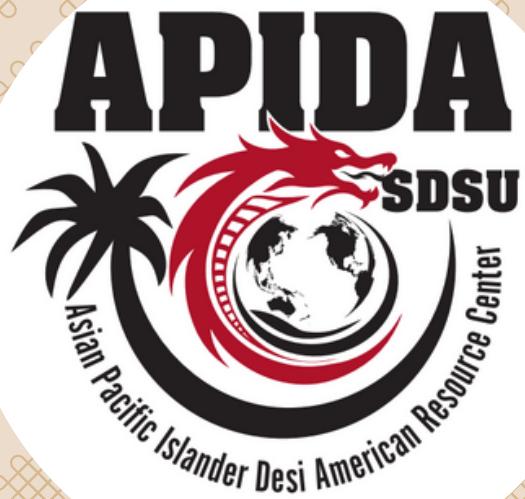


SDSU Office of AANHPISI Affairs & APIDA Center



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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 AANHPI/SA Affairs & APIDA Center Executive Director's Message

January 16, 2026



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: New year, new semester!

Well, 2026 is here and the Spring 2026 semester is starting on Tuesday, January 20th (so soon!). We hope folks had a festive and relaxing winter break and are now ready for some new adventures.

As a reminder, the campus (including the APIDA Center) is closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Considering the times in which we live, his words resonate with me: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

True to form, we are jumping into this semester with tons of events. Check out our [Instagram](#) for the most up-to-date info. Our next big event is our [Lunar New Year celebration](#) on February 17th from 12-2pm in the Student Union Courtyard. Those of us "in the know" know that Lunar New Year actually begins weeks before the actual day - As such, I spent the majority of my winter break cleaning my house, finishing my to-do lists, organizing my digital files, and more. (None of which is finished - but all in various stages of "in progress.") According to custom, it's important to sweep out the bad luck before the new year so that good luck can flow into the new year. So, this is a reminder to clean, organize, and settle all debts!

In that vein, we are hosting journaling workshops and other academic success workshops to get folks organized for the new semester. Join us! We are going to make this year work for us! Let's find ways to laugh a lot!



Lunar New Year

Join us for lion dancing, martial arts demonstrations, activities, and Asian snacks! The APIDA Center along with several other APIDA campus organizations will be hosting fun activities to celebrate the Year of the Fire Horse! This year symbolizes passion, energy, change, and innovation. It favors bold action, courage, and willingness to transform.

Student Success

Start the semester on the course for success. We will be hosting advising drop-in hours and several programs to support academic success including Journaling for Student Success, Icebreakers, Vision Boards, Reality Bites: Rising from Failure - with much more to come! We are here for you.

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A graphic for the APIDA Center Drop-In Advising. It features the APIDA SDSU logo, the text 'APIDA Center Drop-In Advising', and a small illustration of three people at a desk with a laptop. Below the main text, it says 'Location: APIDA Center OR ZOOM LINK: https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/mhgarcia25'. A list of dates and times for the drop-in sessions is provided: Tues, January 20, 2026 from 4:00-6:00pm; Wed, January 21, 2026 from 3:00-6:00pm; Thurs, January 22, 2026 from 10:00-12:00pm; Fri, January 23, 2026 from 3:00-4:30pm; Mon, January 26, 2026 from 10:00-11:30am; Tues, January 27, 2026 from 10:00-12:00pm; Wed, January 28, 2026 from 10:00-11:30am; Thurs, January 29, 2026 from 1:00-4:00pm. The background of the graphic features a green and yellow pattern with small illustrations of people.

Sign Up Today!

SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Center

Spring 2026 Asian & Asian American Classes

Need classes? Need GE credits?

Want to learn more about Asian/Asian American experiences?

Asian American Studies

- AAS 100: Asian American Studies
- AAS 101: Politics, Power, and Asian American
- AAS 122: War, Empire, and the Asian American Experience
- AAS 152: Oral Communication and Public Speaking
- AAS 263: Asian American Film and Media
- AAS 323: Korean American Experiences
- AAS 420: Documentary Filmmaking: Introduction
- AAS 460: Contemporary Issues in Filipino-American Communities
- AAS 488: Applying Asian American Studies to Racial Justice

Asian Studies

- ART 565: Art of Japan
- REL 538: Buddhism
- REL 541: Japanese Religions through Anime
- POL 5362: Governments and Politics of East Asia
- POL 575: International Relations of the Pacific Rim
- AAS 323: Korean American Experiences
- DANCE 383: K-pop Dance
- HIST 566: Ancient and Imperial China
- PHIL 353: Buddhist Philosophy
- PHIL 565: Asian Philosophies



APIDA Internship Program

Do you need professional experience? Do you want to gain transferable career skills? Are you interested in advancing the APIDA community at SDSU? Apply for the APIDA Internship Program, a volunteer-based initiative to support students' professional and career development. Apply now: bit.ly/APIDAintern. We are also offering a special opportunity to fulfill the Weber Honors College HIP requirement.

AAS & CAPS Courses

Satisfy GE requirements and learn about APIDA histories. This Spring 2025 semester, sign up for Asian American Studies (AAS) and Center for Asian & Pacific Studies (ASIAN) courses. Make sure to consider AAS 488 which is hosted by the APIDA Center. Also, connect with us if you want to learn more about an AAS major or minor.

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x Student Success Fee

Take a trip with APIDA! 2026 APAHE Conference + Anaheim Historical Sites

Travel Dates: April 10-14, 2026
Location: Anaheim, California

The APIDA Center is headed to Anaheim! We will be attending the 2026 Asian Pacific American in Higher Education (APAHE) conference and visiting historical Asian American sites in and around the Anaheim area. We will be covering travel, lodging, conference registration, activity costs, and meals. You will also gain professional experience attending and presenting at a conference.



Apply by
Feb 1, 2026
or until spots fill:
<https://bit.ly/2025APAHE>



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Know APIDA History!



APIDA Field Trip:
"Rosemead"

Date: Wed, January 14, 2026
Meet at APIDA: 4:30pm
Movie Time: 5:15-7:52pm
Location: AMC Mission Valley

Support APIDA representation! Join us to watch "Rosemead," a harrowing story about a terminally ill Chinese immigrant mother who struggles with her son's worsening schizophrenia. Based on a true story, the film explores themes of mental health, identity, and more.

RSVP by emailing: apida@sdsu.edu

ROSEMEAD



APIDA Center learns about the story behind "Rosemead."

The APIDA Center hosted our first field trip of the year. We went to the movies to see "Rosemead," a new film starring Lucy Liu (born 1968). We took part in a nationwide effort to support APIDA representation by selling out theaters. Remember: Your ticket creates demand which leads to supply - and we want more of our stories on the big screen. So, do your part and go to the movies!

Warning: If you don't like spoilers or are triggered by violence, stop reading here!

"Rosemead" is actually based on a true story - In 2015, Lai Hang made the gut-wrenching and desperate decision to shoot her son in a motel room in Rosemead, California. (Rosemead, in the San Gabriel Valley, is a significant ethnic enclave for Chinese and Taiwanese Americans.)

Hang was born in Laos, grew up in Hong Kong, went to college in Tokyo, and moved to the United States in 1992. She met and married her husband, Peter, and they opened a printing shop in Alhambra, California. They eventually bought a house in Rosemead and had their son, George, in 1998. In 2012, Peter died of cancer which deeply impacted George who was soon after diagnosed with schizophrenia.

Hang struggled with her own terminal illness and her son's schizophrenia. Because of language/cultural barriers and stigmas around mental health, Hang and her son were isolated and did not receive the support they needed. Feeling like she didn't have options and realizing she couldn't protect her son after her death, she made a fatal decision.

This story brings to light the importance of de-stigmatizing mental health struggles, of bringing awareness to silent suffering, and of instilling community (not shame).

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Welcome Back Meet-Up: Be a Dewey Detective!*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 from 12-1pm

Visit the APIDA Center for some snacks, community, and activities! Play a fun scavenger hunt ("Where's Dewey?") to win an APIDA Center T-shirt!

Game Night: Icebreakers*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 from 5-7pm

Do you get nervous when meeting new people? Let's break the ice. We will host some social games to get you chatting and laughing with some new friends.

Reality Bites: Rising from Failure

Location: Zoom ([Registration Link](#))

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 from 11-12pm

Did you fail a course or not meet the minimum grade requirement? This Zoom workshop can help you identify academic barriers and create an action plan to pivot toward academic success.

Watch Party: APIDA Representation & the Golden Globes*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 from 5-7pm

Learn about APIDA achievements, impacts, and struggles in the Golden Globes award industry. Watch some award-winning reels with us.

Takeover: Vision Board Workshop*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026 from 5-7pm

In collaboration with the Asian Pacific Student Alliance (APSA), we are hosting a Vision Board workshop. Set intentions and visualize a successful year.

Journaling for Organizing*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 from 3-4pm

Learn how to use journaling as a tool for managing to-do lists, tracking healthy habits, setting goals, and more!

Cultural Crafting Night: Book Binding*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 from 5-7pm

Learn about the Asian origins of bookbinding and traditional bookbinding practices from across Asia. Then, we will create our own books.

Journaling for a Purpose*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tue, January 27, 2026 from 3-4pm

Journaling can be used for many purposes and in many professional fields. Join us to explore different ways to journal. Hosted by Ms. Jacqueline Toy.

Game Night: Power Rangers*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 from 5-7pm

Go Go Power Rangers! We will learn more about Tokusatsu and then play Power Rangers games with us.

Journaling & Lettering for Art*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 from 3-4pm

Learn how to use lettering and journaling as a form of creative expression. Make junk journals and sketchbooks with us! Hosted by Ms. Jacqueline Toy.

Watch Party: Mindy Kaling Fan Club*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 from 5-7pm

Learn about Mindy Kaling's career, impact, and contributions to film and television. Then, watch some Mindy Kaling clips.

National Puzzle Day*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2026 from 1-2pm

Let's celebrate National Puzzle Day. Learn about Asian/APIDA and STEM connections to puzzles. Then, play some puzzles.

Takeover: Significance of Culture Nights*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2026 from 5-7pm

Learn about the significance of student-led culture nights. Then, the Vietnamese Student Association will host a watch party of highlights from their previous Vietnamese Culture Nights.

Journaling for Reflecting*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2026 from 3-4pm

Make diaries, gratitude journals, dream journals, and/or morning pages with us.

Lunar New Year Celebration*

Location: Student Union Courtyard

Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 from 12-2pm

Celebrate the Year of the Horse with the APIDA Center and other APIDA campus organizations. Join us for lion dancing, martial arts demonstration, activities, Asian snacks, and more.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- The [Nikkei Student Union](#) is accepting sign-ups for the 2026 Black & Red NSU Tournament. [Sign up](#) by Jan 28.
- The [Vietnamese Student Association](#) is accepting sign-ups for their 2026 Vietnamese Culture Night. [Sign up](#) by Feb 2.

Community Center Partners:

- The Black Resource Center and Residential Education Office are hosting [MLK Day of Service](#) on Mon, Jan 19 from 9-12pm.

Campus Partners:

- Career Services is hosting industry consultant appointments through the Spring 2026 semester. Register on [Handshake](#).
- Well-being and Health Promotion is hosting a [Recovery Safe Space](#) every Thursday from 11-2pm in the Lipinsky Center (SSW 1608) through Spring 2026.
- The Office of Educational Opportunity Programs, Outreach, and Success (EOPOS) is hosting a [Welcome Back BBQ](#) on Thurs, Jan 22 from 11-2pm at Scripps Cottage.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The Chinese Historical Society Museum is hosting a virtual lecture with guest speaker Karen Fang on Sat, Jan 17 from 10-12pm. [Register](#) today!
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#).

Research Opportunities

- **NEW!** Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee of the SDSU/UCSD Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology is hosting a virtual workshop entitled, "Obtaining Undergraduate Research Experience: Faculty Panel" on Tues, Jan 20 from 9-10am. [Register](#) today.
- The SDSU Native Resource Center and Elymash Yuuchaap Indigenous Scholars & Leaders are accepting research presentation proposals for the Native and Indigenous Research and Arts symposium in March 2026. [Apply](#) by Feb 6.
- The San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance is accepting applications for the Conservation Science Summer Fellowship Program. [Apply](#) by Feb 15.
- The SDSU Pride Center and LGBTQ+ Studies Department are calling for research presentation proposals for the 2026 Pride Symposium. [Apply](#) by April 17.

Jobs & Paid Internships

- **NEW!** Yelp, Inc. is looking for community interns. [Apply](#) today.
- **NEW!** Kyowa Kirin North America is looking for part-time Open Innovation interns. [Apply](#) today.
- The Asian American Journalists Association and ABC News are looking for Summer 2026 interns. [Apply](#) by Jan 21.
- 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!** Asian American Journalists Association is offering several scholarships to college students, graduate students, and recent graduates. Most [applications](#) are due Jan 21.
- The Anna Chennault Scholarship is offering \$5,000 to an AAPI graduate student pursuing a journalism career. [Apply](#) by Jan 21.
- ASNT Foundation is offering the Robert B. Oliver Scholarship for pursuing studies in nondestructive testing or related disciplines. [Apply](#) by Jan 31.
- The Archie Motley Memorial Scholarship for Students of Color is offering two \$1,500 awards to students pursuing courses related to archival administration. [Apply](#) by March 1.
- **NEW!** The San Diego Foundation's common application for scholarships is open. [Apply](#) by March 4.
- The Matt Fong Asian Americans in Public Finance Scholarship is offering four \$5,000 awards to Asian American undergraduate students majoring in Social Science, Accounting, Business Administration, or related fields. [Apply](#) by April 20.