, for their support in promoting a festival consisting of several weeks of events including Laotian dancing, "The Donut King" screening, Hmong embroidery (Paj Ntaub) workshops, dragon boat racing, and more. This was a testament to the power of little ideas and the life these ideas take when nurtured. In the future, we will continue to put concerted effort into designating April as an opportunity to celebrate South East Asian American histories and heritages.

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about dragon boat racing in San Diego!

On Sunday, April 14, 2024, the APIDA Center, with generous funds from the SDSU Student Success Fee program, hosted a [Dragon Boat Racing Program](#) in partnership with the San Diego Dragon Boat Team and UCSD Dragon Boat Team. (Many thanks to **Krissa Jackson**, APIDA Center Student Assistant, for leading this project.) Twenty SDSU students spent a day in the sun at Fiesta Island participating in this Asian tradition; dragon boat racing is popular in Southeast Asia but originated from China.

From 770-476 BC, the emergence of dragon boat racing was documented in the Wu and Yue provinces of China. This activity aimed to appease river spirits and was practiced during the Spring and Autumn seasons. In ancient Chinese agricultural traditions, dragon boats would be used to celebrate the planting process of the rice crop during the summer solstice. Over time, this practice spread across Southeast Asia and across the globe. Today, approximately 60 countries participate in the sport; Singapore and Malaysia celebrate a Dragon Boat Festival.

In addition, boat racing has been utilized for naval training in China and is a fun competitive sport. Stylistically, dragon boat racing is known for its synchronized rowing that matches the tune of a drummer who sits at the front of the boat. These narrow boats are decorated with dragon designs which represent good luck, strength, and power. With this cultural symbol, the rowers embody the values of the Chinese dragon. In 1976, the dragon boat competition was established in Hong Kong.

In 1983, Singapore gifted the city of San Diego three dragon boats. In 1984, San Diego made history by claiming the world championship, defeating 14 other countries. This inaugural win marked the first time that a Western nation has won in the 2,000 years of the dragon boat racing sport. In 1992, the first women's team of San Diego won silver medals from international competitions in Singapore and Hong Kong.

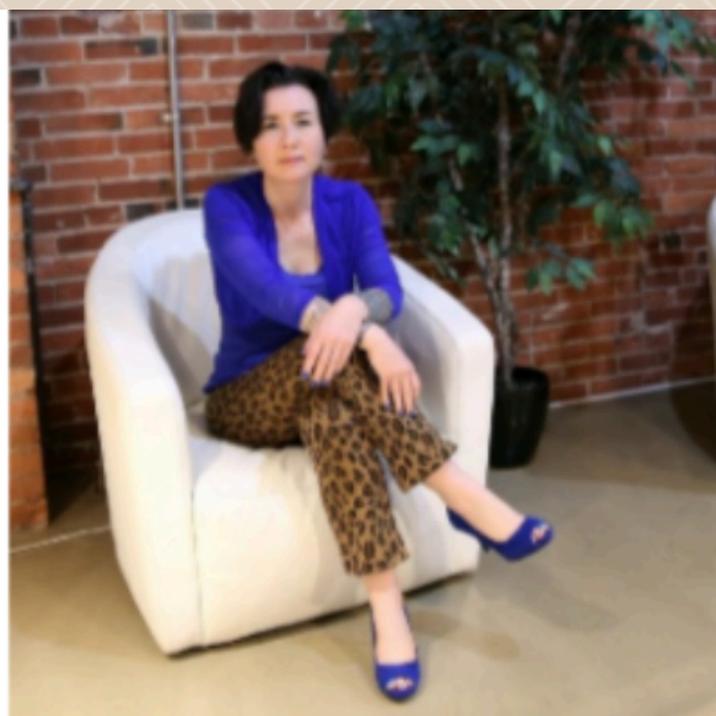
UCSD has its own competitive dragon boat racing team, founded in 2003. If you are interested in establishing a dragon boat team at SDSU, email us at apida@sdsu.edu - we are interested in forming a collegiate team!

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center learns about Paj Ntaub!

Paj Ntaub (pronounced /pun-dow/) is a Hmong word that means "flower cloth." It refers to Hmong embroidery, or techniques used by Hmong women to decorate cloth for clothing. It can include cross-stitching, applique, and story cloth. On, April 17th, the APIDA Center hosted two events to learn more about this Hmong art tradition. First, Mama Suzanne Thao, a Hmong elder, zoomed in from Minnesota to share the history of Hmong, the traditions of Paj Ntaub, and her own personal refugee story. This was an extremely moving event. Mama Suzanne fled from war and lived in refugee camps before migrating to the United States - the whole time she carried her stitching. More importantly, she carried her knowledge and skills with her and has committed her life to teaching the younger generations about Paj Ntaub. Second, in a repeat performance, we invited April Yang back to talk about how the current generation is preserving Paj Ntaub. Yang led a workshop where students learned to cross-stitch basic Hmong designs. Standby for more!



APIDA Center hosts more events!

This past week, we also hosted a collaborative social with Pacific Islander Student Association (PISA), another DIY Scrunchies workshop (inspired by April Yang's workshop last week), and a webinar with SDSU alumna, Dr. **Beverly Yuen Thompson**. Fun Fact: Dr. Thompson graduated from the second-ever master's degree cohort from the Department of Women's Studies at SDSU. Her MA thesis was entitled, "The Politics of Bisexual/Biracial Identity: A Study of Bisexual and Mixed Race Women of Asian/Pacific Islander Descent." Her work at SDSU inspired her professional career as she continues to research identities and communities.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

Kat Hernandez has been elected as SDSU's next student body President! She was featured in a "Daily Aztec" article entitled, "[Spring 2024 Associated Students election results announced](#)." She said, "I'm a foster youth — I think I'm the first female foster youth president and that's really overwhelming. I'm just so excited to spread more awareness and really take charge of tomorrow."

Vincent Lin has been elected as Vice President of Financial Affairs!

Mari Ebersole, a member of the APIDA Pre-Law Society, has been accepted to law school at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.



We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Cultural Craft Night: Break and Make Ceramic Art Piece

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, April 22 from 6-8pm

Inspired by our trip to SFMOMA, we are hosting a workshop about Yoko Ono (born 1933), a multimedia artist and peace activist. Learn about her "Mend Piece" and then craft your own "Mend Piece" by breaking and making art from broken ceramic pieces.

Fall 2024 Registration Support

Location: APIDA Center Conference Room

Dates: April 22-26

Need help selecting your Fall 2024 (and/or Summer 2024) courses? The APIDA Center is here for you! We are hosting in-person registration drop-in hours at the APIDA Center.

Blasian Support Group

Location: APIDA Center Conference Room

Date: Wednesday, April 24 from 1-2pm

The Blasian support group takes place every last Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is on April 24, 2024 from 1-2pm and the theme is Myths of Achievement.

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

Location: Seattle, WA

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!

Read with APIDA!

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, April 29 from 12-1pm

Be a part of our community reading initiative. As we wait for the 2024 One Book One San Diego book selections, let's read the 2023 books. Come to the APIDA Center and take free books. Then, join our Book Club meeting. Food will be provided!

"Black April" Discussion

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, April 30 from 5-6pm

Black April, or "Tháng Tư Đen," marks the day that Saigon, the capital of South Vietnam, was captured by North Vietnamese communist troops. This happened on April 30th, 1975, which marked the end of the Vietnam War (1955-1975) and the reunification of Vietnam. Join APIDA and VSA in discussing this history and its impact on people today.

SDSU APIDA 2024 Graduation Celebration & End of the Year Party

Location: Student Union Courtyard

Date: Thursday, May 2 from 5-8pm

RSVP today for the SDSU APIDA 2024 Graduation Celebration & End-of-Year Party! We will be celebrating our December 2023, May 2024, and August 2024 Graduates. Graduates must attend from 5-8pm in order to get an APIDA grad cord and charm! All are welcome but folks must RSVP to be admitted! RSVP by April 26, 2024.

APIDA Conference 2024: Telling Our Stories

Location: Tula Community Center

Date: Friday, May 3 from 10-4pm

We are hosting an APIDA Conference! The theme is "Telling Our Stories." More info coming soon - For now, save the date!

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting its [39th Annual Filipino-American Culture Night: Magpahinga](#) on April 19 from 6-9pm at Montezuma Hall.
- [SEA3](#) and [APO](#) are celebrating the [Khmer New Year Festival](#) on April 20 from 12-2pm.
- [VSA](#) is hosting a [Bonfire at the Beach](#) on April 21 from 5-8pm at Mission Beach.
- [ABA](#) is hosting an [End-Of-The-Year Celebration](#) on April 26 from 6-9pm at EIS Quad.
- [PISA](#) is hosting its [27th Annual Lū'au](#) on April 28 from 5-9pm at La Mesa Community Center. RSVP by April 24.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [PRIDE Center](#) is hosting [Trans Week of Empowerment](#), an annual tradition that aims to amplify the stories and experiences of trans individuals. Events include Virtual SafeZones Training, Free HIV Testing, Trans Health and Wellness Center Discussion, Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) Info Session, Gender Affirmation, TransMasc Talk, Queer Crafternoon, Name and Gender Marker Change Clinic, and Lavender Graduation.
- The [WRC](#) and partners will host [Wafa Ghnaim](#), a Palestinian leading educator in Palestinian dress history and tatreez (embroidery) techniques, on April 23 from 12:00-1:30pm.
- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting [Intro to Oceania](#) on April 25 from 11:00am-12:30pm.

Campus Partners:

- College of Sciences is hosting a [Diversity in Sciences panel](#) on April 25 from 2-6pm.
- The Center for Student Organizations & Activities is hosting a RSO Renewal Symposia on April 28 from 8:00-4:30pm. Contact [CSOA](#) for more information. (All RSO student leaders should take advantage of this opportunity!)
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#)

Community Partners:

- [VietVoicesSD](#) is hosting [Community Mixer](#) on April 20 from 11:30am-1:30pm at Pho Ca Dao Mission Valley.
- [Empowering Pacific Islander Communities \(EPIC\)](#) is accepting applications for the [2024 PILOT Summer Institute](#). Apply by April 26.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#).

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** Catalent is seeking a [Lab Assistant](#), [Finance Intern](#), and [Process Engineering Assistant](#). Apply today!
- **NEW!** The Association for Asian American Studies is seeking [Densho Encyclopedia Graduate Interns](#). Apply by April 30.
- The City of San Diego is seeking two interns for their [Business and Finance Sector: Finance Internship](#). Apply by May 1.
- [Olami Public Relations and Social Media Internship](#) is seeking interns. Apply on Handshake by May 6.
- The City of San Diego is seeking two interns for their [Energy, Environment, and Utilities Sector: Marine Biology Internship](#). Apply by May 20.

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Scholarships:

- **NEW!** The [2023-2024 Procter & Gamble STEM Scholarship](#) is awarding up to \$5000 to undergraduate students studying STEM. Apply by April 25.
- 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 [AIGA Worldstudio DxD Scholarships](#) are awarding \$2500-\$5000 to Communication, Illustration, and Photography majors. 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 \$3,025 to a mother pursuing higher education. Apply by May 10.
- The [Hicks Scholarship Award](#) is awarding \$2,000 to a student impacted by cancer. Apply by May 15.
- The [Leon Bradley Scholarship Program](#) is awarding \$3,500 to students of color entering the field of teaching and school leadership.
- 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.
- The [AIAS Foundation Scholarship](#) is awarding \$2,500 to students pursuing a career in game development. Apply by May 31.
- The [Groundbreaker Leadership Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1,500 to an APIDA student who demonstrates leadership abilities. Apply by May 31.
- The [#LiveLikeLyly Memorial Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to an APIDA student pursuing fashion or graphic design. Apply by May 31.
- The [Thear Sy Suzuki R.I.S.E. Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1,500-\$2,500 to an APIDA student who has demonstrated self-reflection. Apply by May 31.
- The [Lily Pabilona Emerging Entrepreneur Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1,000-\$5,000 to an APIDA student who is a small business owner. Apply by May 31.
- The [Artistic Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1,000 to an APIDA student pursuing art. Apply by May 31.
- The California Teacher's Association's [LGBTQ+ Safety in Schools Grant & Scholarship Program in Honor of Guy DeRosa](#) is awarding up to \$2,500 to an LGBTQ+ aspiring educator. Apply by May 31.
- The [Vietnamese Student of Excellence Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to a student of Vietnamese descent. Apply by August 5.