

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

November 7, 2025



## From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Camp with APIDA!

We're going camping again! In May, we took students to Camp Cuyamaca for a transformational weekend. Join us again for our upcoming Student Leadership Retreat on Dec 5-7th. Here are some student testimonials:

"I met so many incredible people during these three days - and the time we spent together will remain a highlight for me. Overall, this trip was deeply rewarding, not only for my professional development but also for my personal growth."

"I learned many valuable career lessons about interviewing, negotiation, team management, and also personal development, such as having a growth-mindset, positive attitude, overcoming struggle, and accountability through all the activities."

"Participating in the APIDA Leadership Retreat over the summer was a transformative experience that challenged me, encouraged self-reflection, and inspired me to grow as both a student and a leader. As someone who is still learning how to navigate higher education as a first-generation, low-income student, being in a space centered on leadership, identity, and community support made me feel seen, empowered, and hopeful about the path ahead."

### **APIDA Student Leadership Retreat**

**Location: Cuyamaca Outdoor School**

**Date: December 5-7, 2025**

All expenses will be provided. All you need to do is sign up and commit!

**SIGN UP NOW!**



## **Farewell to FAHM and HAAAM!**

We are moving into November. This month, we will be celebrating Native American Heritage Month, CA Sikh Awareness & Appreciation Month, and more. Check out other APIDA/Asian [heritage celebrations](#) on our website.

Don't forget that the campus is closed on Tuesday, November 11th for Veterans Day. The APIDA Center will be closed in observance.

# Know APIDA History!



## APIDA Center learns about Kimball Park!

On Friday, October 31st, the APIDA Center hosted a field trip to Fil-Am historic sites in San Diego (see pictures below), including Kimball Park (see pictures above). Did you know Kimball Park is the second-oldest city park in San Diego? Situated at 12th Street and D Avenue in National City, Kimball Park was established in 1887. A 30-acre park, it takes its name from the Kimball family, who were instrumental in the founding of National City in 1886.

During the 1970s, Kimball Park became a site of activism; high school and college-aged students protested against the dictatorship of Ferdinand Marcos (1917-1989) in the Philippines. This movement began in the Philippines as government corruption and violence were at a high under Marcos. Martial Law was declared, resulting in the suspending of civil liberties, dissolving of Congress, censoring of the press, and the imprisoning of thousands. As government surveillance increased, many Filipino activists fled abroad and organized. Organizations like the Katipunan ng mga Demokratikong Pilipino (KDP) distributed newsletters, flyers, and pamphlets, and their organizing extended to San Diego's South Bay, home to one of the largest Filipino communities in the region.

In 2023, local nonprofit A Reason to Survive (ARTS) hosted "Images of Resistance," an exhibition curated by Carmela Prudencio (born 1990), a first-generation Filipino American artist and curator. Using photographs, video, and protest art, it examined the legacy of the Marcos regime across generations. It also featured pictures by SDSU alumni who documented the protests. Among them was **Felix Tuyay** (born 1950), an SDSU alum, a founding member of Andrés Bonifacio Samahan, and a former KDP San Diego member. A retired professor from Southwestern Community College, he co-authored *Filipinos in San Diego*, which documents the city's Filipino community and its history.



# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center weaves!

On Monday, November 3rd, we hosted a workshop about the importance of weaving in Indigenous cultures and the role women play in maintaining weaving traditions. Then, we made our own weaving projects. (It's amazing what you can do with cardboard and yarn.)



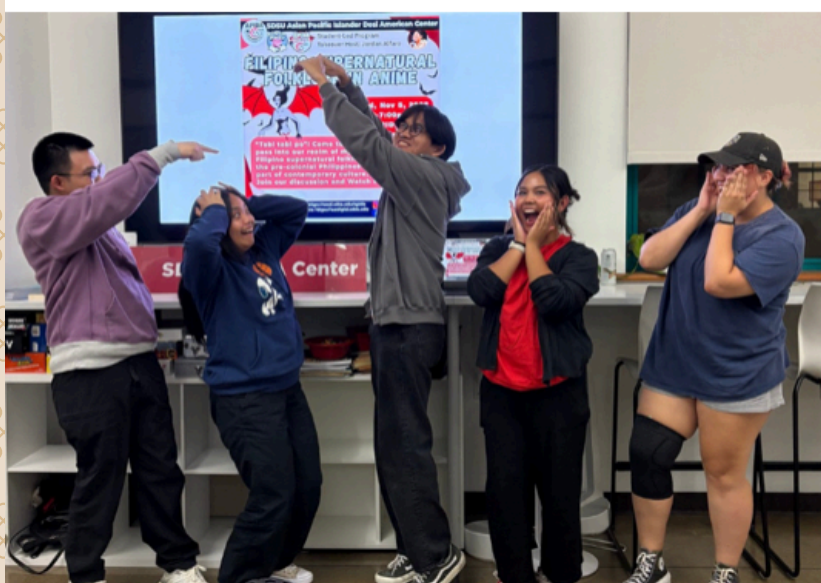
## APIDA Center loves our commuter students!

On Tuesday November 4th, **Jazmine Ibarra**, our APIDA Student Intern, hosted two programs amplifying the commuter student experience. First, she hosted a panel with commuter students: **Kaylee Lace**, **Andrew Arevalo**, and **Teddy Morando**. They shared the challenges and benefits of commuting to campus. Then, Ibarra hosted a workshop about resources for commuter students and the importance of staying involved and engaged with the campus.



## APIDA Center played Cards against Humanity!

On Tuesday, November 4th, we hosted a cringey game night and played Cards Against Humanity. In honor of Election Day, we voted on the best answers and also added new "APIDA House Rules" voting on the most cringey answers of all.



## APIDA Center learns about Filipino folklore!

On Wednesday, November 5th, **Jordan Alfaro**, APIDA Student Intern, hosted a workshop about Filipino supernatural creatures featured in popular folklore. Then, we watched "Trese," a Netflix anime series based on a Filipino graphic novel about a detective named Alexandra Trese who fights crime in a Manila underworld filled with monsters.



## APIDA Center hosts a book club!

We are getting ready for our Author Visit with [Thien Pham](#) on November 17th from 4-5pm. In preparation, we hosted a book club on Thursday, November 6th where we discussed scenes from his graphic memoir, *Family Style*, which is about his Vietnamese refugee experience. Of course, we focused on the food scenes and then ate the various American foods he mentioned. On November 17th, we will be serving more foods (both Vietnamese and American foods) mentioned in his book and giving all participants free copies of the One Book One San Diego books which includes *Family Style*. Join us!

# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## APIDA Center Drop-In Advising

**Location:** APIDA Center or Zoom

**Date:** November 3-18

Come to the APIDA Center for all your academic needs. No appointment needed. Dates and times are available on [Instagram](#).

## Japanese Kumihimo\*

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2025 from 5-7pm

Kumihimo is a traditional Japanese art of braiding cords. Learn about its history and then braid with us.

## Musubi Mixer with PISA\*

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025 from 4-5pm

Learn about the historical and cultural significance of Spam Musubi and enjoy some tasty treats with us. Then, play some games. This event is co-hosted by PISA.

## Baseball in Japanese Incarceration Camps\*

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025 from 2-3pm

Learn more about the role of baseball in Japanese Incarceration Camps during WWII (1939-1945) and its impacts on the community today. Hosted by Quinton Sagisi, APIDA Student Intern.

## Japanese America's Pastime: Baseball Behind Barbed Wire\*

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025 from 5-7pm

Join us for a Watch Party to learn more about baseball in the Japanese American incarceration camps.

## History of the Philippine Jeepney\*

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Thursday, November 13, 2025 from 12-1pm

Jeepneys are repurposed surplus U.S. military jeeps and thus, a symbol of Filipino resilience and creativity. Learn more and design your own jeepney! Hosted by Marianne Lababit, APIDA Student Intern.

## Ô Ăn Quan with VSA\*

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Thursday, November 13, 2025 from 5-7pm

Ô Ăn Quan is a traditional Vietnamese game stemming from the mancala family of games. Learn more about its origins and significance and then play with us. Co-hosted by VSA.

## Meet the Author: Thien Pham\*

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Monday, November 17, 2025 from 4-5pm

Meet Thien Pham, author of *Family Style*! Eat all the snacks mentioned in the book and get a free signed copy of the book!

## Japanese Calligraphy\*

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Friday, November 21, 2025 from 1-3pm

Learn about the history, techniques, and timeless beauty of Japanese calligraphy. Then, practice with us! Hosted by Yurie Hara, APIDA Student Intern.

## APIDA Student Leadership Retreat\*

**Location:** Cuyamaca Outdoor School

**Date:** December 5-7, 2025

Don't miss out! We are hosting our second weekend trip to Camp Cuyamaca. All expenses will be provided. All you need to do is sign up and commit! [SIGN UP NOW!](#)

## 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, 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

The graphic is a vertical banner for the APIDA Center's 'HAPI' Hours. At the top, it features the APIDA logo and the text 'SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Center'. Below this, the main title 'APIDA Center "HAPI" Hours' is displayed in large, bold letters, with 'HAPI = Happy + Asian Pacific Islander' written underneath. A call to action states: 'Join us from 5-7pm on Mondays to Thursdays for themed activities at the APIDA Center!'. The banner is divided into four horizontal sections, each representing a different activity: 'Cultural Crafting Mondays' (with a photo of people crafting), 'Game Night Tuesdays' (with a photo of people playing board games), 'Watch Party Wednesdays' (with a photo of people watching a movie), and 'Takeover Thursdays' (with a photo of people at a table). Each section includes a small circular icon with the activity name and a larger photo showing participants.

## **APIDA "HAPI" Hours! (HAPI = Happy + Asian Pacific Islander)**

There's always something to do at the APIDA Center. Take a break, meet new friends, and learn something. On Monday through Thursday nights, we will be hosting themed programs. Join us.

Contact [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu) if you are interested in hosting a Thursday Takeover.

# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- The Tabletop Gaming Club is hosting a [series of events](#) in November!
- The Japanese Student Association is hosting [Orange Hour](#) on Wed, Nov 12 from 12:00-1:30pm on the Recreation Field.
- The Vietnamese Student Association is hosting a [Vietnamese Professionals Panel](#) on Wed, Nov 12 from 4-7pm at Scripps Cottage. [Register](#) today!

## Community Center Partners:

- The Native Resource Center is hosting programs for [Representation Week](#) from Nov 10-14.
- The Black Resource Center is hosting a [Brother to Brother Luncheon](#) on Wed, Nov 12 from 11:30-1:30pm at the Faculty Staff Club. [RSVP](#) today!
- The Center for Intercultural Relations is hosting [Define Your Path: Crafting Powerful Personal Statements](#) on Thurs, Nov 13 from 1:00-2:30pm. [Register](#) today!
- The Women's Resource Center is hosting a [Survival is a Promise Zine Workshop](#) on Thurs, Nov 13 from 3-4pm at the Special Collections and University Archives.
- The Campus Fee Advisory Committee is hosting a IRA fee presentation on Fri, Nov 14 from 11:45-12:30pm in the Lipinsky Hospitality Center.

## Campus Partners:

- The Center for Commuter Life is conducting the [Every Mile Matters survey](#). Take the survey for a chance to win a SDSU Bookstore gift card!
- Career Services is hosting a workshop entitled, "[AI Series: The Future of the Workforce](#)" on Mon, Nov 10 from 11-12pm. [Register](#) on Handshake!
- Well-being and Health Promotion is hosting [Movember: Men's Health Awareness](#) on Wed, Nov 12 from 11:30-3:30pm in front of Student Health Services.
- Asian American Studies is hosting focus groups to learn more about [AI & APIDA First-Generation Students](#) on Wed, Nov 12 and Thurs, Nov 13 from 12:00-1:30pm. Participants will receive pizza and \$20 gift cards. [Register](#) today!
- SDSU Entrepreneurship Initiatives is hosting an "Entrepreneurship Mixer! Meet a Team or Co-Founder" on Wed, Nov 12 from 5-7pm in Aztec Lanes. [RSVP](#) today!
- The University Library is hosting Elaine Sexton for the [Living Writers Series](#) on Wed, Nov 12 from 7-8pm in Love Library 430.
- The Office of Grad Life and Diversity is hosting [LinkedIn Lab: Mastering Personal Branding](#) on Thurs, Nov 13 from 4-5pm. [RSVP](#) today!
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- The [San Diego Asian Film Festival](#) is taking place Nov 6-15. They are showing 150+ films from 30+ countries.
- San Diego Mahjong Club is hosting a [Riichi Mahjong Night](#) on Sun, Nov 9 from 10-2pm at At Ease Games.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#).

## Scholarships

- The ACES Scholarship is offering \$1500 to students pursuing a career in editing. [Apply](#) by Nov 15.
- The DP Law Encouraging Diversity Scholarship is offering \$1000 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.
- The Beverly Murphy MLA Scholarship for Underrepresented Students is offering \$5000 to eligible college students. [Apply](#) by Nov 15.
- The Balance Mental Health Group is offering \$500 to a student pursuing a career in mental health. [Apply](#) by Nov 30.
- Boster Bio is offering \$1000 to graduate students working in a biology or related lab. [Apply](#) by Nov 30.
- The American Physical Therapy Association is offering the Mary McMillan Scholarship Award to physical therapist and physical therapist assistant students. [Apply](#) by Dec 2025.
- **NEW!** The Willis H. Carrier Scholarship is offering two \$10,000 awards to undergraduate engineering majors. [Apply](#) by Dec 1.
- **NEW!** The Lynn G. Bellenger Scholarship is offering \$5000 to women in engineering. [Apply](#) by Dec 1.
- Forte Business Leaders Scholarship is offering \$1000 to business majors or minors. [Apply](#) by Dec 1.
- The It Takes a Village "Bayanihan" Scholarship by Tinidor Foods is offering \$500 to a Filipino immigrant undergraduate or graduate student. [Apply](#) by Dec 5.
- ASNT Foundation is offering the Robert B. Oliver Scholarship for pursuing studies in nondestructive testing or related disciplines. [Apply](#) by Jan 31, 2026.

## Research Opportunities

- **NEW!** Scripps Research Institute is accepting applications for the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship 2026. [Apply](#) today!
- 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 AANHPI Affairs is hosting a [Special Session](#).
- SDSU Entrepreneurship Initiatives is accepting applications for the 2026 Social Venture Challenge themed "Achieving Food Security Through Innovation." [Apply](#) by Dec 12.
- CREATE Scholars is accepting applications for the 2026 Summer Research cohort. [Apply](#) by Jan 16.

## Jobs & Paid Internships

- **NEW!** Marvel Comics is looking for a Publishing Marketing & Communications Coordinator. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** Blue Shield of California is looking for a Data Security Intern for Summer 2026. [Apply](#) today!
- Center for California Studies is looking for paid fellows for their Capital Fellowship Programs. [Apply](#) by Dec. 8.
- The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies is looking for Congressional Fellows. [Apply](#) by Dec 12.
- The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies is looking for Congressional Interns for Summer 2026. [Apply](#) by Feb 1.
- Google is looking for a Research Intern for Summer 2026. [Apply](#) by Feb 27.