

# SDSU Office of AANHPISI Affairs & APIDA Center



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**Monday-Thursday 10:00-7:00pm**  
**Friday 10:00-4:30pm**

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

December 5, 2025



## From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Our collections, our identities!

Collectibles can say a lot about identities. What we collect and value says a lot about who we are. On December 3rd, we hosted our very first Collectibles Fair and Meet-Up, in collaboration with One SDSU. It was a success! Several members of the SDSU community shared their collections, which included sports memorabilia, journals and pens, t-shirts, palm pals, pokemon cards, and more. We hosted a games area and maker DIY tables including toploaders, journals, gundams, buttons, etc. We also hosted a scavenger hunt and gave out gashapon prizes and Asian snacks. More than 250 people attended the event, including Ms. **Jacqueline Toy**'s Honor 100 class. It was so cool to connect with people over shared interests and passions. Initially, we were only planning on doing this once but given the success of the event, we will do it again. Think about sharing your collections at our next event!

By the way - In case you are wondering, I shared my Baby Yoda and "Anne of Green Gables" collections. (I also collect all things "The Sound of Music," Virginia state quarters, cow dog toys, and more - My husband thinks I have a small hoarding problem.)





# Know APIDA History!



## **APIDA Center learns about "The Filipino Press"!** by Ailey Christa Munoz

For the past several years, we have visited "The Filipino Press" as part of our FAHM field trip. "The Filipino Press" is a bi-monthly publication that serves the Filipino community in San Diego and all over southern California. Ernie Flores, Jr. (1930-2005) was its founder, publisher, and former Editor-In-Chief. Known as the "Dean of Filipino Journalists," Flores was inspired by his father who was a journalist in the 1930's in the Philippines. In 1967, he immigrated to the United States and became the first Filipino journalist for a Phoenix-based newspaper called, "The Arizona Republic."

In 1969, he moved to San Diego and worked for local newspapers and publications, such as "The San Diego Tribune," where he was recognized for being its first Filipino journalist. Noticing an increase in the number of Filipino residents around the South Bay area, he decided to start his own publication in 1986, thus "The Filipino Press" was born. (He had collaborated and co-founded other Asian-American and/or Filipino-centered publications, such as "The U.S. Manila Post," "The Asian American Times," "The Asian-Pacific News," "Asia World," and "The El Papel San Diego Times.")

He aimed to highlight the voices of the San Diego Filipino community. The motto of "The Filipino Press" is "Your Key to the Filipino Community." After passing away in 2005, ownership passed on to Susan Delan Santos. The Flores family legacy and love for journalism continues as Flores' son, Brian, is a reporter and televised anchor at Channel Q13 Fox News in Seattle. News and narratives continue to be important to our communities. Keep telling and listening to stories.



# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center hosts Fall Break activities!

Right before we left for Fall Break, we hosted a Gratitude Craft Night and a Players' Choice Game Night. We made thank you cards, friendship bracelets, and more. We also played games and enjoyed friendship and fellowship before going home to spend time with our families.



## APIDA Center hosts To He!

On December 1st, we hosted a cultural crafting workshop about To He, a traditional Vietnamese figurine made with edible rice-powder. Of course, we used air clay! We learned about the Vietnamese refugee and resettlement experience, focusing on the toys that children played with in the camps.





## APIDA Center hosts a study abroad panel!

On December 2nd, we teamed up with the Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society to host a panel about the study abroad experience. Student panelists included **Ben Lopez** (student assistant from Global Education Office), **Krissa Jackson**, and **Skye Akimseu-Calderbank**, with **Riley Realica** as the moderator.



## APIDA Center hosts "Family Style" faculty book club!

On December 2nd, we teamed up with the Center for Comics Studies and the History department to host a book club meeting about Thien Pham's "Family Style." Faculty shared how to talk about the craft of a graphic novel. It was really cool to hear different perspectives and different ways to think about the same book. Panelists included Prof. **Ben Jenkins**, Dr. **Elizabeth Pollard**, Prof. **J. Van Tarplay** with Dr. **Loh-Hagan** as the moderator.



## APIDA Center learns about Tokusatsu!

On December 2nd, we hosted a workshop about Tokusatsu, which refers to the Japanese genre of live-action film and television known for its heavy use of costumed heroes, giant monsters, elaborate stunts, etc. Then, we played godzilla-inspired games. This workshop was led by **Teddy Morando**, APIDA Student Intern.





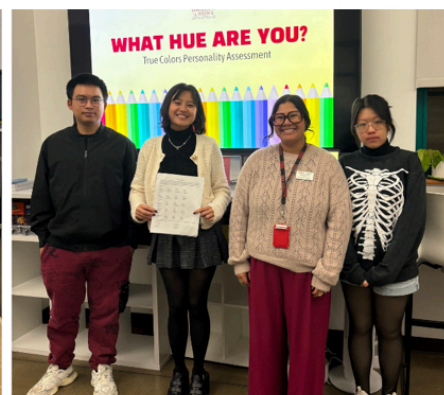
## APIDA Center learns about K-pop and Korean mythology!

On December 3rd, we hosted a workshop and watch party about the Korean mythology behind "K-pop Demon Hunters." For example, did you know that the Saja Boys are based on a saja, which is like the grim reaper? This workshop was hosted by **Jordan Alfaro**, APIDA Student Intern.



## APIDA Center plays Shichi Narabe!

On December 4th, we hosted a workshop about Shichi Narabe, a popular Japanese card game similar to Sevens. This workshop was hosted by **Yurie Hara**, APIDA Student Intern.



## APIDA Center teams up with Glazer!

On December 4th, we hosted a Takeover with Glazer Center for Leadership & Service and **Liana Marin**. They hosted a workshop about True Colors leadership styles and about time management.



# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## **History of Noche Buena\***

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, December 8, 2025 from 3-4pm**

Learn more about Noche Buena's historical and cultural significance and make your own Filipino fruit salad. Hosted by Ailey Munoz, APIDA Student Intern.

## **Folding Fans\***

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, December 8, 2025 from 5-7pm**

Learn more about the history of folding fans and then make your own fan. Hosted by Jaelynn Delfin, APIDA Student Intern.

## **Significance of Sarimanok\***

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 from 2-3pm**

Learn more about this legendary creature and make some Sarimanok-inspired ornaments. Hosted by Ailey Munoz, APIDA Student Intern.

## **Discussing Family Style: Living the Refugee Experience\***

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 from 4-5pm**

Join us as faculty share their personal connection to Thien Pham's graphic memoir. Learn more about the Vietnamese refugee and resettlement experience. While supplies last, we will be giving away copies of the book!

## **Matcha\***

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 from 5-6pm**

Learn more about the historical and cultural significance of matcha. Then, enjoy some matcha and matcha-flavored snacks! Hosted by Quinton Sagisi, APIDA Student Intern.

## **Matching Games\***

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 from 6-7pm**

After our Matcha presentation, stay and play matching games with us! We'll pick a matching game that matches your vibe!

## **History of Pokémon\***

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, Dec 10, 2025 from 1-2pm**

Learn about the history of Pokémon and its popularity in the United States. Then, make a Pokémon-inspired craft. Hosted by Patricia Alfonso, APIDA Student Intern.

## **Ddakji\***

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, Dec 10, 2025 from 2-3pm**

KASA and the APIDA Center are teaming up to make and play ddakji. Learn about its history, make some paper tiles, and flip to win!



# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- The Japanese Student Association is hosting "Moonlight Over Tokyo" on Sun, Dec 7 from 7-9pm in Montezuma Hall.
- AB Samahan is hosting [Sama Sunset](#) for first-year and third-year transfer students on Fri, Dec 12 from 4:00-7:30pm. [RSVP](#) today!

## Community Center Partners:

- The Center for Intercultural Relations and the Office of Graduate Life and Diversity are hosting [Relax & Refuel Stations](#) from Mon, Dec 8 to Fri, Dec 12.
- The Monarch Unity Center and the EOP Learning Support Center are hosting a [Self-Care Expo](#) on Tues, Dec 9 from 12-2pm in SSE 2109.

## Campus Partners:

- SDSU Connects and Counseling & Psychological Services are hosting "Mental Health Matters: Finals Edition" on Mon, Dec 8 from 11-12pm at the Commuter Resource Center.
- The Office of Graduate Life and Diversity and the Graduate Student Association are hosting [Grad Coffee Chat](#) on Mon, Dec 8 from 11-2pm.
- Associated Student Union Board is hosting "Snow Place Like Home" on Wed, Dec 10 from 6-8pm in Montezuma Hall.
- The Center for Asian and Pacific Studies is hosting a screening of "Between Goodbyes" on Thurs, Dec 11 at 12:30pm in Nasatir Hall 229. [RSVP](#) today!
- The Center for Student Organizations & Activities are hosting Midnight Study Break on Thurs, Dec 11 from 9pm-1am in Montezuma Hall.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- Lao American Organization of San Diego is hosting [Lao American Refugee Remembrance Day](#) on Tues, Dec 9 from 10-12pm at San Diego City Hall.
- Asian Business Association of San Diego is hosting "Small Business Big Ideas" on Fri, Dec 12 from 9-11am at S3 Coffee Bar.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). The next free webinar entitled, "APIDA in Hip Hop Legacy: Prometheus Brown" is on Tues, Dec 9 from 4-5pm. [Register](#) today!



# Research Opportunities

- **NEW!** The San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance is accepting applications for the Conservation Science Summer Fellowship Program. [Apply](#) by Feb 15.
- 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](#).
- 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!** Qualcomm is seeking a Sales & Business Development 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.
- **NEW!** The Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship is offering \$9,500 to juniors and seniors pursuing STEM and social science careers. [Apply](#) by Jan 31.
- The US-Asia Institute is looking for participants for the IMPACT! Filipino American National Internship Program. [Apply](#) by Jan 31.
- 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.



# Scholarships

- **NEW!** Kuru Footwear is offering \$1,000 to college students pursuing a degree in nursing. [Apply](#) by Dec 19.
- **NEW!** The National Writers' Association is offering \$1,000 to support future writers. [Apply](#) by Dec 31.
- The RevPart 2026 STEM Scholarship is offering awards to undergraduate students pursuing a STEM-related career. [Apply](#) by Dec 31.
- **NEW!** APIA Scholars is offering multiple scholarships to undergraduate students. [Apply](#) by Jan 15.
- ASNT Foundation is offering the Robert B. Oliver Scholarship for pursuing studies in nondestructive testing or related disciplines. [Apply](#) by Jan 31, 2026.