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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

May 6, 2024



Happy Finals Week & APIDA Month 2024!

May is Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) History and Heritage Month. Since the late 1970s, May has been recognized as a time to celebrate APIDA people, heritages, and histories. The month of May was chosen because it commemorates the arrival of the first Japanese immigrant to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad on May 10, 1869, which was made possible by the critical contributions of Chinese workers. This month is dedicated to examining and honoring the important roles that APIDA communities have played in shaping the United States. Today, it's also a call to be united against anti-Asian hate. For a complete listing and up-to-date information about our campus APIDA Month events, please follow the APIDA Center on Instagram [@sdsuapidacenter](#), check out the [APIDA Heritage and History Month](#) page or refer to the [2024 APIDA Month](#) Google folder.

In addition, we are prepping for finals this week. Final exams are scheduled for May 3-9. Students are welcome to study at the APIDA Center as we will be honoring silent hours between 10-5pm on May 6-9. We will also host Finals Fun activities from 5-8pm on May 6-9. Furthermore, students can get free test-taking supplies from us.

For our loyal readers, you may have noticed that we are a little behind in our newsletters. That's because we have had a super, super busy few weeks with events, travels, and more. We are working on getting caught up so thanks for hanging in there with us!



APIDA Graduation Celebration



APIDA Center celebrates our graduates!

On May 2nd, we hosted our 4th annual APIDA Graduation Celebration and End-of-Year party! We honored our December 2023, May 2024, and August 2024 graduates. This year is super special because it is the first graduating class that has always had an APIDA Center (since we opened in the 2019-2020 school year).

The celebration was a great success. In addition to the announcement and cording of graduates, we also had the pleasure of hearing inspirational words from CFO **Agnes Wong Nickerson** and of seeing a stunning performance by KASA's K-Fan group. Furthermore, we had fun with a photo booth, balloon artist, caricature artist, DJ, and more. The After-Party's highlight was KASA's Random Dance Play. Throughout the evening, attendees were treated to great food and even greater company. See you next year....

Fun Fact: We were featured in a Daily Aztec article entitled, "[As graduation season nears, SDSU centers prepare for more intimate ceremonies](#)" by **Felicity Desuasido**.



December 2023 Graduate

Kai Fernandez

August 2024 Graduates

Jillian Ped

Ritu Sharma

Samantha Reika Wakabayashi

May 2024 Graduates

Jeradhine Adriano

Sumaia Afreen

Maya Chavez-Luke

Cloud Cheung

Tracy Cheung

Cody Chinothai

Bradley Donovan Chong

Madeline Delacruz

Tori Doan

Brittany Cruz-Fejeran

Justin Gabriel

Belen Gamino

Nina Izabel Go

Alexander Han

Brandon Huynh

Emma Ing

Manmeet Kaur

Nikka Kawamoto

Jenny Lai

Carrie Lee

Barry Macasling Lomibao, Jr.

Hannah Ly

Madelyn Mones

Anne Monge

Vicky Nguyễn

Angeline Paguia

Carl Pasco

Matthew Nicholas Pimentel

Clarissa Punzal

Jerome Salvador

Hannaliza Sapida

Ayaulym Malika Kendebai Altynbaeva Sioson

Jessica Amara Siron

Austin Thanh Tran

Tommy Tran

Edward Joshua Uyycy Viemes

Jalea-Kiara Galang Villarama

Jessica Sayson Villarin

Winnie Yu

Patrick Gerald Festin Zalameda

Xiao Yan Kelly Zhao

AGENDA

5:00 Check-in

5:10 Program

- **Welcome**
- **Performance: KASA K-Fan**
- **Announcement of Graduates**

**6:00-8:00 Food Service & Fun:
Photo Booth, Caricature Drawings,
Balloon Artist, DJ**

8:00-9:00 KASA Random Dance Play

9:00-9:45 After-Party

APIDA Spotlight: AAAS & Seattle



However, the biggest highlight of our trip was visiting the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) headquarters and actually meeting Dr. Dorothy Cordova!!! Fred and Dorothy Cordova are major figures in the preservation of Filipino American history. Since the 1950s, the Cordovas have been advocates for the rights and welfare of the Fil-Am community. At Seattle University, they promoted Fil-Am stories in university-wide publications. They formed Filipino Youth Activities (FYA) and in the early 1980s, they established FANHS. Today, there are over 40 chapters of FANHS. The Cordovas pushed for the formalization of Filipino American History Month (FAHM) in October and have made historic achievements in advocating for Fil-Am history to be included in the U.S. education system. Fred Cordova dedicated his time to FANHS as a volunteer archivist until his passing in 2013. Today, Dorothy Cordova continues to advocate for immigrant communities and was a recipient of the Beth Chave Award for Preservation Champion (2023). The SDSU APIDA Center was so excited to meet this Fil-Am legend!



APIDA Center goes to Seattle!

From April 24-28, 2024, the APIDA Center, supported generously by the Student Success Fee program, took students to the Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Conference in Seattle, Washington. (Kudos to the following SDSU faculty who were scheduled to present at AAAS: Dr. **Lashon Daley**, Dr. **Alvin Henry**, Dr. **Brian Hu**, Dr. **Amira Jarmakani**, Dr. **Virginia Loh-Hagan**, and Dr. **Stephen Suh**.)

In addition to attending the AAAS conference, students were busy taking in Seattle APIDA history and other sites of interest. Some highlights included Wing Luke Museum, tour of Chinatown-International District, Space Needle, Sunset Sail Trip around Puget Sound, Pike Place, Great Wheel, City Ghost Tour, and Seattle Asian Art Museum (where we met Cambodian American artist, Anida Yoeu Ali).

Know APIDA History!

APIDA Center learns about pensionados!

The city of Seattle has a significant history of Filipino migrant workers and pensionados, similar to the migration patterns of Filipinos in San Diego.

In 1883, the first Filipino in Seattle named "Manilla" (after the largest city in the Philippines) had migrated to Washington and was employed at the Port Blakely Lumber Mill.

Following the establishment of the 1903 Pensionado Act, the U.S. government funded the migration and education of Filipino students in the United States. Known as "pensionados," these Filipino scholars attended various colleges in the United States. This tactic of "civilizing" and "assimilating" Filipinos to Western education, contributed to colonial construction of the U.S. imperial powers in the Pacific.

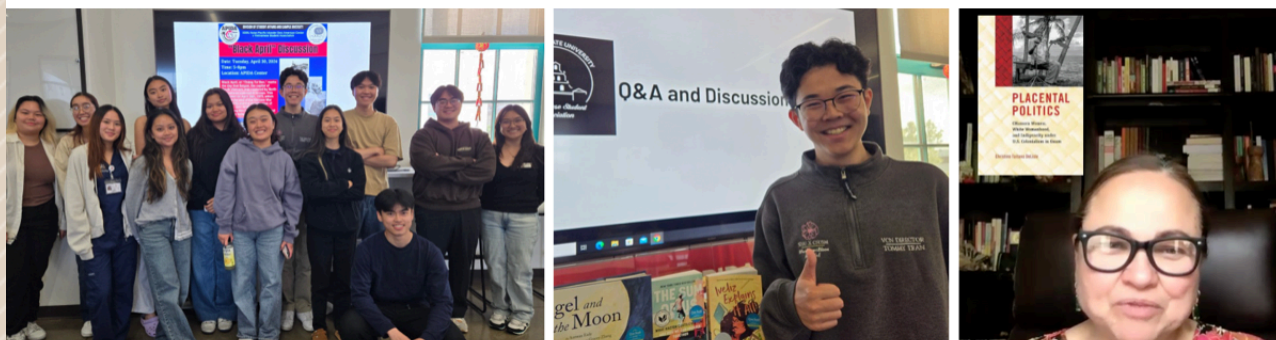
In 1903, the first Filipinos arrived in San Diego to attend the San Diego Normal School, now known today as San Diego State University. By 1912, over 200 Filipinos had graduated from various U.S. collegiate institutions. The University of Washington had the highest enrollment rates of pensionados.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts crafting events!

We hosted three cultural crafting events over the past couple of weeks. On April 22nd, we learned about Yoko Ono and made art inspired by her "Mend Piece" sculptures. We stole this idea from our visit to San Francisco's Museum of Modern Art. We broke ceramic cups and then remade the shards into sculptures using tape, glue, and twine. It was so much fun. On April 29th, we brought back a popular workshop - our Pacita Abad craft night. Attendees learned about Pacita Abad and then made multi-media projects on canvas. On April 30th, we collaborated with the Latinx Resource Center and learned about Japanese-Mexican artist, Carlos Nakatani and made watercolors inspired by his style.



APIDA Center hosts educational events!

On April 30th, the APIDA Center collaborated with the Vietnamese Student Association to host a discussion about "[Black Friday](#)." This day marks the Fall of Saigon which took place on April 30, 1975. **Tommy Tran** did an outstanding job of leading the discussion.

On May 1st, to kick off our APIDA Month celebration, Dr. [Christine DeLisle](#) gave a talk about CHamoru midwifery and the importance of perserving ancient knowledge and sacred practices of indigenous peoples.



APIDA Center hosts an APIDA Conference!

On May 3rd, the APIDA Center in collaboration with San Diego City College, hosted our first in-person conference. The theme was "Telling Our Stories." The focus was on the myriad of ways to talk about our histories and experiences via research, creative works, and more. The idea was to inspire students to pursue further research and scholarship on topics of interest to them related to APIDA content. (Next year, we want to feature student research!)

Faculty speakers included: Dr. Craig Santos Perez, Dr. **Brian Hu**, and Dr. **Amy Wong**. Student speakers included **Czarina Casino**, **Grace Cho**, **Diego Del Mundo**, **Grace Felleison**, and **Elisa Nguyen**.

Big thanks to Dr. Masahiro Omae, Dean of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Consumer and Family Studies at San Diego City College for sponsoring lunch.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Cultural Crafting Night: Sashiko

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, May 6 from 5-8pm

Sashiko is a Japanese embroidery art form. Learn more about this stitching craft and make your own. Limited spots; participants must be on time and attend entire session.

Speaker: Ny Nourn

Location: Zoom

Date: Tuesday, May 7 from 3-4pm

Cambodian American refugee, Ny Nourn, a former incarcerated and Mira Mesa resident, will share her experience and journey as an anti-deportation organizer and social justice activist.

Cultural Crafting Night: Kantha

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, May 7 from 5-8pm

Kantha is a Bangladeshi and Indian embroidery art form. Learn more about this stitching craft and make your own. Limited spots; participants must be on time and attend entire session.

Cultural Crafting Night: Macrame

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, May 8 from 5-8pm

Macrame is a textile art form, with Arabic origins. Learn more about macrame and its connection to Chinese knotting. Then, make your own. Limited spots; participants must be on time and attend entire session.

Asian Game Night

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, May 9 from 5-8pm

We will play traditional and popular games with Asian origins and/or connections. Come play games with us.

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:

- Follow orgs on Instagram to learn about newly elected and appointed Executive Board members for the upcoming academic year.

Cultural Center Partners:

- Follow cultural centers on Instagram to learn about their summer hours and summer programming.

Campus Partners:

- Connect with various departments and colleges to learn about their graduation and commencement events.
- Participate in a [research study](#) seeking input from DACA/Undocumented college students. Participants will be compensated a \$20 online Visa gift card.
- Apply to be an [ISC Ambassador](#) for the International Student Center. Apply by May 15.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#)

Community Partners:

- Attend a [movie screening and panel discussion](#) of "In the Matter of Cha Jung Hee" on May 10 from 5-9pm.
- Attend [Lotus Magazine's](#) first pop-up event on May 11 from 1-5pm at Embolden Beer Company.
- Attend a workshop about "Why APIDA Curriculum Matters" on May 7. 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.

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- [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.

Scholarships:

- 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.
- **NEW!** The [Breaking Barriers Program](#) is awarding \$3000-\$5000 to women in California pursuing STEM. Apply by May 31.
- **NEW!** The [Minerva Scholarship Program](#) is awarding \$3000-\$10,000 to women in California. Apply by May 31.
- [The Vietnamese Student of Excellence Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to a student of Vietnamese descent. Apply by August 5.