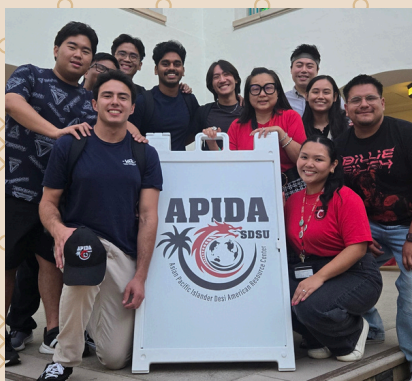


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Location: 2nd floor of Student Union
Rooms #210A-K (directly above Starbucks)

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

January 23, 2026



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Jumping into 2026!

APIDA Center is jumping right into things. The semester started on Tuesday and we were busy hosting programs, attending meetings, hanging out, and more. We were thrilled to see our students back in our space - being silly and doing all the things!

There was a lot a buzz about the new year - new goals, new attitudes, new looks, etc. 2026 is a milestone year for APIDA communities. We have record-breaking political representation with Asian American mayors leading 8 major U.S. cities. As we celebrate 250 years since the Declaration of Independence, APIDA organizations are mobilizing to vote in the midterm elections. Asian Americans continue to be the fastest growing racial population group. Let's continue to be intellectually curious, bold in our endeavors, and vigilant in our solidarity.



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.

Sign Up Today!

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.

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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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Spring 2026 APIDA Internship Program

Apply ASAP!





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Donor Spotlight: Marilyn Prall



APIDA Center loves puzzles!

Many thanks to Marilyn Prall for donating a ton of puzzles - including super fancy ones - to the APIDA Center. Ms. Prall is a retired teacher and principal. Back in the day, Dr. Loh-Hagan had the privilege of working for her at Liberty Elementary in Chula Vista. (Fun Fact: Many of their elementary students are now SDSU students. So weird!)

As our loyal readers know, our students love working on puzzles; this week, they completed two puzzles! Every day is a puzzle party at the APIDA Center.



Know APIDA History!

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Ready to Appeal Ruling



KAJIRA OYAMA, right, confers with his lawyer, A. L. Wirin, in court yesterday after learning that agricultural land he once operated for his son in the Rancho de la Nacion in Chula Vista will revert in ownership to the state of California.

Alien Land Law Case Curb Seen in Oyama Ruling

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. (AP)—The Supreme Court decision in the Oyama case was interpreted by attorneys today to mean that

APIDA Center learns about the Oyama family!

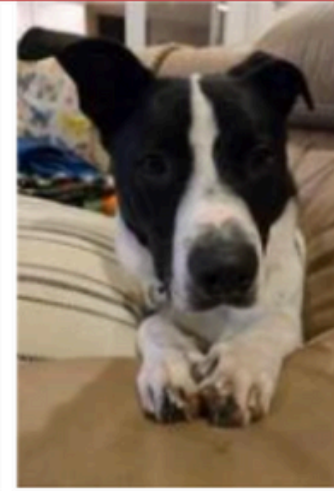
In the 1930s, San Diego's Japanese American community had grown significantly since the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the 1880s to work on railroad crews and in agriculture. They established businesses along 5th and Market Streets as well as Buddhist and Christian churches. At this time, the community was concentrated in Logan Heights and in rural areas like Chula Vista, Lemon Grove, and La Mesa. Japanese farmers cultivated celery, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, and strawberries. Many others worked in the tuna-fishing industry, sailing from the Santa Fe Wharf. The second-generation Japanese American (or Nisei) came of age during this period, creating a distinct Japanese American youth culture.

Between 1934 and 1937, Japanese immigrant Kajiro Oyama and his wife purchased eight acres in Chula Vista to cultivate celery, tomatoes, and peppers. The California's Alien Land Act made non-citizens ineligible for naturalization and thus, from owning property. To circumvent this racist law, Oyama (as did other families) deeded the land to their U.S.-born son, Fred Yoshihiro Oyama (1924-?), who was a citizen by birth. In 1942, Executive Order 9066 was signed into law. This forcibly removed the Oyamas and approximately 120,000 other Japanese Americans from the West Coast to incarceration camps.

While the family was incarcerated, California petitioned to seize their Chula Vista land, arguing that deeding the land to Fred was intended to evade the Alien Land Act. In 1945, the San Diego Superior Court ruled in *People v. Oyama* that the land should be forfeited to the state. The following year, the California Supreme Court affirmed this decision. The Oyamas, supported by the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. On January 19, 1948, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed the California courts' rulings in a 6-3 decision. The Court held in *Oyama v. California* (1948), that an American citizen's right to own land "may not be subordinated merely because of his father's country of origin."

The Oyamas reclaimed their Chula Vista property and California eventually ceased enforcement of its discriminatory Alien Land Law. This ruling helped San Diego's Japanese American community rebuild after incarceration.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



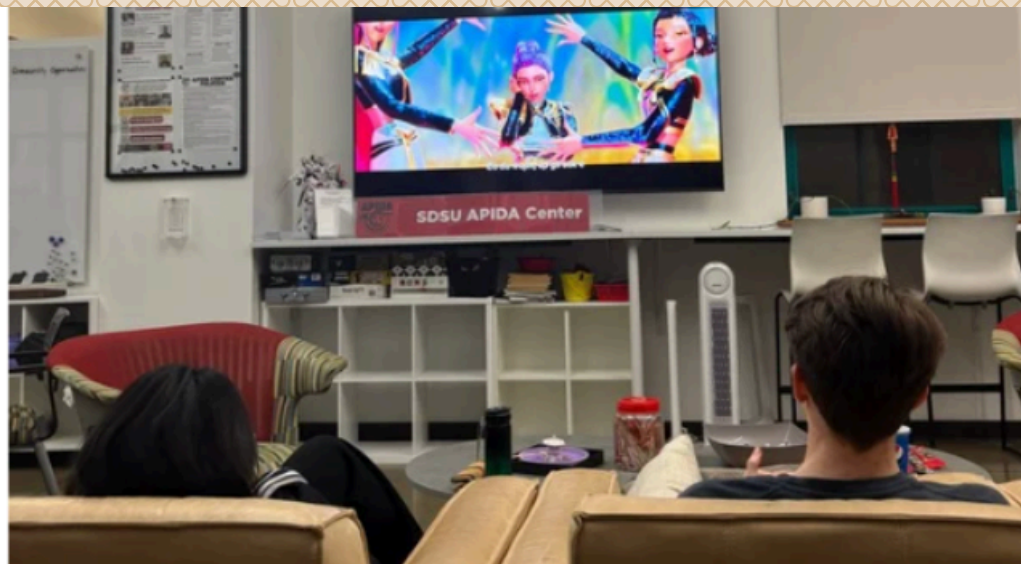
APIDA Center plays the Dewey Detective Scavenger Hunt!

On Tuesday, January 20th, we kicked off the semester with a fun game. Students transformed into "Dewey Detectives"! (Dewey is Dr. Loh-Hagan's dog who was raised by the APIDA Center when he was a puppy.) We were challenged to find Dewey pictures hidden around the Center. In doing so, we learned about APIDA Center resources, solved a riddle, and earned a free APIDA T-shirt. However, one student was disappointed because she thought we were hunting for the real Dewey - unfortunately, that dog is too big to hide! (He went from 7 pounds to 70 pounds!)



APIDA Center gets social and breaks the ice!

For the first Game Night of the semester, we discussed the benefits and challenges of being social in college and then played a variety of icebreakers. We learned some skills and strategies for communicating with peers and for making new connections. Friendships are made one conversation at a time!



APIDA Center hosts a Golden Globes Watch Party!

Did you know that winning awards increases visibility, opportunities, and earning potential? So, it matters. On Wednesday, January 21st, we learned about the history of APIDA representation in the Golden Globe awards show. Then, we watched a Golden Globe-winning film!



APIDA Center makes vision boards!

On Thursday, January 22nd, we collaborated with the Asian Pacific Student Alliance (APSA) to host a Vision Board workshop! We visualized our goals and discussed ways to maintain accountability to actualize our goals for the new year. Many thanks to **Nora Pham** and **Joshua Co!** To paraphrase Yoda: "Do or do not. There is no try."

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

SDSU Food Safety Training*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 from 11-12pm

Are you planning to serve food at a public event? If so, SDSU requires food safety training. The training is good for one year. All are welcome! Additional upcoming dates are: Feb 3, Feb 11, and Feb 19.

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!

Asian American Studies: Meet & Greet Faculty Candidates*

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: Monday, January 26, 2026 and Wednesday, January 28, 2026 and Friday, January 30, 2026 from 4-5pm

The Asian American Studies department is hiring new faculty! Students, faculty, and staff are invite to meet the candidates. Chat, ask questions, provide input, and eat snacks. Upcoming dates are Feb 2, Feb 4, Feb 5, Feb 9, and Feb 11.

Cultural Crafting Night: Asian Origins of Bookbinding*

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: Tuesday, 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.

Graduation Workshop*

Location: Zoom

Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 from 2-3pm

Are you about to graduate? Learn the difference between graduation and commencement, when and how to apply for graduation, and more.

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.

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.*

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- Hindu Student Association is accepting applications for their board positions. [Apply](#) today!
- The Japanese Student Association is hosting a [January GBM](#) on Tues, Jan 27 from 1:00-2:30pm in Park Boulevard.

Community Center Partners:

- The Monarch Unity Resource Center (MURC) is presenting at the [Bilingual College Fair](#) on Sat, Jan 24 from 9-3pm at the Logan Memorial Educational Campus.
- The Pride Center is hosting [Queer Crafternoon](#) every Monday from 1-2pm. They will be hosting Pin-Making on Mon, Jan 26.
- The Native Resource Center is hosting [Vision Boards with the San Diego American Indian Health Center](#) on Tues, Jan 27 at 1pm.

Campus Partners:

- Career Services is hosting a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) careers info session on Tues, Jan 27 from 10-12pm in Student Services East 1200.
- Well-being and Health Promotions is hosting [C.H.E.F. x REO Cooking Class](#) to make Southwest Chicken Ranch Wraps on Tues, Jan 27 from 5-6pm at Villa Alvarado.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The Cal State Student Association is searching for the next CSU Student Trustee to serve from 2026-2028. [Apply](#) by 5pm on Mon, Jan 26.
- Cal Asian Foundation is now accepting applications for the Spring 2026 NextGen Empower U Program. [Apply](#) by Feb 20.
- The Pacific Islands Coastal Health Fellowship is accepting applications from recent graduates. [Apply](#) by Feb 27.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#).

Research Opportunities

- **NEW!** The San Diego Natural History Museum is hosting [Border BioBlitz](#) in April and May 2026. This is an effort to record as many species as possible along the U.S.-Mexico border. [Join a team](#) 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!** Aztec Shops is hiring a part-time Marketing Design Assistant. [Apply](#) today!
- 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.
- **NEW!** The Asian American Journalists Association is seeking interns for the ESPN/AAJA Sports Task Force. [Apply](#) by Feb 4.
- Google is looking for a Research Intern for Summer 2026. [Apply](#) by Feb 27.

Scholarships

- 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.
- The San Diego Foundation's common application for scholarships is open. [Apply](#) by March 4.
- **NEW!** The ASML Innovators Scholarship Award offers \$5,000 to undergraduate students enrolled in engineering or science programs. [Apply](#) by Mar 20.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The Stanford Chen Internship Grant is offering \$1,500 to college juniors, seniors, or graduate students who have secured a summer internship at a news outlet. [Apply](#) by April 30.

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