

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

September 19, 2025



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: 2025 AANAPISI Week!

SDSU is a proud AANAPISI. This upcoming week (September 22-28, 2025) is celebrated as [AANAPISI Week](#). The Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) designation was signed into law on September 27, 2007 as part of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007. This law created a federal grant program to support colleges and universities with a high enrollment of APIDA students. This was done by amending the Higher Education Act of 1965. The program was intended to expand access to education and increase campus capacity to close equity gaps.

AANAPISIs are part of federally recognized Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs). The AANAPISI designation is a result of years of advocacy by APIDA education coalitions, student activists, and more. Advocates highlighted the lack of resources for APIDA student populations and the negative impact of the "model minority" stereotype. APIDA students faced historical invisibility in higher education, with a lack of data and a monolithic view hindering the recognition of their diverse needs and challenges, especially those from low-income and immigrant backgrounds.

Now, more than ever, we need to remain steadfast in our support of MSIs. Our AANHPI programs are funded by the campus and the state; but we are collectively impacted as a community. It's important to remember that all students benefit from AANAPISI and MSI programs which improve, enhance, and increase campus resources and services. These programs foster a more inclusive and diverse campus climate which increase workforce readiness, global citizenry, diverse perspectives, and more.

SDSU is a proud AANAPISI and HSI. We will be hosting a presentation and discussion on what it means to be an AANAPISI on Tuesday, September 23rd from 4-5pm at the APIDA Center. Can't make it? Don't worry! We will be repeating this program virtually throughout the year.

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APIDA Resource Fair

Wed, Sept 24th from 5-7pm



Connect with campus organizations committed to fostering and supporting APIDA student success and the APIDA community. All are welcome!

Location: Student Union Courtyard

APIDA Resource Fair

Come to our 3rd annual APIDA Resource Fair on Wednesday, September 24th from 5-7pm in the Student Union Courtyard. This is a great opportunity to connect with clubs and organizations that provide APIDA-specific support.

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

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center makes Kapa Art!

On Monday, September 15th as part of Native Hawaiian History Month, we learned about the historical and cultural significance of Hawaiian kapa art. Then, we made their own kapa-art inspired crafts! Do you want to know something cool? Since we have hosted this event several times, we have collected many student-created stamps!



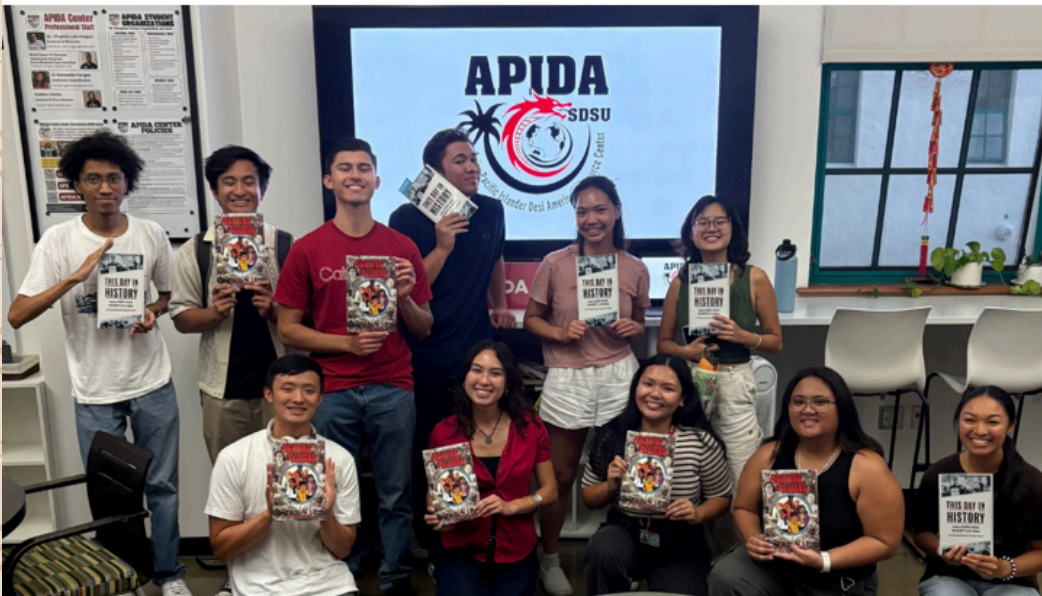
APIDA Center plays Word Games!

On Tuesday, September 16th, we built community by playing Codenames and Bananagrams. Research has shown that word games are highly effective in helping students learn vocabulary and spelling in addition to enhancing other cognitive skills. (Also, it's really fun to shout out words.)



APIDA Center hosts Jason Momoa Fan Club!

On Wednesday, September 17th, we launched a new initiative for our Watch Parties - our fan clubs! For our first fan club, we focused on Jason Momoa (born 1979). We learned some fun facts and watched a Momoa movie.



APIDA Center learned about APIDA history!

On Thursday, September 18th, the APIDA Center partnered with APIDA Pre-Teachers Alliance (PTA) and [The Asian American Education Project](#) (AAEdu). We hosted a trivia game to see how much we knew about APIDA history. We also discussed our K-12 educational experiences with APIDA history. All participants received free copies of some AAEdu educational resources.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

The following was curated by the [Charles Wei-Hsun Fu Center for Asian and Pacific Studies](#) (CAPS):

Lola Fregoso was selected as the CAPS Asian Studies outstanding graduating senior in 2024. Fregoso named Dr. **Zheng-sheng Zhang** as their most influential faculty.

Dr. **Zheng-sheng Zhang** started his new position as an assistant editor on the editorial board of the quarterly journal *Fulbright Chronicles*. Zhang also a talk at Duke University in Kunshan China about his 2024 book "Chinese Signs: An Introduction to China's Linguistic Landscape" published by Cambridge University Press.

Dr. **Stephen Suh** was awarded the 2025 Academy of Korean Studies (AKS) Fellowship in Korean Studies at Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany. As a fellow, Suh helped to organize an international conference at Goethe University, titled "Diversity in/and Korea." He also taught a summer seminar course at Goethe University, titled "Diversity in Korea."

Dr. **Sandra Wawrytko** held a lecture titled "Experiential Wisdom of 'Just This': Basho's Haiku (Poems) Composition Viewed Through Neuroscience." Located at the Hsi Fang Temple, this lecture was part of the temple's "Thank Buddha It's Friday" program. She spoke about her findings regarding how the Zen Poet Bashō utilized haiku composition as a form of experiential wisdom to access "just this" — a direct, non-discriminating awareness of reality, free from the distortions of self.

Dr. **Chuyun Oh** hosted and taught K-pop dance classes for exchange students abroad. Oh also published an article entitled, "[Authenticities of K-pop Cover Dance Influencers in/from Bali, Indonesia](#)" in *Dance Chronicle*.

Dr. **Grace Cheng** gave two lectures on "International instruments on Indigenous Peoples" and "Extractivism and Environmental Rights" at a summer course on Access to Justice in Southeast Asia and Beyond at the University of Jember, East Java, Indonesia. Four SDSU students also participated in the course and were also able to attend the 8th International Human Rights Conference at the University of Airlangga in Surabaya, Indonesia where Cheng also gave a plenary address on "Human Rights Challenges in the Political Economy of Extractivism."

Dr. **Jaeyoung Kim** carried out archival research in South Korea and presented his papers at a multitude of conferences including: the 2025 Korean Association of International Studies (KAIS) in Yeosu, the 2025 International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress in Seoul, the Kangwon National University (KNU) International Conference, and more. Kim also published a chapter entitled, "Conclusion: Rethinking Great Powers, Regions, and Peaceful Change in the New Cold War Era" in "[The New Cold War and the Remaking of Regions.](#)"

Dr. **Mei Zhong** was named by the SUNY Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) Center as the COIL Ambassador of SDSU. COIL is a teaching methodology that allows college faculty and students to connect virtually with their international counterparts around the world.

Dr. **Minjeong Kim** has published several articles: (1) "[Cross-Border Anxiety among Korean Border Commuters at the US-Mexico Border](#)" in the *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, (2) "[The Emerging Second Generation in Asia](#)" in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, and (3) "[The Second Generation's Perceptions of South Korea's Public Support Programs for Multicultural Families](#)" in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

APIDA Recommendation



Agnes Wong Nickerson is SDSU's Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs and our Chief Financial Officer. She is also a huge supporter of the APIDA Center and one of my absolute most favorite people at SDSU! (For real for real!) We highly recommend [China Max](#), the first and only All-You-Can-Eat dumping house in San Diego! China Max first opened in 2003 but was closed down by a fire in 2020. The original owners sold the restaurant and re-opened it in 2025. China Max shifted its focus from Cantonese dim sum and seafood to dumplings and noodles.

Share all things APIDA (i.e., books, movies, food, restaurants, etc.).

Send a picture of you with the product and your glowing review.

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Food Safety Training*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, Sept 22, 2025 from 11-12pm

Are you planning to serve food at a public event?

If so, SDSU requires FOOD SAFETY training. Attend one of the Fall 2025 sessions. The training is good for one year. Upcoming trainings: Oct 2 from 3-4pm and Oct 10- from 12-1pm.

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.

AANAPISI Week: Presentation and Discussion*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, Sept 23, 2025 from 4-5pm

AANAPISI Week is September 23-29, 2025. Come to our session to learn more about what it means to be an AANAPISI. (We will host repeat virtual sessions in the future.)

Game Night: Ticket to Ride*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, Sept 23, 2025 from 5-7pm

Hop on board the next train for Game Night Tuesday! Join us for Ticket to Ride and race across the map before someone blocks your tracks. All routes will lead to endless fun and good vibes. (Also, learn some Asia geography!)

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.

Student Panel & Discussion: Visiting Asian Heritage Countries*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, Sept 25, 2025 from 5-7pm

SDSU Asian American students discuss their motivations and experiences traveling to their familial "homelands." Learn more about Phi Beta Delta!

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.

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.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [Nikkei Student Union](#) is hosting a [Ding Tea Fundraiser](#) on Fri, Sept 19 from 3-11pm.
- [AB Samahan](#) is recruiting leaders for [HATAW Board](#). [Apply](#) by Sept 21.
- [Vietnamese Student Association](#) is accepting applications for the 2025-26 Intern Program. [Apply](#) by Sept 24.

Community Center Partners:

- The [Latinx Resource Center](#) is hosting [En Confianza](#) on Tuesdays from 1:20-2:45pm and Wednesdays from 2:30-3:45pm.
- The [Women's Resource Center](#) and [Pride Center](#) are hosting [Tea Time](#) on Mon, Sept 22 from 11-12pm.
- The [Pride Center](#) and One SDSU Community is hosting [Reclaiming the Lens: Back to School](#) on Tues, Sept 23 from 12-1pm at Scripps Cottage. [Register](#) today!
- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting a [NRC Talking Circle](#) on Wed, Sept 24 from 2-3pm.
- The [Black Resource Center](#) is hosting [Black Men's Warrior Collective](#) on Wed, Sept 24 from 6:00-7:30pm.
- The [Monarch Unity Resource Center](#) is hosting [Peer 2 Peer UndocuAlly Training](#) on Thurs, Sept 25 from 1-3pm. [Register](#) today!

Campus Partners:

- Glazer Center for Leadership and Service is hosting [Aztec Core Retreat](#) on Oct 17-19. [Apply](#) by 4pm on Mon, Sept 22.
- Well-being & Health Promotion is hosting a [Narcan Workshop](#) on Mon, Sept 22 from 12-1pm. [Register](#) today!
- Center for Student Organizations & Activities is accepting applications for Homecoming Court! [Apply](#) by Sept 22.
- The Office of Graduate Life and Diversity is hosting "Creating Long Term Writing Plans" workshop on Tues, Sept 23 at 5pm. [Register](#) today!
- Career Services is hosting "Qualcomm Tech Talk: Careers in Cybersecurity & IT" on Wed, Sept 24 from 5:00-6:30pm. [Register](#) today!
- Center for Asian Pacific Students is hosting a [Parasite Watch Party](#) on Thurs, Sept 25, at 4pm. [Register](#) today!
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- Pacific Arts Movement is looking for volunteer [interns](#) for the [26th San Diego Asian Film Festival](#). [Apply](#) today!
- Lao San Diego is hosting the 10th annual [San Diego Lao Boat Racing Festival](#) on Sat, Sept 20 from 8-5pm at Tecolote Shores North.
- [Pacific Islander Festival](#) will take place on Sat, Sept 20.
- Asian Business Association San Diego is hosting [Feature Friday: BLVCK LOTVS Tattoo](#) on Fri, Sept 26 from 9:30-11:00am.
- The BRIDGE is accepting applications for FRONTLINE mental health mentorship program. [Apply](#) before Oct 1.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). [Register](#) for the next free workshop entitled, "Immigration" on Wed, Sept 24 from 4-5pm.

Research Opportunities

- The Getty Library is accepting research grant applications to study art history, visual culture, culinary studies, or conservation. [Apply](#) by Oct 1.
- **NEW!** Sacramento State's Japanese American Archival Collection is offering an undergraduate research travel grant for 2026-2027. [Apply](#) by Nov 7.
- 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.](#)

Jobs & Paid Internships

- **NEW!** The Office of County Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe is looking for a student worker for District 4. [Submit](#) your cover letter and resume today!
- **NEW!** Bristol Myers Squibb is looking for an Undergraduate Discovery Biotherapeutics Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Wells Fargo is looking for a 2026 Summer Intern for Commercial Banking. [Apply](#) today!
- Google is looking for a Research Intern for Summer 2026. [Apply](#) by Feb 27.

Scholarships

- **NEW!** University Enterprises, Inc. is looking for an Engineering Student Assistant. [Apply](#) today!
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The Beverly Murphy MLA Scholarship for Underrepresented Students is offering \$5,000 to eligible college students. [Apply](#) by Nov 15.