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Summer Hours
Monday-Friday 10:00-4:30pm
Regular Hours:
Monday-Thursday 10:00-7:00pm
Friday 10:00-4:30pm

Location: 2nd floor of Student Union
Rooms #210A-K (directly above Starbucks)

connect with us!



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SDSU APIDA Resource Center

SDSU Office of AANHPI Affairs & APIDA Center Executive Director's Message

July 25, 2025



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: NEW CENTER HOURS

We love having students and campus friends visit us over the summer. Come on by. Let's share a few laughs together.

In about a month, the Fall semester will start and we will be poppin' again! We can't wait!

Please note that starting Monday, August 25th, the entire 210 suite, including the APIDA Center, will be closing an hour earlier on Mondays through Thursdays. Our new hours are:

- Monday through Thursdays: 10:00-7:00pm
- Fridays: 10:00-4:30pm

In addition, our next newsletter will be on Friday, August 22nd; at which time, we will resume our weekly distribution!

Enjoy the remaining days of summer!



APIDA: 2024-25 NUMBERS

As we get ready to start a new academic year, we wanted to take a minute to reflect on our achievements from the previous year. We are so proud of our impact numbers. Check out our [2024-2025 Snapshot](#). Since 2020, the APIDA Center has hosted over 1544 events with over 38,653 attendees and over 38,013 visits to the Center; we have also supported over 2517 advising appointments.

We are so proud of how far [SDSU's APIDA/AANHPI's community](#) has grown over the past five year. We have: Office of AANHPI Affairs, APIDA Center, APIDA ERG, Bayanihan ERG, A-LIST, over 30+ APIDA Recognized Student Organizations, Asian American Studies department, Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages department, Chinese Cultural Center, International Student Center, and more!

APIDA Internships

Office of AANHPI Affairs & SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Center

APIDA
Internship
Program

Apply ASAP!



Do you need professional experience? Do you want to gain transferable career skills? Are you interested in advancing the APIDA community at SDSU? Apply for the APIDA Internship Program, a volunteer-based initiative to support students' professional development. Application is open until filled! Limited spots available each semester!

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APIDA INTERNSHIPS!

We just launched our newest initiative: [APIDA Internships](#). Last year, we piloted an internship program to support students who needed a letter of recommendation, who wanted professional experience, and/or who wanted to be considered for employment at the APIDA Center. Our first interns who completed the pilot were **Nelson Hawkins, Nora Pham, and Neil Catungal**.

If you meet the [eligibility](#) and are willing to complete the [expectations](#), [apply](#) for the APIDA Internship Program, a volunteer-based initiative to support students' professional development. In addition to gaining professional experience, there are many benefits including a letter of recommendation, consideration for employment at the APIDA Center, APIDA Swag, and more! The positions are open until filled with limited spots available each semester. So [apply](#) today!


Also, we are teaming up with [Weber Honors College \(WHC\)](#) to support a special APIDA Center WHC Internship program, only eligible to WHC students. This fulfills WHC's High Impact Practice requirement. [Apply](#) today!

ENROLL IN AAS 488!

This Fall, the APIDA Center is thrilled to be partnering with the Asian American Studies department. Consider enrolling in [AAS 488](#). In addition to all the benefits of being an [Intern](#) at the APIDA Center, you can also earn 3 units of course credit. This course will allow students firsthand experience in working on APIDA-centered initiatives. Students must commit to working at least 3 hours a week (flexible) with monthly Friday afternoon meetings.

APIDA
Enroll in AAS 488!

Want professional experience?
Want an internship at the APIDA Center?
Want three units of course credit?



COURSE TITLE:
Applying Asian American Studies (AAS) to Racial Justice

COURSE INFO:
UNITS: 3
GE: Explorations Social and Behavioral Science
DAY/TIME: Flexible hours w/some Friday meetings from 1:00-3:40pm
LOCATION: SDSU APIDA Center
INSTRUCTORS: Dr. Loh-Hagan and Matthew H Garcia

Contact apida@sdsu.edu for more information!

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about birthright citizenship!

In August 1895, Wong Kim Ark (1873-1935) returned to San Francisco from a trip to China but was denied reentry under the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. Although he was born in the United States, customs officials did not recognize his citizenship. Wong challenged this in court, and the case eventually reached the Supreme Court. In *United States v. Wong Kim Ark* (1898), the Court ruled in Wong's favor, establishing birthright citizenship.

Birthright citizenship is the automatic granting of citizenship to children at their birth. The United States uses two methods to determine birthright citizenship: *jus soli* and *jus sanguinis*. *Jus soli*, based on the Fourteenth Amendment, grants automatic citizenship to anyone born on U.S. soil, regardless of their parents' citizenship. *Jus sanguinis* is governed by the Immigration and Nationality Act and the Child Citizenship Act of 2000. It allows children born abroad to a U.S. citizen parent to acquire citizenship.

Recent efforts by some federal officials to reinterpret birthright citizenship would revoke automatic citizenship for U.S.-born children of undocumented immigrants or temporary visa holders. These changes would disproportionately affect the Asian American community, especially those with mixed-status or recently immigrated members living in places like San Diego.

Asian Americans are the only racial group in the United States where a majority (65%) are foreign-born. In 2023, 22.4% of San Diego's population was foreign-born. Asian American residents make up 16.2% of the city's population and over half are first-generation immigrants. The City of San Diego joined a coalition of local governments nationwide to oppose challenges to birthright citizenship.

The APIDA Center affirms the rights and dignity of all individuals, regardless of immigration status. The [SDSU Monarch Unity Resource Center \(MURC\)](#) supports students and families of mixed status. Through its partnership with Jewish Family Services (JFS) and the Higher Education Legal Services (HELS) initiative, current SDSU students, staff, and faculty can access free, personalized immigration legal services from qualified attorneys and DOJ-accredited representatives. These services are culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and available directly on campus. Feel free to connect directly with MURC or connect with the APIDA Center so we can help you make a connection.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center engages in AMLA!

From July 15-18, the APIDA Center participated in the inaugural AANHPI Middle Leadership Academy, which was hosted by the [CSU AANHPI Student Achievement Program](#). Dr. **Loh-Hagan**, **Matthew H Garcia**, and **Jacqueline Toy** represented SDSU; we networked with teams from across the CSU. We focused on developing our Southeast Asian American learning community initiative (more soon!).

Fun Fact: The event took place in Folsom, California. Historic Folsom has the cutest bookshop named after a dog: "Ruby's Books." They displayed a copy of Dr. Loh-Hagan's book, [A is for Asian American](#).



APIDA Center meets First Year students!

During the month of June, APIDA Center has been tabling at the New Student Orientations (NSO) where we have met many first-year students and their families. In addition, we are supporting various registration labs and offering tours at the APIDA Center. It is so exciting to help students get ready for an awesome school year! Many thanks to **Matthew H Garcia**, **Gi Gonzales Vargas**, **Gabby Gloria**, **Neil Catungal**, and **Diego Del Mundo**!

In addition to the NSO events, we have also tabled for various campus partner events like Career Services' On-Campus Job Fair.



APIDA Center gives a presentation!

On Wednesday, July 23rd, **Matthew H Garcia** and **Gabby Garcia** gave an APIDA Center presentation about "Myths of Achievement" to over 94 EOPOS students. We are thrilled to be partnering with the [Office of Educational Opportunity Programs, Outreach and Success \(EOPOS\)](#), which seeks to educate, empower, and motivate students and their loved ones from historically underserved and underrepresented communities by providing innovative recruitment, transitional and retention services to attain a university degree.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

Dr. **AJ Kim**, associate professor of City Planning in the School of Public Affairs, was selected as one of eight [External Faculty Fellows](#) at the Stanford Humanities Center. Their project is entitled, "Mapping the Immigrant Rights Movement in the American South." Kim is a queer trans scholar, community organizer, and a child of immigrants. They have worked with immigrant rights and environmental justice organizations nationally and internationally for over twenty years. They have led participatory planning activities in immigrant-dense suburbs of Los Angeles, Atlanta, and San Diego, specifically focused on the informal and formal efforts of unauthorized immigrants and refugees working to create safer communities for all across multiple levels of scale and governance.

Dr. **Giang Pham** and Dr. **Yoshiko Higurashi** are mentioned as mentors in an article entitled, "[Two SDSU Aztecs earn Fulbright U.S. student scholarships](#)." Dr. Pham is a Professor and Associate Dean for Research in the College of Health and Human Sciences. She is also director of the Bilingual Development in Context Lab. Dr. Higurashi is professor emerita of Japanese and SDSU advisor for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.



Upcoming APIDA Center Events



Come visit us all summer long!

We are open from 10:00-4:30pm Monday through Friday. Pop in to say hello, work on our puzzle, watch TV, hang out, craft, and more! We would love to see you! We miss all the laughs!

Here's a summer joke for you:
Q: What is Dewey dog's favorite type of summer party?
A: A Bark-B-Q!

Game Night on APIDA Discord

Location: APIDA Discord

Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2025 from 3-4pm

Stay connected with us no matter where you are. Play video games with us on Discord. Attendees can pick the games!

Mental Health & the APIDA College Experience*

Location: Zoom

Date: Thursday, July 31, 2025 from 2-3pm

July is National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month. Join us to learn about how mental health challenges and barriers impact APIDA college students. Also, learn about tools and resources that can be utilized to support mental health.

Welcome Week Open House

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 from 12-2pm

Party with the APIDA Center on the first day of the Fall semester. Join us for snacks, games, and good times!

Craft for a Cause

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: All Semester Long!

Crochet, knit, and loom hats, scarves, blankets, etc. with us. We will donate our hand/heart-made goods to local communities in need! Come to the APIDA Center and craft away. Instructions and supplies will be provided.

NOTE: In order to participate in the workshop (i.e., crafts, food, etc.) and/or earn APIDA SWAG, course extra credit, etc., you must attend events on time and in their entirety and be engaged for the entire event. For events marked with an asterisk (), we will not permit attendees after the indicated start time. We don't want you to miss out on anything and we want to be courteous to the presenters.*

SAVE THE DATES!

Here are some upcoming APIDA Center events:

- Wed, Sept 24, 2025 from 5-7pm: APIDA Resource Fair
- Fri, Oct 3, 2025 from 3-4pm: Family Weekend Open House
- Thurs, Oct 30, 2025 from 1-6pm: Makers Market
- Wed, Dec 3, 2025 from 12-3pm: APIDA Collectibles Fair
- Tues, Feb 17, 2026 from 12-2pm: Lunar New Year Festival
- Thurs, May 7, 2026 from 5-9pm: APIDA Excellence Celebration

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.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [Asian Pacific Student Alliance \(APSA\)](#) is accepting Auxiliary Heads applications. [Apply](#) by 11:59pm on Sat, July 26th.
- Most student organizations will be off for the summer. Check out their Instagrams to stay informed!

Community Center Partners:

- [Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) and [Monarch Unity Resource Center \(MURC\)](#) are hosting "La Revolución es Conversación" every Tuesday from 12-1pm on Zoom or at the LRC Conference Room.
- [The Pride Center](#) is looking for [volunteers](#) for Fall 2025. [Apply](#) by Thurs, Aug 7.
- The [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#) is looking for volunteers for Fall 2025. [Apply](#) by Fri, Aug 30.

Campus Partners:

- [Glazer Center for Leadership and Service](#) is hosting a Summer Leadership Workshop entitled, "True Colors" on Fri, Aug 8 at 2pm. [Register](#) soon!
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- Taiwanese American Professionals San Diego is hosting a Book Club about *Green Island* by Shawna Yang Ryan on Sun, July 27 from 11-1pm at Powerhouse Park. [Register](#) today!
- The San Diego Chinese Historical Museum (SDCHM) and the San Diego Japanese American Citizens League (SD JACL) are hosting a Mochi Ice Cream Social on Sat, Aug 2 from 2-5pm at the SDCHM Chuang Garden. [Register](#) by July 30.
- Social Artistry is hosting a [Convoy Community Market and Block Party](#) on Sun, Aug 10 from 12-5pm on Vickers Street in the Convoy Asian Cultural District.
- The Asian Business Association (ABA) San Diego is hosting a webinar entitled, "Credit Card Processing & POS Systems" on Fri, Aug 22 from 12-1pm on Zoom. [Register](#) soon!
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#).

Research Opportunities

- **NEW!** San Jose State University is looking for Southwest Asian and North African (SWANA) CSU college students to participate in a research study. Complete the [survey](#) for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card.
- **NEW!** The Association of American Medical Colleges is hosting a live webinar entitled, "Visualize This! Elevate Your Research with Better Posters" on August 6th at 11am. [Register](#) today!
- *Alon Journal for Filipinx American and Diasporic Studies* is looking for submissions from high school and undergraduate students focused on [Contemporary Filipinx-ness from a Youth Lens](#). [Submit](#) by September 1st. (Contact apida@sdsu.edu if you would like support.)
- **NEW!** The *Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry* is looking for [research proposals](#) on the impacts of structural and social determinants of health, including multiple forms of racism and minoritization in child and adolescent mental health. Submit your proposal by December 1st.

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** County of San Diego is looking for a Communications Student Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Morley Builders is looking for a full-time Project Engineer Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Noveda Technologies, Inc. is looking for Software Engineering Interns. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Sharp Healthcare is looking for a Strategic Planning and Community Benefit Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** ZDigital is looking for a part-time Marketing Assistant. [Apply](#) today!

Scholarships:

- MPower is offering multiple awards for the Global Citizen Scholarship. [Apply](#) by July 31st.
- The Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship is offering \$1,000 to high school, undergraduate, or graduate students. [Apply](#) by July 31st.
- **NEW!** The Patsy Takemoto Mink Foundation is offering up to \$5,000 to five low-income women with children pursuing higher education. [Apply](#) by Aug. 1st.
- **NEW!** Rustic Pathways is offering a \$1,000 Global Perspectives Scholarship to a high school or college student attending an accredited college or university in 2025. [Apply](#) by Aug. 27th.
- **NEW!** The Alvarez Family Scholarship is offering support to students from immigrant families. [Apply](#) by Aug. 31st.
- **NEW!** Headway is offering the Book Lovers Scholarship worth \$1,500 to all students pursuing higher education. [Apply](#) by Sept. 15th.