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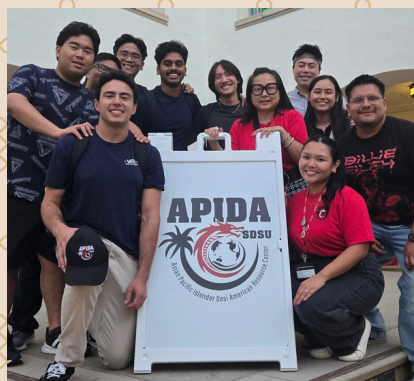


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APIDA Center Hours:
Monday-Thursday 10:00-7:00pm
Friday 10:00-4:30pm

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

Connect with us!

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APIDA Center Email: apida@sdsu.edu
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Executive Director: Dr. Loh-Hagan at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu



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

March 13, 2026



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Inaugural AANHPISI Award!

On Friday, March 6th, we made history! I was thrilled to celebrate student research at the SDSU Student Symposium (S3) Awards Ceremony. For the first time, the [Office of AANHPISI Affairs](#) sponsored the AANHPI Award which goes to the top two students whose research and scholarly pursuits furthers and/or advances our understanding of AANHPI communities, histories, and/or heritages. Award-winning projects will contribute to enhancing SDSU's designation as an AANHPISI.

The inaugural winners of the AANHPI Award are:

Nicole Leong & Grace Cho (InterGroup Relations Lab):

Temporal and Regional Trends in Anti-Asian American Bias in a Changing Socio-Political Context

Emily Zhang & Abigail Butler:

Lived Experiences of Chinese-Speaking Individuals with Aphasia: Implications for Clinical Practice

Many thanks to Dr. **Alicia M. Kinoshita**, Director of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities, for her work in organizing S3 and for her unwavering support of the APIDA Center.

We will continue to support student research initiatives so stay connected with us to learn more!

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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WE'RE HIRING!

Coordinator for AANHPI Initiatives (SSPII)



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WE'RE HIRING!

Administrative Support & Budget Coordinator (ASCII)



For priority consideration, please apply asap!

Apply Here: <https://careers.sdsu.edu/en-us/job/554974/administrative-support-and-budget-coordinator-administrative-support-coordinator-ii>

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)



Give to the APIDA Center!



Turn "Day of Giving" to "Year of Giving"!

On March 10th, SDSU celebrates 10 years of the "Day of Giving" campaign. But, of course, the Office of AANHPIASI Affairs and the APIDA Center will accept your **donations** all year long. Consider donating today, tomorrow, and all of the other days. Donate to our **APIDA Center Program Fund** or our **AANHPIASI Excellence Fund**.

Your donations, big and small, helps us fund meaningful programs and initiatives that support students' academic success, career development, sense of belonging, and more. Your contribution goes a long way. For example:

- \$10 pays for a student's study supplies.
- \$25 pays for a meal at an event.
- \$100 pays for incentives and recognition supplies.
- \$500 pays for cultural education programs.
- \$1000 pays for heritage celebration events.
- \$5000+ pays for field trips like our student leadership retreats.

Give what you can, when you can! We appreciate every cent! And, if you can't give money, then we accept donations of your time and words of affirmation!

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about Tam Tran!

Tam Tran (1982-2010) was a prominent UCLA alum, filmmaker, and activist for immigrant rights. She is best known for testifying before Congress in support of the DREAM Act, which sought to provide undocumented students a pathway to legal status and citizenship. She did this on May 18, 2007. An undocumented immigrant from Vietnam, she became a leading figure in the "Undocumented and Unafraid" movement - as she was among the first to publicly proclaim her status.

She was born in Germany to a family displaced by the Vietnam War (1955-1975). She grew up in Southern California and described herself as a "stateless refugee," since she wasn't recognized as a citizen in Vietnam, Germany, or the United States.

Tran was supported by her best friend, Cinthya Felix (1984-2010) - both were among the first group of undocumented students to graduate from college and enter graduate school. Both risked going public to encourage others. They were tragically killed in a car accident by a drunk driver but their legacy lives on to encourage undocumented students to go to college and fight for immigrant rights.

Tran's short film "Lost and Found" (2009) documented the sacrifices undocumented students and their families make to pursue higher education in the United States, connecting the Vietnamese diasporic experience to broader refugee and immigrant struggles.

We were so lucky to watch East West Players' production of "Tam Tran Goes to Washington" on Thursday, March 12th. It was a truly inspirational experience. Regardless of political ideologies, it is important to remember to treat all people with dignity, humanity, and kindness.

Reminder: We are hosting [Tereza Lee](#), the first DREAMer, on March 26th. Save the date!

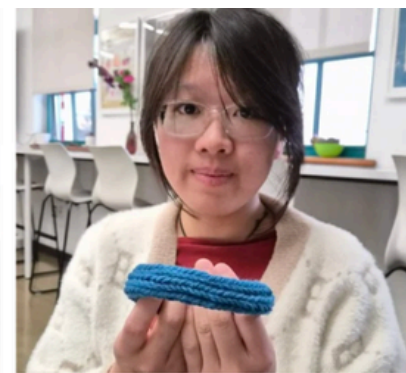
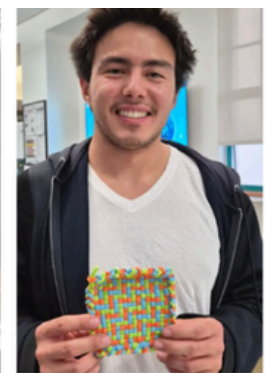


APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center launches K-12 Ethnic Studies Teacher Institute!

On Friday, March 6th, we hosted a K-12 teacher training focused on the application of Ethnic Studies and non-fiction children's literature. Local teachers and SDSU pre-teachers engaged in professional development and networking. We learned about Ethnic Studies, Asian American Studies, non-fiction, best practices, and more. In addition, attendees collected lots (and lots) of free books - all culled from Dr. Loh-Hagan's personal collection.



APIDA Center hosts weaving workshop!

On Monday, March 9th, we kickstarted Mes CHamoru by learning about the history of CHamoru weaving traditions. In honor of Women's History Month, we also learned about the roles of CHamoru women in weaving and how they served as leaders and preservers of indigenous cultures.



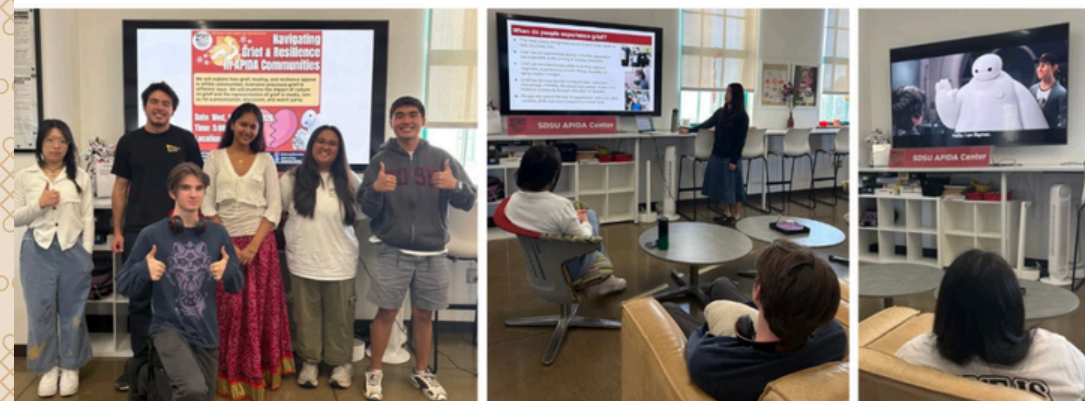
APIDA Center plays cooperative games!

On Tuesday, March 10th, we learned about the benefits of cooperation for academic, professional, and personal success. We also learned about the implications and challenges of cooperation in APIDA cultures. Then, we played Pandemic, a super popular cooperative board game.



APIDA Center learns about the Organic Act of 1950!

As part of Mes CHamoru, on Wednesday, March 11th, we learned about the Organic Act of 1950. This federal legislation transformed the political landscape in Guam. We discussed pre-colonial histories, impacts of colonization, and CHamoru movements of self-determination and decolonization.



APIDA Center discusses grief and media!

On Wednesday, March 11th, we learned about cultural factors that influence experiences of grief. We discussed ways to navigate grief and practice resilience. We also discussed how grief is represented in media about Asian Americans. Then, we watched "Big Hero 6" (2014), which is about a young boy and his grief over his brother's death.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

Matthew H Garcia, APIDA Center Associate Director, participated as a Guest Panelist for an Educational Leadership course at California State University Channel Islands. He spoke about his previous experiences as a professional navigating the field of Student Affairs.

Dr. **Hsien-Chang Lin** has a new publication in the *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*, entitled, "[Pathways from racial/ethnic discrimination experience to cannabis use intentions: a longitudinal study of the mediating roles of perceived accessibility and harm among preteens.](#)"

Dr. **Loh-Hagan** organized and presented at the Authors' Fair at the California School Librarian Association's annual conference. She hosted panels about mid-grade narratives, graphic novels, YA RomCom, and writing for young readers. **Gi Gonzales Vargas** and **Jacqueline Toy** supported these efforts. In addition, Dr. Loh-Hagan was a featured speaker at the Escondido Children's Museum during their Lunar New Year festival.

Dr. **Chuyun Oh**, Professor of Dance Theory, has been featured in several news outlets to talk about her new book, [K-Pop Dance Education](#). She posits that [K-Pop is a catalyst for cultural exchange and global connection](#).

Dr. **Sonya Schumann**, Lecturer of Piano and Community Music School Piano Coordinator, was recognized as one of Yamaha's "40 Under 40" Outstanding Music Educators. Dr. Schumann was recognized for going above and beyond her music instruction and her commitment to building ecosystems of support among students, educators, and institutions.

Dr. **Lianne A. Urada**, Associate Professor in the School of Social Work, is one of the 2025-2026 recipients of the SDSU Excellence in Community Engaged Learning (ExCEL) Award. Dr. Urada's work focuses on creating innovative ways to address homelessness and human trafficking. Through her research and teaching, she aims to improve community safety for unsheltered women and others vulnerable to exploitation.

Dr. **Weichen Zhao**, Assistant Professor of Math Education at SDSU Imperial Valley, was accepted into the prestigious Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (AMTE) Fellowship. Through the program, which is focused on service, teacher, and research, Dr. Zhao will receive a year of mentorship and networking, as well as participate in a summer institute.

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Paro Tsechu & Bhutanese Paper-Making*

Location: APIDA Center

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

Paro Tshechu 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!

Sweatshops, Garment Work, & Asian America*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2026 from 1:00-3:00pm

Asian Americans have been foundational to the U.S. garment industry. Learn about the cultural and historical impact of sewing and learn the basics of how to use a sewing machine.

Learn About Lumpia!*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2026 from 4:00-5:30pm

Lumpia has become an iconic staple of Filipino cuisine and culture. Learn about the history and significance of lumpia, including its migration story! Then, join us for a lumpia feast!

Cookbooks as Cultural Artifacts*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2026 from 5:30-6:30pm

Cookbooks serve as historical and cultural artifacts that preserve stories of migration, family, culture, and more. Learn how cookbooks are more than just recipes. Reflect on the ways in which food connects us to memory, heritage, and ancestry.

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!

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How to Read Manga*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 from 4:00-5:00pm

Learn about things to look for when reading and discussing manga: Graphic weight! Figure rendering! Subgenres! Common tropes! We will be reading from "My Hero Academia" (available for free on the Manga Plus app). All are welcome! Takeover Host: Professor Van Tarpley

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!

The Fight for the DREAM Act*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 from 2:00-3:00pm

Learn about the fight for the DREAM ACT and the Asian American heroes behind this historic endeavor. It is important to recognize undocumented Asian American experiences in immigration conversations.

Game Night: Yam: Bhutanese Dice Game*

Location: APIDA Center

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

This year, Paro Tshechu, 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!

Tereza Lee: The First DREAMer*

Location: MUSIC 113

Dates: Thursday, March 26, 2026 from 4:00-7:00pm

Pianist. Activist. Dreamer. Join us to learn more about Tereza Lee's inspiring story. In addition to sharing her journey from student to change agent, she will be performing a special piano recital.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- Asian Pacific Student Alliance (APSA) is hosting [Meet Your Major Mentor/Mentee \(M^4\) Night](#) on Sat, March 14 from 5-7pm on the Hardy Tower Lawn.
- Nikkei Student Union (NSU) is hosting a [Dave & Buster's Social](#) on Sun, March 15 from 2-4pm.
- Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE) is hosting a [Mock Interview Workshop](#) on Mon, March 16 from 5:30-6:30pm in Visionary Suite.

Community Center Partners:

- Women's Resource Center (WRC) is hosting a "Student Parent Healing Circle" on Mon, March 16 from 4-5pm at The Garden Restaurant. [RSVP](#) today!
- Monarch Unity Resource Center (MURC) is hosting a "Tuesdays are 4 Tea" session on Tues, March 17 from 11:30-12:45pm.
- Project Rebound and Young Men of Color are hosting a session entitled, "Healthy Outcomes for Positive Experiences (H.O.P.E.)" on Tues, March 17 from 3-4pm in PSFA 108.
- Center for Intercultural Relations (CIR) is hosting the next [Ramadan Community Iftar](#) on Tues, March 17 from 5-8pm in Templo Mayor.
- Black Resource Center (BRC) is hosting [Yearbook Picture Day Make-ups](#) on Wed, March 18 from 10-5pm.
- Latinx Resource Center (LRC) is hosting a "Latinas in Health Services & STEM" panel on Thurs, March 19 from 12-2pm.
- Pride Center is hosting the Safe Zones training session for Faculty/Staff on Thurs, March 19 from 1-3pm. [Register](#) today.

Campus Partners:

- Institute for Transformative Education (ITE) is accepting applications for the Student Support Services Teacher Prep Program. [Apply](#) today.
- SDSU Library's Digital Humanities Center is hosting a lecture entitled, "Build the World's First AI-Generated Genome: A Q&A with Brian Hie" on Mon, March 15 from 4-5pm. [RSVP](#) today.
- Office of Graduate Life & Diversity (GLaD) is hosting a workshop entitled, "Gen AI in Action" on Mon, March 16 at 4pm on Zoom. [Register](#) today!
- Career Services is hosting the Public Service & Advocacy Career Fair on Tues, March 17 from 12-2pm at the Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center. [Register](#) today.
- Well-being & Health Promotion (WBH) is hosting ["Well-being on Wheels"](#) on Tues, March 17 from 12-2pm on Centennial Walkway.
- Glazer Center for Leadership and Service is accepting applications for the Launch Into Leadership program. [Apply](#) by Wed, March 18.
- Student Disability Services is hosting [Disability Celebration Day](#) on Wed, March 18 from 11:30-1:00pm at the SDSU Imperial Valley Library.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- Council of Pilipino American Organizations (COPAO) is accepting applications for the Filipino Leadership Academy. [Apply](#) today!
- LEAD Filipino is looking for volunteers for their voter registration and GOTV initiative. Email john@leadfilipino.org to sign up!
- Higher Education Legal Services and Undocumented Support Services are hosting "Know Your Rights & Emergency Preparedness Workshops for Undocumented Families" on Wed, March 18 from 6:30-7:30pm on Zoom.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). The next free webinar is entitled, "Women's History Month: Integrating APIDA Women's Histories" on Thurs, March 19 from 4-5pm. [Register](#) today.

Research Opportunities

- 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.
- **NEW!** *Piano Magazine* is hosting a Collegiate Writing Contest about piano pedagogy for their upcoming issue. [Submit](#) by May 1.
- The Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research will take place at SDSU in November 2026. Sign the [interest form](#) today.

Jobs & Paid Internships

- **NEW!** The CSU Entertainment Alliance is seeking Tiny Hero Interns for Summer 2026. [Apply](#) today.
- The Korean American Scholarship Foundation is looking for 2026 interns. [Apply](#) by March 15.
- DreamWorks Animation is looking for a Production Software Rendering Intern for Summer 2026. [Apply](#) by March 16.
- DreamWorks Animation is looking for a TV Marketing Intern for Summer 2026. [Apply](#) by March 16.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The SDSU Center for Intercultural Relations is hiring Student Assistants and Graduate Assistants. [Apply](#) by March 30.
- HMC Architects is looking for a Student Intern. [Apply](#) by March 31.
- **NEW!** The Frances Clark Center is seeking 2026-2027 Interns. [Apply](#) by May 1.

Scholarships

- The ASML Innovators Scholarship Award offers \$5,000 to undergraduate students enrolled in engineering or science programs. [Apply](#) by March 20.
- **NEW!** The OCA-UPS Gold Mountain Scholarship is offering \$2500 to four first-gen undergraduate students approaching their final year of college. [Apply](#) by March 22.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The Japanese American Citizens League is offering National Creative and Performing Arts Scholarships. [Apply](#) by April 3.
- 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.
- The Lily Pabilona Emerging Entrepreneur Scholarship is offering up to \$5,000 to full-time college students in all majors. [Apply](#) by May 31.
- 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.