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Monday-Thursday 10:00-7:00pm
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SDSU Office of AANHPI Affairs & APIDA Center Executive Director's Message

March 6, 2026



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Building K-12 Partnerships!

With the CSU ASAP funding, the SDSU Office of AANHPI Affairs & APIDA Center is putting concerted efforts toward building K-12 partnerships to strengthen the pipeline to college. (As many may already know, my research and former professional background was in K-12. I am very passionate about this work.) As such, we were proud to participate in the 2026 California Asian and Pacific Islander Leaders in Education (CAAPLE) Conference which took place in San Diego from March 1-4.

Gi Gonzales Vargas, Chloe Morimoto, and I tabled and presented at the conference. Our workshop was entitled, "Cross-Cultural Solidarity in APIDA History." We shared the history of APIDA resistance and the importance of solidarity work. In addition, we met with many K-12 educators from across the region and state.

Speaking of solidarity, we are excited to be hosting several programs around the UndocuAPIDA community over the next few months. We will be partnering with Student Success Fee, the Monarch Unity Resource Center, the Music department, and more! Standby for more events but save the dates for these:

- [Thursday, March 12, 2026: East West Players present "Tam Tran Goes to Washington"](#)
- Thursday, March 26, 2026: Guest Speaker: Tereza Lee

We're hiring! Spread the word!

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WE'RE HIRING!

Associate Program Director for AANHPI Initiatives (SSPIV)



For priority consideration, please apply asap!

Apply Here: <https://careers.sdsu.edu/en-us/job/555099/associate-program-director-for-aanhpi-initiatives-student-services-professional-iv>

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Work for the SDSU Office of AANHPI 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 AANHPI 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 AANHPI Initiatives](#) (SSPIV)
- [Coordinator for AANHPI Affairs](#) (SSPII)
- [Administrative Support and Budget Coordinator](#) (ASCII)



Know APIDA History!



Join us for a special performance of
"Tam Tran Goes to Washington,"
presented by East West Players.



After the play, there will
be a special Q&A session
with the cast.

APIDA Center learns about East West Players!

by Alisha Sukhu

On Thursday, March 12th, we are hosting the East West Players who are presenting "[Tam Tran Goes to Washington](#)." (Tam Tran (1982-2010), with Cinthya Felix (1984-2010), testified before Congress in support of the DREAM Act.) After the play, there will be a special Q&A session with the cast. Show up on time as we will not be admitting entrance after start time.

East West Players, established in 1965 by nine Asian American creatives, is the nation's largest and longest running Asian-American theater organization. The name symbolizes the blending of Eastern and Western cultures, serving as an homage to Asian and American heritages. Created to redefine stereotypical roles offered in mainstream Hollywood, East West Players has advocated for diverse and multi-faceted representation of APIDA experiences.

Its first production was *Rashomon*, premiering on April 3, 1965 at USC through the Asian Studies program. From 1965 to 1998, it operated out of a small theater in Silver Lake. It eventually moved into the David Henry Hwang Theater in the Union Center for the Arts in 1998. The Theater was renovated to become the new home for arts and culture in Little Tokyo.

Today, East West Players is currently in its 60th season. It has premiered over 228 plays and musicals, along with over 1000 diverse readings and workshops. It has launched the careers of John Cho (born 1972), Daniel Dae Kim (born 1968), Kal Penn (born 1977), and others.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center supports student researchers at S3!

On Friday, February 27th, the Office of AANHPI Affairs and the APIDA Center hosted a special session at the 2026 SDSU Student Symposium (S3). The inaugural session was focused on AANHPI Research & Servingness. We are proud of all the students who presented and exhibited their research:

- *Reframing the Stars: Ancient Chinese Astronomy & AsianAm Scientific Legitimacy* by **Jose Segura Figueroa** (B.S. in Geology and Astronomy)
- *A Cross-Cultural Comparison of Cultural Representation in Romantic Movies* by **Skye Akimseu-Calderbank** (B.A. in Sociology)
- *Gunpla: A Study of the Impacts of a Hobby on STEM Careers* by **Teddy Morando** (B.S. in Civil Engineering)
- *Modeling Healthcare Accessibility for Dengue Fever Patients in Nepal* by **Habon Ahmed** (B.S. in Statistics: Data Science)
- *Duality of Okinawan Identity* by **Jerald Lipa** (B.A. in Asian Studies)



APIDA Center makes Indian Bell Totas!

On Monday, March 2nd, we kickstarted our Holi festivities by making Indian Bird Bell Totas. We learned about the history of Holi and the significance of bell totas in bringing in luck and prosperity for the spring season. Then, we sewed our own versions of bell totas.



APIDA Center hosts Holi Poker Night!

On Tuesday, March 3rd, we learned about the goddess Lakshmi, the Hindu goddess of prosperity, and how people play cards during festivals like Diwali and Holi in order to welcome good luck. We also learned to play poker.



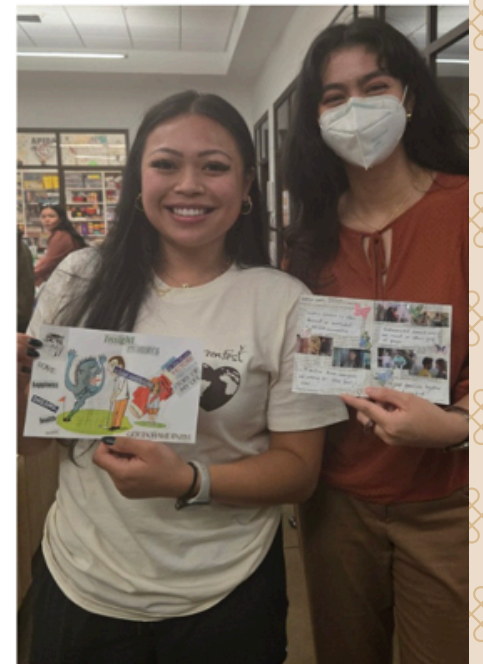
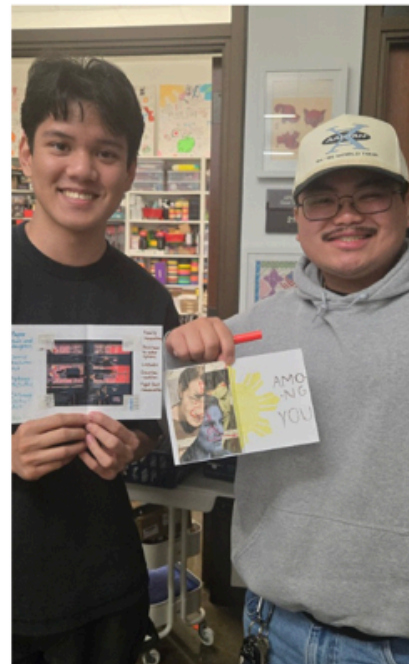
APIDA Center hosts a Bollywood Watch Party!

On Wednesday, March 4th, we learned about the history and impacts of Bollywood. We also learned about the influences of Hollywood on Bollywood and vice versa. Then, we watched a Bollywood movie.



APIDA Center makes Rangoli coasters!

On Thursday, March 5th, we learned about Rangoli, a colorful sand art made during Holi to bring good luck and prosperity to the home. We learned about its origins and prominence in several South Asian countries, as well as the symbolism of the colors commonly used in Rangoli art. Then, we made Rangoli coasters.



APIDA Center makes Zines about Fil-Am Resistance!

On Thursday, March 5th, we collaborated with AAS 460 (Filipino American Experiences) taught by **Kirstin Curtis**. First, we hosted a cultural education program about the history of Fil-Am resistance. We learned about the various strategies that APIDA communities have implemented in order to resist systems of exclusion. Then, we hosted a cultural education program about zines as a resistance tool, especially to support the UndocuAPIDA community. Lastly, we created pages for a zine to document our learning. (The APIDA Center is creating and collecting a zines library to record our lore!)

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Women & CHamoru Weaving Traditions*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, March 9, 2026 from 5:00-7:00pm

Weaving traditions in Micronesian culture have been practiced primarily by women. Learn more about CHamoru weaving traditions and the role of women in preserving indigenous weaving. Then, we'll weave together!

Game Night: Cooperative Games*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 from 5:00-7:00pm

In cooperative board games, players win or lose together but everyone has fun! Learn more about the benefits of cooperation in college and career and then play cooperative board games.

The Organic Act of 1950*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 from 3:00-4:00pm

The Organic Act of 1950 was a pivotal legislation that transformed Guam as a U.S. unincorporated territory. Learn more about its history and how it continues to impact CHamoru communities.

Watch Party: Navigating Grief & Resilience in APIDA Communities*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 from 5:00-7:00pm

Explore how grief, healing, and resilience appear in APIDA communities. Examine the impact of culture on grief and the representation of grief in media. Join us for a presentation, discussion, and watch party.

Fil-Am Undoc Experience*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2026 from 4:00-5:30pm

To prep for the East West Players production of "Tam Tran Goes to Washington," we are hosting a watch party of "Yellow Rose." Learn more about the TNT (Tago Nang Tago or "always hiding") experience.

Tam Tran Goes to Washington*

Location: Student Union Theatre

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2026 from 5:30-7:00pm

Join the APIDA Center & Student Success Fee for a special performance of "Tam Tran Goes to Washington," presented by East West Players. After the play, there will be a special Q&A session with the cast. Come early to check in. Doors will close at 5:30pm.

Paro Tsechu & Bhutanese Paper-Making*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, March 16, 2026 from 5:00-7:00pm

Paro Tsechu is one of Bhutan's spring festivals. During this holiday, the sacred texts read by monks are often written on traditional paper which is also used to craft prayer flags and other religious items. Learn more and make your own paper!

Game Night: Players' Choice*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 from 5:00-7:00pm

Did you know that the APIDA Center has tons of games? You pick the game. We provide the fun!

Watch Party: CHamoru Legends & Screening of "Maisa"*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 from 5:00-7:00pm

Learn about the origins and significance of CHamoru legends. Then, watch "Maisa, The CHamoru Girl Who Saves Guåhan," a short film based on a classic CHamoru folktale. Meet the filmmaker, Michael Q. Ceballos!

Club Karaoke*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2026 from 7:00-10:00pm

Warm up your vocal cords! Club Karaoke is returning to the APIDA Center! Stop by for a fun night of music and mayhem. Sing your favorite songs with new and old friends!

Spam Kelaguen*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 from 12:00-1:00pm

Guam is the world's largest consumer of SPAM. Learn about the historical and cultural significance of SPAM in Guam. Then, make and eat SPAM Kelaguen!

Yayoi Kusama-Inspired Art*

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: Monday, March 23, 2026 from 5:00-7:00pm

Yayoi Kusama, a significant figure in the 1960s New York avant-garde scene, is a Japanese contemporary artist. She was born on March 22, 1929. Celebrate her birthday by learning more about her and making some Yayoi Kusama-inspired art!

Game Night: Yam: Bhutanese Dice Game

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 from 5:00-7:00pm

This year, Paro Tsechu, a Bhutanese spring festival, takes place from March 29-April 2. Yam, a traditional Bhutanese dice game, is played during Bhutanese festivals.

CHamoru Canoe-Building & Seafaring*

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 from 3:00-5:00pm

Canoe-building (agad'na) is a deeply rooted maritime tradition in the Mariana Islands, characterized by sailing vessels called sakman. Learn about the history and culture of CHamoru canoe-building and seafaring and the STEM elements behind the tradition from Sakman Mario Reyes Borja!

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- Japanese Student Association is hosting the [Spring Matsuri 2026](#) on Mon, March 9 from 3-8pm in the Student Union Courtyard.
- Vietnamese Student Association is hosting the next [Study Session](#) on Mon, March 9 from 4:30-5:30pm in Pride Suite.
- Pacific Islander Student Association is hosting [Pasifika Night](#) on Tues, Mar 10 from 2-7pm at Scripps Cottage.
- Asian American InterVarsity and other InterVarsity groups are hosting a [Power Grid Senior Speaker Series](#) on Wed, Mar 11 at 7pm at Scripps Cottage.
- Hindu Student Association is hosting their [first meeting](#) on Thurs, March 12 at 7pm in PS 140.

Community Center Partners:

- Pride Center and Women's Resource Center are hosting the [Queer Femme Circle](#) on Mon, March 9 from 4-5pm.
- Latinx Resource Center is hosting a [Carnaval Mask-Making](#) workshop on Tues, Mar 10 from 11:30-1:00pm.
- Center for Intercultural Relations and SDSU Connects are hosting a "Grow Together" workshop on Wed, March 11 from 11:00-12:30pm.
- Native Resource Center and Elymash Yuuchaap Indigenous Scholars & Leaders Program are hosting the [2026 Native & Indigenous Research & Arts Symposium](#) on March 12-13 from 10-4pm at the Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center.
- Women's Resource Center is hosting a [Feminist Leadership](#) workshop on Thurs, March 12 at the Glazer Center for Leadership & Service.

Campus Partners:

- Basic Needs Center is hosting [several events](#) from March 10-12.
- [RSVP](#) to the The Young Men of Color Study Group Conference by Tues, March 10. The conference will take place on Thurs, March 26 from 9:00-12:30pm at Tula.
- Career Services is hosting a workshop entitled, "PSFA Career Fair Ready Series: Resume Prep for the Career Fair" on Tues, March 10 from 10-11am in SSE 1200. [Register](#) today!
- Student Disability Services is hosting a [Disability Ally Training](#) on Wed, Mar 11 at 2pm on Zoom. [Register](#) today!
- Office of HSI Affairs is hosting "Poderosas y Hermosas: Latina Women Empowerment" on Thurs, Mar 12 from 11-1pm in PSFA 100.
- Office for Graduate Life and Diversity is hosting a workshop entitled, "Team Dynamics That Work: Leadership Skills for Graduate and Professional Life" on Thurs, March 12 from 4-5pm on Zoom. [RSVP](#) today!
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- San Diego Public Library is hosting a Clara Breed Civil Liberties Lecture featuring [Maggie Tokuda-Hall](#) on Tues, March 10 from 6-8pm at Central Library.
- Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego is hosting a free screening of "Loyal American" on Wed, March 11 at 3:15pm at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Public Library.
- The Asian American Journalists Association is hosting a webinar entitled, "Media Law for Journalists: Newsgathering" on Fri, March 13 at 9am. [Register](#) today!
- Southwestern College along with various partners opened an exhibit entitled, "Across the Waves" at the SWC Library Learning Center. The exhibit will be open until May 29.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). The next free webinar is entitled, "History and Resistance of Violence Against Asian American Pacific Islanders," on Tues, March 10 from 4-5pm. [Register](#) today!

Research Opportunities

- Call for proposals for the California Community College Futures Summit is now open! [Submit](#) by March 9.
- **NEW!** The Southern California Association of Governments is accepting submissions for the 2026 Student Showcase. [Apply](#) by March 12.
- **NEW!** Westop SoCal is accepting proposals for the 2026 Student Leadership Conference at UC Riverside. [Submit](#) by March 12.
- Call for presentation proposals for the 2026 California Science Education Conference is now open. [Submit](#) by April 15.
- 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

- iNewSource is looking for a Documenters Program Assistant. [Apply](#) by March 11.
- **NEW!** The La Jolla Playhouse is looking for multiple interns for Summer 2026. [Apply](#) by March 13.
- The Korean American Scholarship Foundation is looking for 2026 interns. [Apply](#) by March 15.
- **NEW!** DreamWorks Animation is looking for a Production Software Rendering Intern for Summer 2026. [Apply](#) by March 16.
- **NEW!** DreamWorks Animation is looking for a TV Marketing Intern for Summer 2026. [Apply](#) by March 16.
- **NEW!** The SDSU Latinx Resource Center is hiring a [Graduate Assistant](#), [Program Assistant](#), [El Pueblo Peer Mentor](#), and [Peer Navigator & Graphic Designer](#). [Apply](#) by March 23.
- HMC Architects is looking for a Student Intern. [Apply](#) by March 31.

Scholarships

- The ASML Innovators Scholarship Award offers \$5,000 to undergraduate students enrolled in engineering or science programs. [Apply](#) by March 20.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The Lily Pabilona Emerging Entrepreneur Scholarship is offering up to \$5,000 to full-time college students in all majors. [Apply](#) by May 31.
- **NEW!** The Against the Grain Artistic Scholarship is offering \$1,000 to Asian American college students majoring in performing, visual arts, journalism and/or mass communications. [Apply](#) by May 31.