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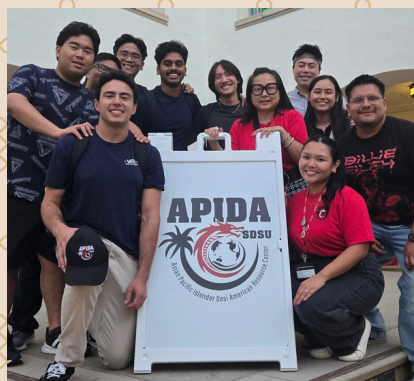


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APIDA Center Hours:
Monday-Thursday 10:00-7:00pm
Friday 10:00-4:30pm

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

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

April 24, 2026



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Hanging with community partners!

As part of our outreach efforts, we welcome any opportunities to work with our community partners in the K-12 and community college spaces. This week, we were thrilled to be invited to present at the San Diego Unified School District's APIDA Youth Summit, coordinated by Mr. Brian Batugo and the SDUSD APIDA Student Board. We presented a workshop about APIDA contributions to Hip Hop. We also tabled and met many amazing youth whom we hope to see at SDSU in a few years!



SDCHM Spring Banquet

On April 19th, I hung out with our Charles Wei-Hsun Fu Center for Asian and Pacific Studies friends at the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum's 2026 Spring Banquet at Jazmine - lion dancing, good food, and great company...oh my! Many thanks to Dr. **Minjeong Kim** for the invitation and to Dr. **Sandra Wawrytko** for the table sponsorship.



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WE'RE HIRING!

Administrative Support & Budget Coordinator (ASCII)



For priority consideration, please apply asap!

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Apply for our ASCII position!

Wanna work for us? Have great admin skills? Apply here:

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

Please read the job description carefully and check out our [Instagram](#). Learn more about what we do and see if you want to be part of our adventures!

May is APIDA Month!

May is APIDA History and Heritage Month! Standby as we finalize our line-up of amazing programs. Some highlights include the following - you heard it here first:

- [APIDA Excellence Celebration](#)
- Lei Day
- Thai Soap Carving
- Koinobori
- Southeast Asian American DnD
- Kalamkari
- Subic Bay
- Filipino American Dance Halls
-and more!



APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center features Dr. Sarin!

On Monday, April 20th, we learned about the power of AI in Southeast Asian communities. In partnership with the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, we hosted Dr. Supheakmungkol Sarin, who shared his expertise about using "AI for good." He also shared his family story as escapees of the Cambodian Genocide.



APIDA Center screens "Liquor Store Dreams"!

On Monday, April 20th, we watched So Yun Um's "Liquor Store Dreams" in partnership with AAS 420. We learned about the history of Korean immigrants in Los Angeles and the rise of Korean American liquor store business-owners. We also learned about the history of anti-Blackness in Asian American communities and ways to promote Black and Asian American solidarity.



APIDA Center crafts Paj Ntaub!

On Monday, April 20th, we learned about the history of Paj Ntaub (Hmong Embroidery). We learned that Paj Ntaub, or "flower cloth," is a traditional craft practiced by Hmong women. It features different colors and geometric motifs - all of which symbolize messages. Then, we made our own Paj Ntaub bookmarks or coasters. (We got kits from the Hmong Museum in Minnesota.)



APIDA Center plays Makruk (Thai Chess)!

On Tuesday, April 21st, we learned about Makruk, a version of chess that is popular in Thailand. We learned how chess originated from ancient India before spreading throughout the world via trade and migration. Then, we learned how to play!



APIDA Center hosts a K-Pop Watch Party!

On Wednesday, April 22nd, we learned about the history and impacts of K-Pop culture. We learned about pioneering and influential K-Pop groups. We also shared our own experiences as K-Pop fans. Then, we watched a documentary about BTS!



APIDA Center learns to make a Kanaka Maoli Lei!

On Thursday, April 23rd, in collaboration with One SDSU and (AAPI)phany, we learned about the history and traditions of Kanaka Maoli (or Native Hawaiian) lei-making. Thanks to Haley Kanoelani Okamoto for centering indigeneity in gathering, making, and giving lei. Then, we learned how to make a lei hilo me lā'i, a traditional lei made by twisting ti leaves.



APIDA Center features Chaewon Suh!

On Thursday, April 23rd, we featured Asian American short film filmmaker, Chaewon Suh. We watched her short film entitled, "I Wanna Be," a film about a fiercely independent blind Korean American high school track star. We learned about Suh's journey as an Asian American filmmaker. Many thanks to Student Success Fee!



APIDA Center learns about the Secret War in Laos!

On Thursday, April 23rd, we hosted a workshop about the Secret War in Laos. We learned about the covert operations implemented by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) during the war, including the recruiting of Hmong-Lao soldiers and intense bombing campaigns. The impacts of this war continues today.



APIDA Center learns about parents and politics!

On Thursday, April 23rd, in partnership with Counseling & Psychological Services, we hosted a workshop focused on strategies to communicate with families about political dissonance. We reflected on our own responses when speaking about politics, in addition to ways to intentionally disengage when necessary. Then, we practiced these strategies with a partner! (Many thanks to Dr. **Tri Nguyen**, Dr. **Joyce Suh**, and **Cara Yoo**!)

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Meet So Yun Um & Screening of "In Bloom"*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, April 27, 2026 from 4:00-5:30pm

So Yun Um is a Korean American filmmaker with works including "Liquor Store Dreams," "The Rose: Come Back to Me," and "In Bloom," a short film.

Toxic Threads: T-Shirt Production in Asia*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, April 27, 2026 from 5:30-7:00pm

Driven by U.S. consumerism and capitalism via fast-fashion, mass t-shirt production in Asia has significant negative local and global impacts on the environment. Learn more and make crafts from recycled t-shirts.

Combating APIDA Cultural Silence & Stigma about Sexual Assault

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 from 3-4pm

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, a national campaign dedicated to raising awareness about sexual violence, educating communities on prevention, and supporting survivors. Learn more and discuss ways to combat the pervasive stigma and silence in many APIDA communities. (Partners: SDSU Research Foundation and Center for Prevention of Harassment & Discrimination)

Tangrams

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 from 5:00-7:00pm

A tangram is a traditional Chinese dissection puzzle consisting of seven flat geometric pieces called "tans" that are arranged to form various shapes. Learn about its historical and cultural significance and the STEM principles behind tangrams. Then, make your own tangram rubber stamp and design some cards. (Co-Host: Math Science Teacher Institute)

Papaya Salad*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 from 12:00-1:00pm

Papaya Salad, or Som Tam, is a spicy, sweet, sour, and salty salad with Thai and Lao variations that uses shredded unripe green papaya as its main ingredient. Learn and eat with us.

Dr. Tom K. Wong: What does it mean to be UndocuAPIDA?*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 from 1:00-2:00pm

Dr. Tom K. Wong is a leading expert on immigration, citizenship, and migrant illegality. He will share the unique experiences of undocumented APIDA communities, especially in our border town of San Diego.

Screening Circle: K-Pop Demon Hunters*

Location: Student Union Theater

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 from 4:30-7:00pm

Explore how Korean culture, folklore, and music are represented in today's media landscape. Enjoy free snacks and giveaways, and watch K-Pop Demon Hunters with us!

Representations of Southeast Asian Refugee Camp Experiences in Literature & Media*

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, April 30, 2026 from 3:00-4:00pm

Learn more about the histories and lived experiences of Southeast Asian refugees. We will discuss how these experiences are represented in literature and media.

Pokemon: Trading Card Game

Location: APIDA Center

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

Learn about the history of Pokémon and its popularity in the United States. Then, knock out opponent Pokémon. Bring your own cards or use our cards. Learn to play and/or meet up with other enthusiasts!

Screening of "Free Chol Soo Lee"

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 from 2:00-3:30pm

Sentenced to life for murder, Korean immigrant Chol Soo Lee was set free after a pan-Asian solidarity movement helped to overturn his conviction. This film is about his struggle fighting for his life inside California state prisons.

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!

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- Young Men of Color Alliance is hosting the [3rd Annual YMOCA Basketball Tournament](#) on Sat, April 25 from 11-5pm at the Aztec Recreation Center.
- Asian Pacific Student Alliance is hosting their annual [Banquet](#) on Sat, April 25 from 5-8pm at Champion Ballroom Academy.
- Vietnamese Student Association is hosting an [End-of-Year Bonfire](#) on Sun, April 26 at 6:30pm at Coronado Beach. [RSVP](#) today.
- AB Samahan is hosting a [Q&A Night](#) on Fri, May 1 from 4:30-9:30pm in Arts & Letters 201.
- International Student Association is hosting a [Jeopardy Night](#) on Fri, May 1 at 5pm in the One World Lounge.
- Sikh Student Association, Hindu Student Association, and Sanskriti at SDSU are hosting a [Beach Day](#) on Fri, May 1 at 6:00pm at Mission Beach.
- Pacific Islander Student Association needs volunteers for their 29th Annual Lu'au on Sat, May 2 from 3-7pm at the Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center. [Sign up](#) today.

Community Center Partners:

- Monarch Unity Resource Center is hosting a [Monarch Scavenger Hunt!](#) Find the hidden silver monarch to win a prize!
- Gus & Emma Thompson Black Resource Center and Women's Resource Center are hosting a First-Gen Speaker Series entitled, "Carving Your Own Path" on Tues, April 28 from 1-3pm.
- Center for Intercultural Relations is hosting [SWANA Nights](#) on Tues, April 28 from 5-8pm in the Student Union Courtyard.
- Native Resource Center is hosting [Grad Cap Decorating](#) on Wed, April 29 from 1-4pm.

Campus Partners:

- Student Union Board is hosting "San Diego Slay" on Mon, April 27 from 6-8pm in Montezuma Hall.
- Office of Graduate Life & Diversity is hosting a "Crafting Connections" social on Thurs, April 29 from 4-6pm.
- SDSU University Library is hosting a "Citizen Science Thursday Info Table" on Thurs, April 30 from 12-2pm in North Library Walkway.
- SDSU Prison Book Project is hosting a [Book Send-Off](#) on Thurs, April 30 from 2-4pm in the SDSU Library Basement.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- White Dragon of East County is hosting a free seminar for World Thai Chi Day on Sat. April 25 at 7am.
- FilAm CreatorCon is hosting "FreeFlow" open mic night on Tues, April 28 from 6:00-8:30pm at Subterranean Coffee Boutique.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). The next FREE webinar is entitled, "Building Bridges: APIDA Ethnic Enclaves as Models of Resilience and Identity" on Wed, April 29 from 4-5pm. [Register](#) today.
- Viet Voices is hosting a community panel entitled, "Reflections on the War in Southeast Asia" on Thurs, April 30 from 6-8pm in City Heights. [RSVP](#) for the event location.

Research Opportunities

- **NEW!** Luallen Lab at SDSU is recruiting undergraduate students to conduct research focused on host-microbe interactions in Fall 2026. [Join](#) today!
- Czung Institute for Contemporary Art (CICA) Museum is calling for artist submissions for the "Doers Do" International Exhibition. [Submit](#) by April 28!
- *Piano Magazine* is hosting a Collegiate Writing Contest about piano pedagogy for their upcoming issue. [Submit](#) by May 1.
- **NEW!** Student applications for the 2026 SDSU Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (RSCA) Program (SURP) are now open! [Apply](#) by May 3!

Jobs & Paid Internships

- **NEW!** ArtReach San Diego is offering the Mural Internship Program for emerging artists! [Apply](#) today!
- Department of Asian American Studies is hiring two students or recent grads for a paid summer internship to help work on mobile apps. Duties includes completing feature builds, connecting AWS backend services, handling basic security and testing, and publishing to the Google Play Store. Mobile development experience in React Native, Flutter, or native Android preferred. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, so early submissions are encouraged. [Apply](#) today.
- SDSU Native Resource Center is hiring various [Student Assistant](#) positions! [Apply](#) by May 1!
- Frances Clark Center is seeking 2026-2027 Interns. [Apply](#) by May 1.
- **NEW!** SDSU Glazer Center for Leadership & Service is hiring a Content Creator and Marketing Student Assistant for the 2026-2027 academic year. [Apply](#) by May 4!

Scholarships

- CrowdStrike scholarship offers up to \$10,000 to current students pursuing a career in Cyber Security. [Apply](#) by April 27.
- American Bus Association Diversity Scholarship is offering \$5,000 to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a career in tourism. [Apply](#) by April 30.
- 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!
- 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!** Gordon Clanton Award in Oral History offers \$1,000 to a history or sociology major at SDSU. [Apply](#) by May 6!
- **NEW!** Dr. Gabriel and Christine Chiu "Review It" Scholarship offers \$1,000 to college students in any major. [Apply](#) by May 15!
- Asian American Architects/Engineers Association is offering scholarships to current students pursuing careers in architecture, engineering, or construction. [Apply](#) by May 31.
- Lily Pabilona Emerging Entrepreneur Scholarship is offering up to \$5,000 to full-time college students in all majors. [Apply](#) by May 31.
- 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.
- Hyundai Women in STEM Scholarship is offering \$10,000 to five college undergraduates who identify as female and wish to pursue a STEM-related field. [Apply](#) by June 30.
- Aztec Scholarships are now open! [Apply](#) today. Final deadline is Sept 4.