

# SDSU Office of AANHPISI Affairs & APIDA Center



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**APIDA Center 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 AANHPISI Affairs & APIDA Center Executive Director's Message

August 22, 2025



## From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Getting ready for a new year!

The first day of classes for the Fall 2025 semester is Monday, August 25th. We will be hosting a Welcome Back Open House from 12-2pm. Come get snacks, laugh with us, and vibe.

One of the first new things you'll notice is our "door signs"! We'll also have some new swag items, new programs, and of course, new students.

Although this summer flew by and we all benefitted from a little rest and relaxation, we are very excited to have love and laughter back in the space. We can't wait to see you!

From now on, we will be resuming our weekly newsletters and our new hours start on Monday. Also, check out our new [brochure](#)!







**SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Center**

**NEW**  
**Center Hours**

Starting Monday, August 25th, 2025

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10:00am - 7:00pm

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## New APIDA Center Hours!

Reminder: We have new hours starting this Fall 2025 semester on Monday, August 25th, 2025. We will be closing an hour earlier on Mondays-Thursdays from 10:00am to 7:00pm. Our Friday hours remain the same, from 10:00-4:30pm. Please come visit us every day! We are here for you!

Stay connected with us to learn more about our new programs and initiatives!




# Know APIDA History!



## APIDA Center learns about the fight for ethnic studies!


Ethnic Studies was not always a part of the university landscape; its presence is the result of persistent student advocacy. And, the CSU was at the forefront. In 1968, students at San Francisco State formed the Third World Liberation Front (TWLF). TWLF was established by a multi-ethnic coalition of Black, Chicano, Asian American, and Native American students. On November 6, 1968, the longest student strike in U.S. history began, lasting five months. Inspired by this, students at UC Berkeley launched their own TWLF strike on January 22, 1969. The Afro-American Students Union, Mexican-American Student Confederation, Native American Student Union, and Asian American Political Alliance (AAPA), joined together. These students demanded to be seen and heard in the curriculum, in faculty representation, and in the student body. The strike faced police violence, teacher protests, and campus shutdowns. Its ultimate victory led to the establishment of ethnic studies across the nation.

Part of building this coalition meant developing new language for identity and solidarity. The term "Asian American" was first coined at UC Berkeley by Emma Gee (1941-2006) and Yuji Ichioka (1936-2002), founders of AAPA. "Asian American" is more than a label; it reflects a rich culture and history that eventually found recognition as an academic discipline. At SDSU, the [Asian American Studies \(AAS\)](#) program was launched in 2021 and the AAS Department was formally established in Spring 2025. Our communities fought long and hard for the privilege of enrolling in AAS classes. Take advantage of it! Enroll in an AAS class today!



### 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](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu) for more information!**

## Enroll in AAS 488!

Want professional experience? Want an internship at the APIDA Center? What three units of GE course credit? Enroll in AAS 488. Learning about APIDA histories and narratives has many benefits. AAS equips you to analyze complex issues, engage with real-world challenges, and apply your knowledge through community-based learning and career-ready experiences.



# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center meets and greets new students!

All summer long, we have been tabling at the New Student Orientations. In June, we met with Freshmen and in July, we mingled with Transfer Students, Graduate Students, and International Students. We have met with over 1332 new students so far!



## APIDA Center parties on Discord!

In addition to tabling, giving tours, and cleaning the Center, we also hosted game nights and a watch party on our APIDA Discord account. We were thrilled to hang with some of our "regulars" and also meet new friends. Join our Discord: <https://bit.ly/APIDAdiscord>



# APIDA Flex Alerts!

**Tano Letuli**, third-year Business Admin major and linebacker for the SDSU football team, has been named to the 2025 watchlist for the Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Award.

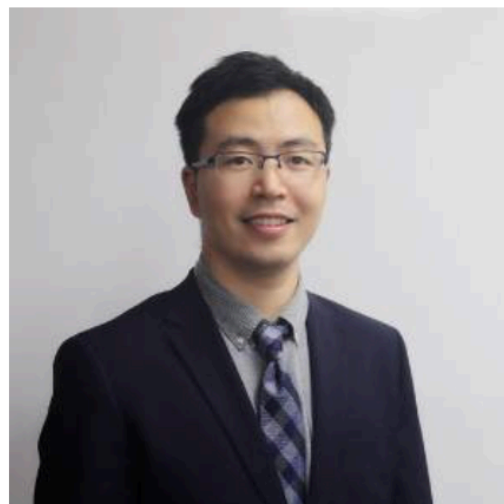
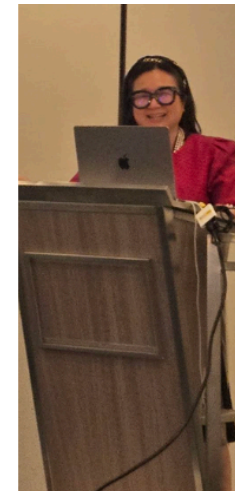
**Farnelle Acevedo**, a third-year Urban Studies major, along with SDSU staff members **Melani Soto** and **Joanne Rullan** were recognized by the House of Philippines for completing the most volunteer hours.

Dr. **Loh-Hagan** gave a keynote at the Orange County Department of Education's Model Curriculum Summer Institute on July 28th. Her speech was entitled, "Centering Cambodian, Vietnamese, and Hmong Experiences." She spoke to over 300 educators about the importance of teaching Southeast Asian American histories and narratives.

**Matthew H Garcia** (Associate Director of the APIDA Center) and **Helen Ma** (General Advisor and Retention Specialist of the Center for Commuter Life) received a shoutout in the August 2025 issue of the *SA+CD Huddle*.

**Joanne Rullan**, an Administrative Support Assistant in the School of Social Work, received the Presidential Staff Excellence Award for Community Service.

**Dr. Yang Yang** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. He earned a CAREER Award from the National Science Foundation Division of Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation for bio-inspired 3D printing.





# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## 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! We can't wait to see you!

## 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](mailto:vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu).



# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- [Women in Technology](#) at SDSU is a new student organization starting Fall 2025. [Join](#) today!
- The Badminton Club at SDSU announced their [2025-2026 Board Members](#).

## Community Center Partners:

- The [Monarch Unity Resource Center \(MURC\)](#) is hosting an [Open House](#) on Aug. 25th from 11-2pm. They are also hosting "Build Your Survival Kit" on Aug. 26th from 11-2pm and a [Super Smash Bros Tournament](#) on Aug. 27th from 11-1pm.
- The [Pride Center](#) and [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#) are co-hosting [Neighborly Open House](#) on Aug. 25th and Aug. 27th from 11-1pm.
- The [Native Resource Center \(NRC\)](#) is hosting a series of [Welcome Week events](#) starting on Aug. 27th.
- The [Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) is hosting "Bienvenides a Casa" (LRC Open House) on Aug. 27th and Aug. 28th from 11-1pm.
- The [Gus & Emma Thompson Black Resource Center \(BRC\)](#) is hosting a [Welcome Back Open House](#) on Aug. 27th from 12-4pm.

## Campus Partners:

- The [SDSU Basic Needs Center](#) is looking for student volunteers. [Sign up](#) today!
- The [Glazer Center for Leadership and Service](#) is hosting [Glazer Center Welcome Week](#) starting on Aug. 25th.
- The [Center for Commuter Life](#) is hosting drop-in Virtual Advising for Commuter Students starting on Aug. 25th from 1:30-3:00pm on [Zoom](#).
- The [Center for Inclusive Excellence](#) is looking for student interns. [Apply](#) by Aug. 27th.
- [Associated Students \(A.S.\)](#) is hosting an A.S. Expo on Aug. 27th from 10-2pm on Centennial Walkway.
- The [SDSU Office of Educational Opportunity Programs, Outreach and Success \(EOPOS\)](#) is hosting [Welcome Week Open House](#) on Aug. 28th at 11am.
- [SDSU Career Services](#) is seeking student volunteers for their upcoming career fairs. The next Career Fair Volunteer Training is on August 29th from 12-1pm. [Register](#) today!
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- Pacific Arts Movement is hosting a Q&A screening of [To Kill a Wolf](#) on Aug. 23rd and Aug. 24th at 4pm at Regal Edwards Mira Mesa.
- The Asian Solidarity Collective is seeking volunteers to support with daily operations. Contact [lon@asiansolidaritycollective.org](mailto:lon@asiansolidaritycollective.org).
- Cal Asian Foundation is accepting applications for the [NextGen Empower U Program](#). [Apply](#) by Aug. 29th.
- The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) is now recruiting students for the NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program (NUFP) at SDSU. Complete the [interest form](#) by 9am on Sept. 5th.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#).



# Research Opportunities

- **NEW!** UC Riverside Grad Success is looking for Asian American women enrolled in a STEM graduate program to participate in a research study.
- *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 Sept. 1st. (Contact [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu) if you would like support.)
- **NEW!** The Getty Library is accepting research grant applications from students researching art history, visual culture, culinary studies, or conservation. Apply by Oct. 1st!
- 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 a proposal by Dec. 1st.



# Paid Internships

- **NEW!** Helix Water District is looking for an Accounting Intern. [Apply](#) by Aug. 24th!
- **NEW!** The Rock Smith Architecture is looking for an Architecture Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** The Office of Assemblymember Chris Ward is looking for student interns for Fall 2025. Submit your resume and cover letter to [Assemblymember.Ward@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:Assemblymember.Ward@assembly.ca.gov) by Aug. 26th.

# Scholarships

- Rustic Pathways is offering a \$1,000 Global Perspectives Scholarship to a matriculated high school or college student. [Apply](#) by Aug. 27th.
- The Alvarez Family Scholarship is offering support to students from immigrant families. [Apply](#) by Aug. 31st.
- **NEW!** Education Dynamics is offering \$10,000 to a first-generation minority college student. [Apply](#) by Sept. 15th.
- Headway is offering the Book Lovers Scholarship worth \$1,500 to all students pursuing higher education. [Apply](#) by Sept. 15th.
- **NEW!** The Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus Foundation is offering \$2,500 to AANHPI college students. [Apply](#) by Sept. 30th.