

SDSU Office of AANHPISI Affairs & APIDA Center

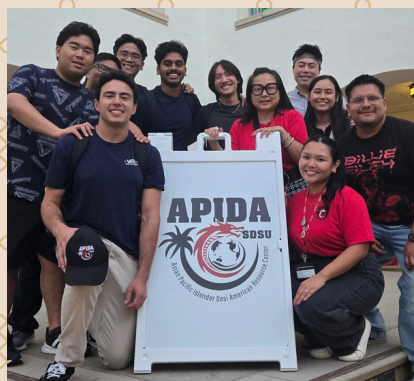


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APIDA Center Hours:
Monday-Thursday 10:00-7:00pm
Friday 10:00-4:30pm

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

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

February 27, 2026



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Inaugural CSU ASAP Summit!

This past weekend (Feb 21-23), the SDSU APIDA Center traveled to Sacramento to represent our campus at the inaugural CSU AANHPI Student Achievement Program Summit held at Sacramento State. The theme was "Serving AANHPI Communities in Higher Education: From Recognition to Transformation." We were thrilled to meet up with our colleagues from across the CSU and CCC systems and brag about all the wonderful things we are doing at SDSU. (Many thanks to **Alisha Sukhu** and **Jazmine Ibarra** for hosting the poster session.) We also learned about the amazing things our friends are doing on their campuses. There was much APIDA joy in our state's capital.

In addition to attending the Summit, we also visited various historical sites in Sacramento to learn more about localized Asian American and Pacific Islander histories. We'll be sharing some of what we learned in forthcoming cultural education programs.



We're hiring! Spread the word!

Work for the SDSU Office of AANHPISI Affairs & APIDA Center!

Are you committed to advancing the AANHPI/APIDA community at SDSU? Do you want to do amazing things with us? Then apply for one of our jobs!

Last year, we applied for and received funding to grow our AANHPISI efforts at SDSU. As such, we are very fortunate to be able to hire three new positions. Many thanks to the CSU AANHPI Student Achievement Program for the support.

Apply today and/or spread the word:

- [Associate Program Director for AANHPISI Initiatives](#) (SSPIV)
- [Coordinator for AANHPISI Affairs](#) (SSPII)
- [Administrative Support and Budget Coordinator](#) (ASCII)



SDSU APIDA March Madness - Save the Dates!

March Madness is coming to the SDSU APIDA Center - And, it has nothing to do with basketballs. This weekend, we will be launching our March programming which includes so many cool things! Don't get out of bounds - Aim for a slam dunk and come to our events!

- Mes CHamoru events: Coming soon!
- March 2-5: Holi Festival
- March 12: East West Players present "Tam Tran Goes to Washington"
- March 26: Guest Speaker: Tereza Lee

...and more! We have an amazing line up! Swish!

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns learns about Fort Sutter!

In 1848, gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill. This was a watershed moment for Asian Americans as it triggered a massive influx of immigrants via the Gold Rush, including thousands of Chinese laborers seeking "Gold Mountain."

While we were in Sacramento, we visited Fort Sutter, now Sutter's Fort State Historic Park. (The Mill is located in Coloma and the Fort is in midtown Sacramento; they're 45 miles apart.) The Fort, established in 1839 by John Sutter (1803-1880), was the first permanent European settlement in California's Central Valley. It was a vital agricultural and trading hub. It also served as a safe haven and a resupply and information station for westward-bound immigrants. It is significant for catalyzing the state's development.

However, while Sutter's Fort was a refuge for many pioneers, Chinese immigrants, who worked as miners, laborers, and domestic servants, had a different experience. They faced intense racism, foreign miner taxes, dangerous conditions, etc. In addition, the Fort was built with exploited Native American and Hawaiian labor. (We will be hosting a future program about the Native Hawaiian experience at Fort Sutter.)

Fun Fact: Archaeological excavations in Sacramento, near the Fort, have uncovered remnants of 19th-century Chinese communities. Sacramento's Chinatown was one of California's first Chinatowns; today, it is a small area and is known as Chinatown Mall.



APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center tables at Têt Festival!

On Saturday, February 21 and Sunday, February 22, we hosted a table at the San Diego Tet Festival, organized by the Vietnamese American Youth Alliance (VAYA). We met with close to 1000 people. We are working on building more relationships with our Southeast Asian American communities. Many thanks to **Matthew H Garcia**, **Gabby Gloria**, **Diego Del Mundo**, and **Chloe Morimoto** for representing the APIDA Center. And, of course, thanks to all those who stopped by our table.



APIDA Center presents at CSUSM!

On, Monday, February 23rd, we presented a workshop entitled, "APIDA Resisting Exclusion via Art" at CSU San Marcos' Social Justice Symposium. Many thanks to **Gi Gonzales Vargas** and **Krissa Jackson** for representing the APIDA Center.



APIDA Center makes Torma-inspired crafts!

On Monday, February 23rd, we learned about Losar, which is Tibetan New Year. We also learned about the significance of Torma, which are ceremonial sculptures traditionally made as offerings in Tibetan Buddhist ritual practices. Then, we used air-dry clay to create our own Torma-inspired sculptures.



APIDA Center plays DnD!

Stranger things are happening at the APIDA Center. On Tuesday, February 24th, we played Dungeons and Dragons. **Teddy Morando** served as the Game Master and led a campaign entitled, "The Jade Emperor's Invitation" - which is based on the Chinese mythology behind Lunar New Year. (It is written by Kim Richards.)



APIDA Center learns about Buffalo Soldiers!

On Thursday, February 26th, we collaborated with the Gus and Emma Thompson Black Resource Center to learn about the history of the Buffalo Soldiers, an all-Black regiment, who fought in the Philippines during the Philippine-American War (1899-1902). We discussed the complications of suppressing Philippine independence while suffering oppression under Jim Crow laws. We also talked about empire and more. Many thanks to Dr. **Malcolm Oliver II** and **Madison Reaves** for their partnership.



APIDA Center makes Travel Dream Boards & Journals!

On Thursday, February 26th, we collaborated with Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars at SDSU to learn about and make travel dream boards and travel journals! We are highly encouraging students to journal for various purposes as journals serve as both planning tools and cultural artifacts. We will be hosting more journaling workshops.

APIDA Recommendation: Frank Fat's & Chloe



If you are ever in Sacramento, we recommend two Asian American-owned restaurants:

Frank Fat's, founded in 1939, is the oldest family-owned restaurant in Sacramento. Established during the era of Chinese exclusion, this American Chinese restaurant operated as a business and a meeting place for community leaders. Owner Frank Fat (1904-1997), a paper son, falsified documents to evade the racist Chinese Exclusion Act; from the Angel Island Immigration Station to working at his uncle's restaurant in Sacramento, Fat eventually opened his own place which has won awards and filled stomachs. We recommend the turnip cake, beef chow fun, and mapo tofu.

Chloé Cà Phê & Roastery was founded in 2024 by Charley Phung and Crystal Huynh-Kim. It is committed to immersing customers in the art and culture of Vietnamese coffee. The owners source their beans from Vietnam, the second-largest coffee producer globally. They also host community events; for example, we were introduced to them because they hosted a screening of "The Empathizer: A Documentary about Vietnam" by Fred Le. We recommend the Candyleaf Cascara tea.

Share all things APIDA (i.e., books, movies, food, restaurants, etc.).

Send a picture of you with the product and your glowing review.

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Holi Festival: Indian Bell Totas

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, March 2, 2026 from 5:00-7:00pm

Bell Totas are also known as "prosperity hens" or "bird bell totas." They are colorful, handcrafted ornaments from India that manifest joy and ward off evil spirits. They reflect Holi themes of renewal, color, and community. Learn more and then create your own Tota Bell Bird!

Holi Poker Night

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 from 5:00-7:00pm

Did you know that card-playing is a big part of Hindu celebrations? Poker games are believed to manifest blessings to the players' households for the rest of the year. They invoke good fortune from the Goddess Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity. Learn more and then play poker with us!

Holi Festival Watch Party: From Bollywood to Hollywood

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 from 5:00-7:00pm

Did you know Bollywood is the world's largest film industry by number of films produced each year? The name "Bollywood" blends Bombay (now Mumbai) and Hollywood. Join the APIDA Center as we celebrate Holi with a Bollywood Watch Party!

Holi Festival Takeover: Rangoli Coasters

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026 from 2:00-3:00pm

Rangoli is an Indian folk art that involves colorful geometric patterns. Learn about the historical, cultural, and religious significance of Rangoli and then make your own Rangoli coaster. This event is in collaboration with SDSU Cultural Hindu Association Initiative (CHAI).

Fil-Am History: Resisting Exclusion

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026 from 4:00-5:00pm

Asian American and Pacific Islander communities have experienced exclusion and more. Yet, we have leaned into our communal strengths and resisted. Learn about these historical moments of resistance and the main tactics of resistance. There will be a specific focus on Filipino American history

APIDA Resistance: Zines & Chapbooks

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026 from 5-7pm

Zines and chapbooks have long served as vital tools for APIDA resistance. Learn more about the history of APIDA radical media and then make your own zines!

Teacher Institute: K-12 Ethnic Studies & Non-Fiction KidLit*

Location: Templo Mayor

Date: Friday, March 6, 2026 from 4:30-7:30pm

Calling all K-12 pre-teachers and current educators! Learn about applying Ethnic Studies/Asian American Studies as a framework for using non-fiction literature in K-12 classrooms. All participants who attend the entire session will receive lots of free books. Participants will leave with 10-50 books for your classroom library. [RSVP](#) by March 2!

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:

- Mes CHamoru events: Coming soon!
- Thursday, March 12, 2026: East West Players present "Tam Tran Goes to Washington"
- Thursday, March 26, 2026: Guest Speaker: Tereza Lee
- Thursday, May 7, 2026 from 5-9pm: APIDA Excellence Celebration

SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Center
APIDA Center "HAPI" Hours
HAPI = Happy + Asian Pacific Islander
Join us from 5-7pm on Mondays to Thursdays for themed activities at the APIDA Center!

- Cultural Crafting Mondays**
- Game Night Tuesdays**
- Watch Party Wednesdays**
- APIDA TAKEOVER Thursdays**

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 if you are interested in hosting a Thursday Takeover.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- Sikh Student Association is participating in the [Inter-BPSHI Care Package Event](#) on Sat, Feb 28 from 10-2pm at the Poway Gurdwara. [Sign up](#) to volunteer!
- Hawai'i Club at SDSU is hosting a [Hawai'i Club Mixer](#) with UCSD on Sat, Feb 28 from 12-2pm at La Jolla Shores. [RSVP](#) to attend!
- AB Samahan is participating in the [FCC Volleyball Tournament](#) on Sun, March 1 from 2-5pm at Crown Point Beach. [RSVP](#) to attend!
- Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers is hosting a [Note-taking and Study Tips General Body Meeting](#) on Mon, Mar 2 from 5:30-6:30pm in Visionary Suite.

Community Center Partners:

- Women's Resource Center is celebrating Women's History Month throughout March. Visit [WRC's website](#) for more information.
- Latinx Resource Center is hosting "Latinas in Leadership" on Tues, Mar 3 from 12:30-2:00pm in LL 430. They are also hosting "Marchas Feministas" on Wed, March 4 at 12pm and Thurs, Mar 5 from 11:00-1:30pm.
- Native Resource Center and the Center for Intercultural Relations are hosting "Secure the Bag: Housing & Transportation Game Plan with Cal Coat Credit Union" on Wed, March 4 from 12-1pm.
- Black Resource Center is hosting "Wellness Wednesday" on March 4 from 12-2pm.
- Center for Intercultural Relations is hosting a [Ramadan Community Iftar](#) on Tues, March 4 from 5-8pm at The Garden. [RSVP](#) today!
- Pride Center is offering [Free HIV Testing](#) on Thurs, March 5 from 11-4pm.
- Monarch Unity Resource Center is hosting the next "Reclaim Your Story" session on Thurs, March 5 from 2:30-3:45pm.

Campus Partners:

- Office of Graduate Life & Diversity is hosting a workshop entitled, "GenAI in Action" on Mon, March 2 at 12pm. [RSVP](#) today!
- Glazer Center for Leadership & Service is hosting a Lead the Lecture with Uzoma on Tues, Mar 3 from 11-12pm. [RSVP](#) today!
- Career Services is hosting ElevateHer 2026 on Tues, March 3 from 12-3pm. [Register](#) today!
- Center for Asian and Pacific Studies is hosting a [Panagbenga Craft Event](#) on Thurs, March 5 at 4pm in AL 473. [RSVP](#) today!
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association is hosting the [San Diego Chinese New Year Fair](#) from Sat, Feb 28 to Sun, March 1 from 10-5pm in Downtown San Diego.
- Japanese Friendship Garden is hosting Resident Free Tuesday on March 3 from 10-5pm.
- Asian American Journalists Association is hosting a webinar entitled, "Turning Freelance into a Career: IIJ Info Session" on Tues, March 3 at 12pm. [Register](#) today!
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). The next free webinar is entitled, "Elementary Education" on Tues, Feb 24 from 4-5pm PT. [Register](#) today!

Research Opportunities

- **NEW!** Call for proposals for the California Community College Futures Summit is now open! [Submit](#) by March 9.
- Call for presentation proposals for the 2026 California Science Education Conference is now open. [Submit](#) by April 15.
- The SDSU Pride Center and LGBTQ+ Studies Department are calling for research presentation proposals for the 2026 Pride Symposium. [Apply](#) by April 17.
- Call for proposals for the 8th Annual RE:BORDER Conference is now open. [Register](#) by April 17.
- Pacific Arts Movement is now accepting film submissions for the 27th San Diego Asian Film Festival. [Apply](#) by April 20.
- The Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research will take place at SDSU in November 2026. Sign the [interest form](#) today!

Jobs & Paid Internships

- The Pride Center is seeking part-time undergraduate Pride Center educators and mentors. [Apply](#) by March 2.
- The Pride Center is seeking a Graduate Student Pride House Lead. [Apply](#) by March 2.
- The Pride Center is seeking a Graduate Student SafeZones House Lead. [Apply](#) by March 2.
- **NEW!** iNewSource is looking for a Documenters Program Assistant. [Apply](#) by March 11.
- **NEW!** The Korean American Scholarship Foundation is looking for 2026 interns. [Apply](#) by March 15.
- HMC Architects is looking for a Student Intern. [Apply](#) by March 31.

Scholarships

- The Dream.US National Scholarship is offering financial support for first-generation immigrant students. [Apply](#) by Feb 28.
- 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.
- The San Diego Foundation is offering the Rubie Eileen Chapman Elementary Scholarship to current undergraduate Liberal Studies or Child Development majors at SDSU. [Apply](#) by March 4.
- The American Association on Health & Disability is offering \$1,000 to undergraduate students with disabilities. [Apply](#) by March 6.
- The ASML Innovators Scholarship Award offers \$5,000 to undergraduate students enrolled in engineering or science programs. [Apply](#) by March 20.
- **NEW!** The 1,000 Dreams Fund Scholarship is offering up to \$1,000 to women enrolled in a four-year college or graduate school. [Apply](#) by March 31.
- **NEW!** The Letters to Strangers Mental Health Changemaker Scholarship is offering up to \$8,000 to multiple eligible recipients ages 13-26. [Apply](#) by March 31.
- **NEW!** The Letters to Strangers Mental Health Warrior Scholarship is offering \$3,000 to one eligible recipient. [Apply](#) by March 31.
- The Hawai'i's Daughters Guild of California's Annual Scholarship is offering up to \$2000 to college undergraduate and graduate female students of Pacific Islander ancestry. [Apply](#) by April 15.
- The AAPI Arts & Media Scholarship is offering \$3,500 to five undergraduate students. [Apply](#) by April 20.
- The Empowering Future Female Leaders Scholarship is offering \$5,000 to ten first- and second-year female students pursuing careers in business, economics, or STEM. [Apply](#) by April 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.
- 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.