

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)

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**SDSU APIDA
Resource Center**

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

September 12, 2025



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Back in business!

We have had a great start to our Fall semester. Our Center is bustling once again. We have met new students, returning students, and even graduated students! Life is good! We are looking forward to re-living old jokes (like Kyle's pants - IYKYK) and making new jokes...

Our [HAPI Hours](#) are happening and our programs are in full swing! Come to the APIDA Center for fun times!

Once again, I want to highlight two of our upcoming signature events:

- Sept 24: [APIDA Resource Fair](#)
- Oct 30: [Makers Market](#) - If you want to be a vendor, sign up asap! This is a great opportunity to show off your talents!

Make sure to check out our newsletter and [Instagram](#) to keep up-to-date with our events.

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about Hawaiian Civic Clubs!

The Hawaiian Civic Club movement was established in 1918 by Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole (1871–1922), a prominent statesman who worked tirelessly to advance Native Hawaiian rights and representation. Kalanianaʻole introduced the first bill for Hawaiian statehood in 1919. He recognized that political progress required collective action. He envisioned civic clubs as spaces where Hawaiians, no matter where they resided, could organize, strengthen their social and economic standing, and cultivate leadership rooted in cultural values. What began with a single club soon grew into the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, a network dedicated to civic responsibility and cultural preservation.

In San Diego, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPI) make up 0.6% of the population as of 2024; their presence, however, has deep roots. Polynesian navigators were skilled sailors of the Pacific long before Captain James Cook (1728-1779) arrived in Hawaii in 1778. These navigators connected island chains and coastal lands, including California. Centuries later, migration to San Diego increased through military service. The city's major naval bases drew many NHPIs, who joined the armed forces and often chose to settle with their families after their service. Their presence has shaped the cultural landscape of the San Diego region, especially via the Hawaiian Civic Clubs in San Diego. These clubs are committed to cultural preservation, community service, and civic engagement.

One enduring example is the [Hui O' Hawai'i of San Diego](#), founded in 1969 by families who relocated to the mainland after the Korean War (1950-1953). Like other clubs, its work extends beyond cultural celebration to include strengthening the civic and social welfare of its members. Practices such as lei hulu feather work, lū'aus, and storytelling ensure Hawaiian traditions continue across generations.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center makes paper!

Our first Monday cultural crafting event of the year is a throwback - We learned about the Chinese origins of paper and then made our own paper. We also learned about the STEM principles behind paper-making. Hopefully, these students will not take paper for granted - although one of our students, who will not be named, spent 30 minutes making paper to write out her to-do list on it.



APIDA Center plays Kōnane!

On Tuesday, September 9th, we hosted another throwback event in which we learned about the historical and cultural significance of Kōnane and then played a few rounds! (Also, it was nice to see several of our campers from our student leadership retreat reunite.)



APIDA Center learns about the impacts of 9/11!

In remembrance of 9/11, students learned about the history of 9/11 and watched a documentary about its lasting impacts on Asian Americans. We also discussed the dangers of Islamophobia and the importance of cross-cultural understanding.



APIDA Center hosts a SDSU Food Safety Training!

Our Food Safety Trainings are back!!!! Many thanks to Ms. **Claire Smoke** from Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) for hosting these trainings. We have offered these trainings for the past four years. This is a great opportunity to learn all about the rules and policies for serving food at SDSU events - in addition, participants can win top banana prizes! Fun and food, what more could you ask for!

APIDA Center hosts Journaling with Jacqueline Toy!

On Thursday, September 11th, we hosted our first official APIDA Takeover event with Ms. **Jacqueline Toy**, the Associate Director of Weber Honors College. Participants learned about the benefits of journaling and also received free Passion Planners - in which they were able to practice creative journaling. (Fun Fact: Angelia Trinidad, the CEO and founder of Passion Planner, is a first gen, queer, non-binary, Filipino American with ADHD and dyslexia. She is an entrepreneur based in San Diego and Los Angeles. Her motto is, "It doesn't have to be perfect; it just has to start!")



APIDA Center tables at PSFA's mixer!

On Tuesday, September 9th, the APIDA Center tabled at a mixer hosted by the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts (PSFA).

Spotlight on Supporter



Kudos to Renee Jabasa!

Many thanks to Ms. **Renee Jabasa**, web designer, who worked on the [APIDA Center](#) and [Office of AANHPISI Affairs](#) websites. For the past two years, she has completed hundreds of web projects and successfully migrated dozens of websites. She also helped with campus newsletters and the SDSU campus calendar. She will begin a new adventure at USD. A quote that resonates with her is: "Faith goes up the stairs that love has built and looks out the windows which hope has opened."

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Cultural Crafting Night: Kapa Art*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, Sept 15, 2025 from 5-7pm

Learn about the historical and cultural significance of Hawaiian kapa art (textiles with dye-stamped geometric patterns). Then, make kapa art with us.

Game Night: Word Games*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, Sept 16, 2025 from 5-7pm

Did you know word games improve various cognitive functions? Play Codenames and Bananagrams with us!

Jason Momoa Fan Club*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, Sept 17, 2025 from 5-7pm

Did you know Jason Momoa is part-Native Hawaiian? Learn more about him and watch a Jason Momoa movie with us.

Trivia Night & Discussion: AAS in K-12*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, Sept 18, 2025 from 5-7pm

Are you smarter than a 5th grader? Play a trivia game with us and then discuss your K-12 experiences with learning APIDA content.

Cultural Crafting Night: Hawaiian Quilting*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, Sept 22, 2025 from 5-7pm

Learn about the historical and cultural significance of Hawaiian quilting, plus its colonial roots. Then, make a Hawaiian quilting project with us.

Cultural Education Program: Kanaka Bill*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, Sept 29, 2025 from 4-5pm

Did you know William Heath Davis, Jr., a founding father of San Diego, was part-Native Hawaiian? Learn more about him.

Coconut Party*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, Sept 30, 2025 from 4-5pm

Although not native to Hawaii, coconuts (or niu) are significant to Hawaiian history and culture. Learn all about coconuts and then eat some coconuts with us.

APIDA Resource Fair*

Location: Student Union Courtyard

Date: Wednesday, Sept 24, 2025 from 5-7pm

Come to our third annual APIDA Resource Fair! Connect with campus organizations and meet new friends!

APIDA Sexual Health Awareness

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, Sept 25, 2025 from 2-3pm

September is Sexual Health Awareness Month! Join the APIDA Center and Well-being & Health Promotion to learn more about Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) & Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) and their impacts on the APIDA community.

Mooncakes & Tea Party*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, Oct 6, 2025 from 3-4pm

Celebrate Moon/Mid-Autumn Festival with the APIDA Center! We will be serving mooncakes and tea from 3-4pm.

Bo Bing*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, Oct 6, 2025 from 4-5pm

Bo Bing is a Chinese dice game traditionally played as part of the Moon Festival. Learn more about it and win mooncakes!

Hoi An Decorated Paper Lanterns*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, Oct 6, 2025 from 5-7pm

Lanterns play a significant role in Moon Festival celebrations. Learn more about this iconic Vietnamese symbol and decorate paper lanterns with us!

Game Night: Yut Nori*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, Oct 7, 2025 from 5-7pm

Learn more about Chuseok and Yut Nori. Then, play and eat Korean snacks with us.

Makers' Market*

Location: Student Union Courtyard

Date: Thursday, Oct 30, 2025 from 1-6pm

The APIDA Center's 6th annual Makers' Market is here! Calling all Makers, DIYers, and Entrepreneurs! [Sign up](#) by Oct 13 for priority consideration - open until filled. All are welcome to shop on October 30th!

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.*

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [AB Samahan](#) is looking for a team of students for Project FABS. [Apply](#) by Sun, Sept 14.
- [Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers](#) is hosting a [Rubio's Fundraiser](#) on Mon, Sept 15 at the Bell Pavilion.
- [Asian Pacific Student Alliance](#) is hosting FamBam on Sat, Sept 20 at Crown Point Park from 11:00-3:30pm. [RSVP](#) by Tues, Sept 16.
- [Japanese Student Association](#) is hosting [Language Table](#) on Wed, Sept 17 from 4-5pm on Aztec Green.
- [Vietnamese Student Association](#) is accepting applications for their Intern Program. Apply by 11:59pm on Wed, Sept 17.
- [Pacific Islander Student Association](#) and [Native American Student Alliance](#) are hosting a [Welcome Bonfire](#) on Fri, Sept 19 at 6pm at South Mission Beach.

Community Center Partners:

- The [Pride Center](#) is hosting [Free HIV Testing](#) with CHIP and San Ysidro Health on Mon, Sept 15 from 11-4pm.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#), the Multicultural Learning Community and Multicultural Student Union are hosting a [Midday Social](#) on Mon, Sept 15 from 12-1pm.
- The [Black Resource Center](#) is hosting [Wellness Wednesdays](#) from 12-1pm starting on Sept 17.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#) and [Black Resource Center](#) are hosting [Carne Asada Cookout](#) on Thurs, Sept 18 from 2-4pm at Scripps Cottage.

Campus Partners:

- SDSU Center for Community Counseling & Engagement now offers [telehealth family services](#) for students and their families.
- Counseling & Psychological Services is hosting [Living With Loss Grief Support Group](#) on Wednesdays from 2:30-4:00pm.
- Lavin Entrepreneurship Center is accepting interest forms for the Venture Capital Investment Competition. [Sign up](#) today!
- Glazer Center for Leadership & Service is hosting an [Open House](#) on Tues, Sept 16 from 1:30-3:30pm.
- Career Services is hosting a [Disney College Program tabling event](#) on Tues, Sept 16 from 2-4pm.
- SDSU Office of Graduate Life & Diversity is hosting [Mental Health with Mario](#) on Tues, Sept 16 from 12:00-1:30pm. [RSVP](#) today!
- ZIP Launchpad is accepting applications for the Fall 2025 cohort until Sept 18. [Apply](#) soon!
- Center for Asian and Pacific Students is hosting a [Meet & Greet](#) on Thurs, Sept 18 at 4pm in AL 473.
- Career Services is hosting the Graduate School & Continuing Education Fair on Oct 2 from 10-2pm in Montezuma Hall. [Register](#) today!
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- Asian American Journalists Association is hosting a virtual workshop entitled, "Navigating Photo and Visual Journalism" on Wed, Sept 17 at 5pm. [RSVP](#) today!
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). [Register](#) for the next free workshop entitled, "Hawaiian History Month: 'Iolani Palace" on Thurs, Sept 18 from 4-5pm.
- Bridge the Gap San Diego is calling for papers for the BTW Academic Summit on Oct 6. [Submit](#) by Sept 26.

Do you have an opportunity to share?
Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Research Opportunities

- Abstract submissions for the CSU Biotechnology Research Symposia are now open. [Apply](#) by Sept 15.
- **NEW!** AAPI Data is hosting a AAPI Community Survey webinar on Sept 16 at 9am. [Register](#) today!
- The Getty Library is accepting research grant applications to study art history, visual culture, culinary studies, or conservation. [Apply](#) by Oct 1.
- 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 1.
- The [2026 SDSU Student Symposium](#) is on Feb 27. [Register](#) to present by Dec 11. The APIDA Center and Office of AANHPISI Affairs is hosting a [Special Session](#).



Attend & Participate AAAS Conference: Honolulu, HI

Travel Dates: April 1 - 5, 2026

Location: Honolulu, Hawai'i



The APIDA Center is offering a great opportunity for students to attend and/or present at the Association for Asian American Studies 2026 Conference in Honolulu, Hawai'i. The APIDA Center will be covering flights, lodging, conference registration, activity costs, and some meals. Students must agree to support APIDA research and scholarship. Apply by October 15, 2025. [Make sure to read criteria and instructions.](#)

Paid Internships

- **NEW!** San Diego Padres is looking for Summer 2026 interns. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Qorvo is looking for a RFIC Design Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** AMETEK is looking for a Purchasing Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** V3 Electric, Inc is looking for a Sales & Marketing Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Google is looking for a Research Intern for Summer 2026. [Apply](#) by Feb 27.

Scholarships

- Education Dynamics is offering \$10,000 to a first-generation minority college student. [Apply](#) by Sept 15.
- Headway is offering the Book Lovers Scholarship worth \$1,500 to all students pursuing higher education. [Apply](#) by Sept 15.
- The Fund for Education Abroad Scholarship is offering funding for undergraduate students planning to study abroad. [Apply](#) by Sept 17.
- The Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus Foundation is offering \$2,500 to AANHPI college students. [Apply](#) by Sept 30.
- The Creative Biolabs scholarship is offering \$1,000 to an undergraduate, graduate, or Ph.D. student pursuing a career in a science-related field. [Apply](#) by Sept 30.
- The Buckfire Law's Medical Diversity Scholarship is offering \$2,000 to one student of an ethnic, racial, or other minority background. [Apply](#) by Oct 1.
- **NEW!** The Anidjar & Levine Community Service Scholarship is offering \$2,500 to a college student demonstrating a strong history of community service. [Apply](#) by Oct 1.
- **NEW!** The Gilman International Scholarship is offering scholarships for undergraduate students connected to the U.S. military. [Apply](#) by Oct 3.
- The DP Law Encouraging Diversity Scholarship is offering \$1,000 to a minority law or pre-law student. [Apply](#) by Oct 3.
- The Law Office of Jae Lee is offering the Immigrant Student Scholarship. [Apply](#) by Nov 3.