

SDSU Office of AANHPISI Affairs & APIDA Center

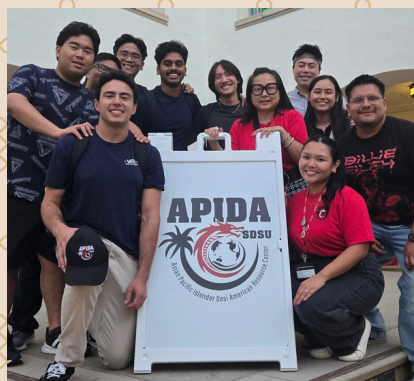


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APIDA Center Hours:
Monday-Thursday 10:00-7:00pm
Friday 10:00-4:30pm

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

Connect with us!

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

March 27, 2026



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Meeting a Living Legend!

On Thursday, March 26th, the APIDA Center hosted Tereza Lee at SDSU. Lee, a Brazilian-born South Korean immigrant, is the inspiration and leading advocate for the DREAM (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) Act. First introduced in 2001, the DREAM Act is a proposed federal bill that would provide a pathway to legal residency and citizenship for undocumented immigrants brought to the United States as children. Lee, known as the first or original DREAMer, is a huge figure in Asian American history. In addition, she is a talented piano player.

We hosted a luncheon with the undocumented community, a public talk about her story, and a piano performance - for many students, it was their first time hearing classical music and attending a piano recital. It was truly an amazing experience. I definitely rank this among our top programs.

Many thanks to our partners: Student Success Fee, Monarch Unity Resource Center, & School of Music and Dance. Stay connected with us and don't miss out on future events.

Tereza Lee The First DREAMer

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026
Location: MUSIC 113

Talk:
The DREAM Act
Time: 4-5 pm



Program:

Prelude and Fugue in C-sharp Major — J.S. Bach (4 min)

Abegg Variations — Robert Schumann (8 min)

Arabesque No. 1 — Claude Debussy (5 min)

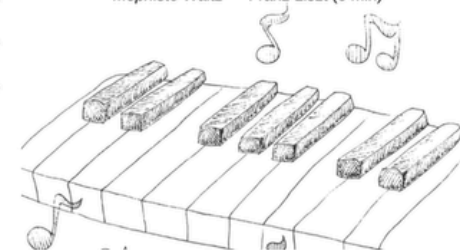
Waltz in E Minor — Frédéric Chopin (3 min)

Ballade No. 1 — Frédéric Chopin (9 min)

Un Sospiro ("A Sigh") — Franz Liszt (6 min)

Fantasia-Impromptu — Frédéric Chopin (6 min)

Mephisto Waltz — Franz Liszt (6 min)



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Spring Break 2026

APIDA Center hosts modified hours for Spring Break!

March 30th to April 3rd is Spring Break! APIDA Center will be open so come visit us! That stated, our hours will be modified. On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, we will be open from 10:00-4:30pm. On Tuesday, March 31st, the campus will be closed in observance of Farmworkers Day.

The newsletter will also take a break. The next issue will be on April 10th. Until then, enjoy your spring break and do something fun!

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts SPAM Kelaguen!

On Monday, March 23rd, we learned about the history and significance of SPAM in Guam. We also learned about the origins and significance of kelaguen, a signature CHamoru dish consisting of various meats marinated in a citrus juice, salt, and pepper. Then, we made our own SPAM Kelaguen!



APIDA Center learns how to read manga!

On Monday, March 23rd, we learned about the history and impacts of manga, a popular form of comics from Japan. Professor **J. Van Tarpley**, a lecturer in the History Department and affiliate of the Center for Comic Studies, shared some key elements to observe when reading manga and provided some art analysis strategies.



APIDA Center makes Yayoi Kusama-inspired art!

On Monday, March 23rd, we celebrated Yayoi Kusama's birthday! We learned about Kusama's life and her legacy as a pioneering and iconic artist. Then, we created art inspired by her signature style.



APIDA Center plays Yam Bhutanese Dice Game!

On Tuesday, March 24th, in honor of the Bhutanese Spring Festival, we learned about Yam, a Bhutanese dice game. We learned about the origins of dice games and their spread to Bhutan as a result of migration and cultural exchange. Then, we played Yam!



APIDA Center learns about CHamoru canoe-building and seafaring!

As our last Mes CHamoru event, on Wednesday, March 25th, we learned about the indigenous origins and impacts of CHamoru canoes. Sakman Mario Borja and Sakman Chris Guerrero shared their research and expertise of the mathematical wisdom preserved in CHamoru indigenous canoe-building and wayfinding. We learned about the different parts of a canoe and the role of physics in seafaring. We also discussed the importance of preserving CHamoru canoe-building practices and knowledge for future generations.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Refugee Representation in "Avatar" The Last Airbender*

Location: Zoom (Meeting ID: 870 9027 4622)

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 from 12:00-1:00pm

The theme of displacement is central to "Avatar: The Last Airbender" as war creates a world filled with refugees seeking safety, identity, and a place to belong. Discuss how the show represents the human cost of war, forced migration, cultural erasure, and more

Trivia: "Avatar: The Last Airbender"*

Location: Zoom (Meeting ID: 870 9027 4622)

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 from 1:00-2:00pm

Calling all "Avatar: The Last Airbender" (ATLA) fans! Join the APIDA Center on Zoom and put your knowledge to the test.

Meet San-San Onglatco & Screening of "Zenaida"*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 from 3:00-4:00pm

San-San Onglatco is a Filipino-Chinese American award-winning filmmaker from the Philippines. "Zenaida" is about an undocumented Filipino-Muslim caregiver who works for an aging diva suffering from dementia.

Navigating Summer Courses*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 from 1:00-2:00pm

Do you need help navigating enrollment for Summer 2026 courses? Learn more about summer course options, the enrollment process, and how to maintain academic success over summer break.

Guest Speaker: Arasha*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 from 2:00-4:00pm

Meet Arasha, an Indian American actress, comedian, and Internet personality. Then, engage in some improv activities with us! (Takeover: Association for Asian Journalists SDSU)

Meet Lauren Vuong & Screening of "Finding the Virgo"

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 from 4:00-5:30pm

Lauren Vuong is a Vietnamese American lawyer and documentarian. She produced and wrote "Finding the Virgo," which is about her family's decades-long search for the captain and crew of a U.S. cargo ship that rescued her and 57 other Vietnamese refugees.

Understanding Causes of Political Differences with Parents*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2026 from 5:00-6:00pm

Political differences are often rooted in personal experiences, cultural values, and generational perspectives. Share experiences and use poetry as a healing strategy. (Takeover: Counseling & Psychological Services)

Preparing for the Global Job Market: International Resume Workshop*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 from 1:00-2:00pm

Learn to craft a globally competitive resume and navigate cultural expectations in international job markets. (Takeover: Phi Beta Delta SDSU)

Meet Caitlyn Phu & Screening of "Gong Gong's Bucket List"*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 from 3:00-4:00pm

Caitlyn Phu specializes in narrative shorts, music videos, and occasionally making her parents proud. *Gong Gong's Bucket List* is about her experience helping her grandfather fulfill his bucket list items.

DIY Paper Speaker*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 from 5:00-7:00pm

Build your own speakers with paper and wire. Learn about APIDA connections, STEM principles, and more. (Takeover: Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers SDSU)

Meet Jessica Liu & Screening of "Better Life"*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026 from 2:00-3:00pm

Jessica Liu, filmmaker, tells stories of repressed characters unraveling, including her debut feature *Better Life*, which is about an aging father who uses a medical procedure to transform people without any ambitions into working members of society.

Screening of "Liquor Store Dreams"

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, April 20, 2026 from 4:00-5:30pm

This film is about two Korean American children of liquor store owners who set out to bridge generational divides with their immigrant parents in Los Angeles. We will also screen "Liquor Store Babies."

Meet Chaewon Suh and Screening of "I Wanna Be"*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, April 23, 2026 from 3:00-4:00pm

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Screening of "The Rose: Come Back to Me"*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 from 2:00-3:30pm

This film showcases the rise of The Rose, the Korean indie rock band with roots in the K-pop training system. After cultivating a millions-strong global fanbase, a label dispute forces them into a years-long hiatus.

Meet Eugene Yi*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 from 5-7pm

Meet Korean American Emmy award-winning filmmaker & SDSU Asian American Studies Lecturer, Eugene Yi! His works include "Free Chol Soo Lee," "The Rose: Come Back to Me," and more.

2026 APIDA Excellence Celebration*

Location: Student Union Courtyard

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026 from 5:00-9:00pm

Join us for cake, food, dancing, fun activity booths, karaoke, and more! We will be celebrating our December 2025, May 2026, and August 2026 graduates! We will also be celebrating the end of year so come one, come all! [RSVP](#) by May 4th!

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.*

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**
- 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:

- Badminton Club at SDSU is accepting applications for the [Big-Little Program](#). [Sign up](#) by March 31.
- Pacific Islander Student Association is hosting their next [Study Session](#) on Tues, April 7 from 3-4pm at the LRC.

Community Center Partners:

- Most SDSU Community Centers will have modified hours for Spring Break. Be sure to check their Instagram pages for more information.
- The Cross Cultural Center at SDSU Imperial Valley and Imperial Valley College are hosting a Lavender Graduation on Thurs, April 16. [Register](#) by April 3.
- The Pride Center is hosting "Gender Affirmnoon" on Mon, April 6 from 11-5pm.

Campus Partners:

- Center for Asian and Pacific Studies is partnering with the [Pacific Arts Movement Internship Program](#). Interning for Pac Arts will count toward ASIAN 485 for Asian+ Studies students. Contact Dr. Minjeong Kim (mkim@sdsu.edu) to learn more!
- Pacific Islander Community Health, Kaliloa O' Kaleo 'onalani, and KHOI Hālau Hula are hosting a workshop entitled, "Pasifika women in Focus: Resilience, Leadership, and Wellness" on Sun, March 29 from 10:30-2:30pm at the Encinitas Community Center. [Register](#) today!
- Office of Graduate Life & Diversity is hosting [Grad Coffee Chat](#) on Mon, April 6 from 11-2pm.
- SDSU HSI Advisory Board is hosting a student-centered mini conference entitled, "Struggles with La Cultura" on Thurs, April 9 from 11-2pm in PSFA 100 and 160. [RSVP](#) today!
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The House of China is hosting a talk entitled, "The Unexpected Story of the San Diego Chinese Community: From Small Chinatown to Thriving Ecosystem" on Mon, April 6 from 5:30-8:00pm at the Mingei Museum.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#).

Research Opportunities

- **NEW!** The Council for Opportunity in Education Annual Conference is accepting presentation proposals! [Submit](#) by April 8.
- Call for presentation proposals for the 2026 California Science Education Conference is now open. [Submit](#) by April 15.
- **NEW!** Save the Date! Mentee Applications for the [SDSU Summer Undergraduate Research Program](#) opens on 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.
- *Piano Magazine* is hosting a Collegiate Writing Contest about piano pedagogy for their upcoming issue. [Submit](#) by May 1.

Jobs & Paid Internships

- **NEW!** The San Diego Museum of Us is hiring a Part-Time Visitor Experience Associate. [Apply](#) by March 29.
- 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!** SDSU Transportation Services is hiring Student Assistants! [Apply](#) by April 3.
- **NEW!** The SDSU Women's Resource Center is hiring Feminist Peer Educators, Women and Gender Equity Mentors, and Graduate Student Leads. [Apply](#) by April 10.
- **NEW!** Self-Help Graphics and Art is hiring a Documentation and Archives Intern. [Apply](#) by April 10.
- The Frances Clark Center is seeking 2026-2027 Interns. [Apply](#) by May 1.

Scholarships

- **NEW!** The Filipino American National Historical Society is offering the 2026 FANHS Conference Student Scholarship to high school, community college, and undergraduate students of Filipino descent. [Apply](#) by March 31.
- 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.
- Project Yellow Light is offering \$8,000 scholarships to college students. [Apply](#) by April 1.
- The Japanese American Citizens League is offering National Creative and Performing Arts Scholarships. [Apply](#) by April 3.
- **NEW!** The Shaping the Future of Nursing & Health Science Education Scholarship is offering four awards of \$1,000 to students pursuing a nursing degree. [Apply](#) by April 12!
- 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 Brave of Heart Scholarship is offering up to \$50,000 to undergraduate and graduate students who are children, spouses or domestic partners of a frontline healthcare worker who lost their life to a COVID-19-related cause. [Apply](#) by April 22.
- The Jimmye & Suey Fong Yee Grants are offering two \$2,000 grants to students or recent graduates pursuing careers in sports journalism. [Apply](#) by April 30!
- 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.