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APIDA Center Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10:00-7:00pm

Friday 10:00-4:30pm

Location: 2nd floor of Student Union

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

September 26, 2025



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: FAHM, HAAAM, Moon Festival, Diwali, and more!

The APIDA Center was busy in September with the start of school, advising appointments, HAPI Hours, and the APIDA Resource Fair (where students from Stateside Breakers tried to teach me some dope hip hop moves). We also hosted researchers from WestEd who are conducting research on AANHPI servingness in the CSU system (more on that later!) - many thanks to the students who participated in focus groups.

However, September is cake compared to October. In general, we are busy all year long but we are especially busy in October as we celebrate Filipinx American History Month (FAHM), Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month (HAAAM), Moon Festival, Diwali, and more! In addition, we host one of our major signature events in October: Makers Market! Busy, busy, busy!

As you can tell, Asian/APIDA communities have many heritage celebrations. The APIDA Center tries our best to acknowledge the major holidays but inevitably, there are many we miss. Please reach out to us if you would like to collaborate with us on programming to support a special date or event. In addition, we had added a curated list of heritage dates celebrated by Asian/APIDA communities. Please feel free to offer additions, suggestions, corrections, etc.

Don't miss out! Make sure to check out our newsletter and Instagram to keep up-to-date with our events.

Know APIDA History: FAHM 2025



APIDA Center celebrates Filipinx American History Month!

In 1991, the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) proposed the first annual Filipino American History Month (FAHM) to start in 1992. FANHS is intentional about celebrating “history” versus “heritage” because history includes events and experiences, whereas heritage often focuses on cultural traditions.

In 2009, Congress recognized October federally as “Filipino American History Month.” October was chosen because it commemorates the arrival of the first Filipino people who landed in what is now Morro Bay, California, on Oct. 18, 1587. October is also the birth month of Filipino American labor leader Larry Itliong, and Oct. 25 has been established as “Larry Itliong Day.”

The APIDA Center will be supporting FANHS’s 2025 Filipino American History Month theme, “From Quotas to Communities: Filipino American Migration and Movement.” This theme commemorates the 90th anniversary of the 1935 Filipino Repatriation Act and the 60th anniversary of the 1965 Immigration and Naturalization Act. Such laws have greatly impacted Filipino immigration to and from the United States.

We are hosting many events to celebrate FAHM. Join us! All events are posted on Instagram and in our google folder. (Learn more about HAAAM next week!)

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center practices Hawaiian quilting!

On Monday, September 22nd, we learned about the history and significance of Hawaiian quilting. Then, we practiced quilting! (We taught some of the students how to sew for the first time. Life skills at the APIDA Center!)



APIDA Center plays Ticket to Ride!

"I got a ticket to ride..." Most of our students will be clueless about this song but at least a few of our students will now know the game, which we played on Tuesday, September 23. Ticket to Ride is a great entry into the strategic tabletop gaming world. Get on board!



APIDA Center learns about STI/STDs!

On Thursday, September 25th, we collaborated with Well-Being and Health Promotion to talk about the impacts of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs). It's never too late to be smart about sex!



APIDA Center hosts APIDA Resource Fair!

On Wednesday, September 24th, we hosted our third annual APIDA Resource Fair. Many thanks to all the student organizations and campus partners who tabled at the event. We had over 251+ attendees and 30+ tables. Stateside Breakers also performed for us. It was a great time!



APIDA Center hosts Phi Beta Delta Takeover!

On Thursday, September 25th, the newly formed Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society hosted a panel entitled, "Visiting Asian Heritage Countries." Panelists included **John Vu**, **Riley Realica**, and **Alex Yung** who spoke about their experiences returning to their ancestral lands.

Spotlight on Supporter: JACL



Many, many thanks to Ms. **Joanne Hayakawa**, SDSU Professor Emerita and JACL board member for hosting the APIDA Center at the [Japanese American Citizens League - San Diego Chapter](#)'s annual gala. This year, Dr. **Loh-Hagan** and **Chloe Morimoto** attended the event. We were thrilled to mix and mingle with community leaders and alum (like **Terry Matsuoka**), and others. A big highlight was being able to hang out with members of SDSU Japanese Student Association, who were volunteering at the event. (Fun Fact: JACL is the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States.)

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

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.

Cultural Crafting Night: Sustainable Sashiko*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, Sept 29, 2025 from 5-7pm

Make zokins (cleaning cloths) with sashiko stitching and learn more about the history and significance of sashiko and its connection to sustainability.

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.

Game Night: King of Tokyo*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, Sept 30, 2025 from 5-7pm

Play mutant monsters, gigantic robots, and strange aliens—all of whom are destroying Tokyo and whacking each other in order to become the one and only King of Tokyo.

Meals of Migration: Lumpia*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, Oct 1, 2025 from 3-4pm

Lumpia evolved from Chinese roots via migration. Learn more about lumpia lore and eat some lumpia and rice with us!

Food Safety Training*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, Oct 2, 2025 from 3-4pm

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. Next training option: Oct 10 from 12-1pm.

Family Weekend Open House

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Fri, Oct 3, 2025 from 3-4pm

We want to meet your family! Mix and mingle with us during Family Weekend. If your family isn't visiting that weekend, then we'll be your substitute family. Come on out!

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!

APIDA in Hip Hop: A Chat with Logistx*

Location: Zoom

Date: Tuesday, Oct 7, 2025 from 4-5pm

Join us for a discussion with Logan "Logistx" Edra to learn more about her journey as a global dancer and mental health advocate. [Register](#) today!

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.

Filipino Immigration History in Hawaii*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, Oct 8, 2025 from 1-2pm

Learn more about Filipinos migrating to Hawaii and their contributions to Hawaii's economy and culture.

Filipino Repatriation Act of 1935*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, Oct 9, 2025 from 2-3pm

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the Filipino Repatriation Act of 1935. Learn more about its history and impacts.

Filipino Immigration Post-1965*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Friday, Oct 10, 2025 from 2-3pm

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965. Learn more about its history and impacts on Filipinx communities in the United States.

Share Your Story: Post-1965 Immigration Stories*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Friday, Oct 10, 2025 from 3-4pm

For many of us, the 1965 Act changed our family's histories and legacies. Join us and share your family immigration story.

Pacita Abad-Inspired Art*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, Oct 13 from 5-7pm

Learn about Filipina American painter Pacita Abad and make paintings inspired by her! This is one of our most popular events.

Filipino Karaoke Culture*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, Oct 16 from 5-7pm

Originating in Japan, karaoke became a big hit in the Philippines. Learn more about the history and impacts of karaoke on Filipino culture.

Club Karaoke*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, Oct 16 from 7-10pm

Club Karaoke is back! Hang out at the APIDA Center and sing your heart out. There is a song for everyone.

FAHM at The Garden

Location: The Garden

Date: Friday, October 17, 2025

For the third time, the APIDA Center and SDSU Dining are teaming up to host a yummy Filipino-themed dinner night.

Merienda & Mancala*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Friday, Oct 24 from 1-3pm

The APIDA Center and Andrés Bonifacio Samahan are hosting an afternoon of "merienda" which is Filipino for snack and "sungka" which is a Filipino variant of the mancala game.

Game Night: Tong-its*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, Oct 28 from 5-7pm

Tong-its is a popular three-player rummy card game from the Philippines. Learn more about its history and then play.

Dr. Rey Monzon Data Lecture: Filipinx Student Success Data Story*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, Oct 29, 2025 from 1-2pm

Hear from Christine V. Molina, Associate Dean of Students, as she shares how we use data to determine and inform Filipinx student success.

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!

FAHM Field Trip*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Friday, Oct 31, 2025 from 10-6pm

Join the APIDA Center on a field trip to the "Filipinos of South Bay" (FoSBE) exhibit at the Chula Vista Library and other Filipinx American historic sites in San Diego. [Sign up](#) today!

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- AB Samahan is hosting [Samahike](#) on Sat, Sept 27 at 6am at Torrey Pines Beach Trail.
- Taiwanese Student Association is hosting a Beach Social on Sat, Sept 27 from 4-8pm. [RSVP](#) by Fri, Sept 26.
- Tabletop Gaming Club at SDSU is hosting "Blades in the Dark" on Sat, Sept 27 at 13:20pm in SSW 2514. [Sign up](#) today!
- Asian American Journalists Association at SDSU is hosting a [Handel's Fundraiser](#) until Mon, Sept 29th.
- Pacific Islander Student Association (PISA) and AAPI(Phany) are hosting "Hula as Healing" on Tues, Sept 30 from 6-7pm in the Student Union Courtyard.
- The Vietnamese Student Association is accepting applications for their [ACE Program](#). [Apply](#) by 11:59pm on Oct 3.

Community Center Partners:

- The Pride Center and Black Resource Center, along with One SDSU, are hosting [Black Gay Pride Week](#) from Sept 29 to Oct 2.
- The Native Resource Center is hosting [Orange Shirt Day](#) on Tues, Sept 30 from 12-2pm at Hepner Hall.
- The Center for Intercultural Relations and Office of Graduate Life & Diversity are hosting an [Art & Meditation Workshop](#) on Tues, Sept 30 from 12:00-1:30pm in Metzli Suite.
- Latinx Resource Center is hosting [Pachanga](#) on Thurs, Oct 2 from 5-9pm in the Student Union Courtyard.
- The Women's Resource Center is accepting applications for [The Brave Project](#). Virtual Sessions begin on Fri, Oct 4 from 12:30-2pm. [Register](#) today!

Campus Partners:

- Center for Student Organizations and Activities is hosting [State After Sunset: Pajama Jam](#) on Fri, Sept 26 from 7-10pm in the Student Union Courtyard.
- SDSU Well-being & Health Promotion and Residential Education Office are hosting [CHEF class](#) on Tues, Sept 30 from 4:30-5:30pm in South Campus Plaza South. [Sign up](#) today!
- Glazer Center for Leadership & Service is hosting "Glazer Gives Back" on Thurs, Oct 2 from 3-4pm.
- Charles Wei-hsun Fu Center for Asian and Pacific Studies is hosting a [Mid-Autumn Festival](#) celebration on Thurs, Oct 2 at 4pm in AL 473. [RSVP](#) today!

Community Partners:

- Bridge the Gap San Diego is looking for volunteers for their Academic Summit on Oct 6. [Sign up](#) today!
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). [Register](#) for the next free workshop entitled, "Why APIDA Curriculum Matters" on Wed, Oct 1 from 5-6:30pm.

Research Opportunities

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San Francisco State University AA CARES

**Navigating Wellness:
A Survey of Asian & Asian
American California State
University (CSU) Students**

Scan the QR code to complete
the survey for a chance to win
a \$50 gift card!

bit.ly/AACARESSurvey

Please take this survey (approx. 15 mins) and help ensure we are counted in the data about our wellbeing and mental health. Data matters! Your voice matters!

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NEW! The SDSU APIDA Center and SFSU'S AA CARES Program is looking for student participants for the Navigating Wellness survey. Please take a few minutes to answer questions to help inform us on how we can best serve you and your mental health. Your voice matters! Complete the survey for a chance to win a \$50 gift card!

- **NEW!** A doctoral student at CSU Long Beach's Educational Leadership department is looking for students who have been in Filipino Cultural organizations to participate in a research study. Sign up today!
- **NEW!** CSU offers the 2025-2026 Student Travel Award Program for students attending conferences. Apply today!
- The Getty Library is accepting research grant applications to study art history, visual culture, culinary studies, or conservation. Apply by Oct 1.
- **NEW!** SDSU Career Services is hosting a Graduate School Fair on Thurs, Oct 2 in Montezuma Hall. Register today!
- **NEW!** SDSU College of Education is offering up to \$500 for the Student Difference Makers Research Support Program. Apply by 4pm on Oct 6.
- 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.

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**Attend & Participate
AAAS Conference:
Honolulu, HI**

Travel Dates: April 1 - 5, 2026
Location: Honolulu, Hawai'i

WELCOME TO THE
AAAS
ASSOCIATION FOR
ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES
CONFERENCE
<http://aaastudies.org>

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!** C&S Companies is seeking a Civil Aviation Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank is looking for a Communications Intern. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Centura Wealth Advisory is looking for a consulting intern. [Apply](#) today!
- Google is looking for a Research Intern for Summer 2026. [Apply](#) by Feb 27.

Scholarships

- **NEW!** The Forte Business Leaders is offering \$1,000 to business majors or minors. [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 Nov 20.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The Balance Mental Health Group is offering \$500 to a student pursuing a career in mental health. [Apply](#) by Nov 30!