

# SDSU Office of AANHPISI Affairs & APIDA Center

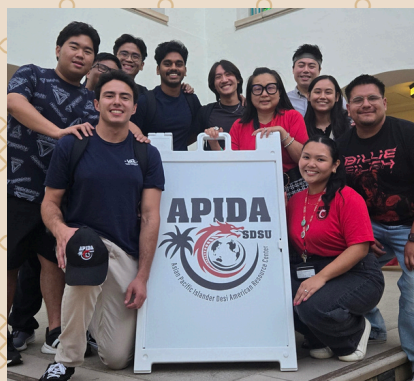


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**APIDA Center Hours:**  
**Monday-Thursday 10:00-7:00pm**  
**Friday 10:00-4:30pm**

**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

May 22, 2026



## From Dr. Loh-Hagan: APIDA Month Joy!

What a month May has been! We have celebrated so much joy including our graduates, the end of the school year, and our APIDA heritage and history month programs. In addition, I was thrilled to be recognized as [Assembly District 78's 2026 AAPI Heritage Month Honoree](#)! It was such an amazing experience to meet California Assemblymember Christopher Ward and his wonderful team and to represent SDSU. I am most grateful to Miki Holmes, District Representative, for nominating me. She has been a supporter of the APIDA Center since we opened.

Think of some APIDA people and communities that you can amplify this month...and, of course, all the months!



Last week, I had the honor of attending The Asian American Foundation (TAAF) annual heritage month summit. Over 1000 APIDA leaders and changemakers were in attendance. TAAF is known for being the largest philanthropic organization specifically focused on supporting APIDA communities. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of meeting several big stars; however, this year, I was super excited to meet Philip Wang (of Wong Fu Productions and Bo Mofo Cafe). He had posted a [reel](#) about one of my latest books and I was able to tell him how much that meant to me. So much APIDA joy!

# APIDA Center Announcements



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## 2026 Summer Hours

Monday, May 18, 2026 to Friday, August 21, 2026  
10:00am – 4:30pm

**Campus Closures**

Monday, May 25, 2026:  
Memorial Day

Friday, June 19, 2026:  
Juneteenth

Friday, July 3, 2026:  
Independence Day

The first day of classes for the Fall 2026 semester is Monday, August 24th!

## Thank our Student Assistants!

We are so grateful to our wonderful student assistants for all the fabulous work they have done. First, many thanks to our graduates: **Krissa Jackson** (who has been with us for four years), **Chloe Morimoto**, **Teddy Morando**, and **Jazmine Ibarra**. In addition, many thanks to **Alisha Sukhu**, **Diego Del Mundo**, and **Jose Segura**. We could not do what we do without our student assistants.

## Visit APIDA over the summer!

We are open over the summer! Come visit us! We are observing modified hours from May 18th to August 21st: 10:00-4:30pm. We will also be planning a few summer events - both online and at the Center. Stay connected to us via Instagram for more info. Note: Over the summer, we will be sending our newsletters once a month. Our next newsletter will be on June 5th.



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## WE'RE HIRING!

### Administrative Support & Budget Coordinator (ASCI)

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>

## 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!

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## **APIDA Center meets Congresswoman Sara Jacobs!**

On May 7th, Congresswoman Sara Jacobs visited us. We gave her a tour and then she chatted with students to learn about their interests and concerns. Jacobs has been the U.S. representative for California's 51st congressional district since 2023 and is the youngest member of California's congressional delegation and of the Democratic House leadership. In addition, she is a lovely human being. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit.



## APIDA Center hosts Student-Led Programs!

This month, AAS 488 students, **Jenna Ramiscal**, **Samara McDonald**, and **Nathan Peterson** hosted several Student-Led Programs. On May 8th, they talked about Filipino Dance Halls. On May 8th, McDonald led a program about Chinese immigrants in the Mississippi Delta. On Tuesday, May 12th, Ramiscal led a program about the media's role in covering the 1992 Los Angeles Uprising. On Thursday, May 14th, Peterson led a program about the history of human zoos.



## APIDA Center hosts Kalamkari craft workshop!

On Monday, May 11th, we learned about the history of Kalamkari, an ancient Indian style of hand-painting or block-printing on cotton textiles. We learned about Persian influences and impacts of colonization on the artform. Then, we painted tote bags using Kalamkari-inspired styles and motifs. We were also thrilled to be visited by A.S. student leaders.



## APIDA Center learns about Subic Bay!

On Wednesday, May 13th, we learned about the significance of Subic Bay, a major U.S. Naval Base in the Philippines. Hosted by APIDA Intern **KC Sumampong**, we learned about the involvement of Subic Bay in various wars and the impacts of U.S. militarization on communities living in Subic Bay today. Then, we learned more from guest speakers, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Allan Pulido, who shared his experiences working at Subic Bay.



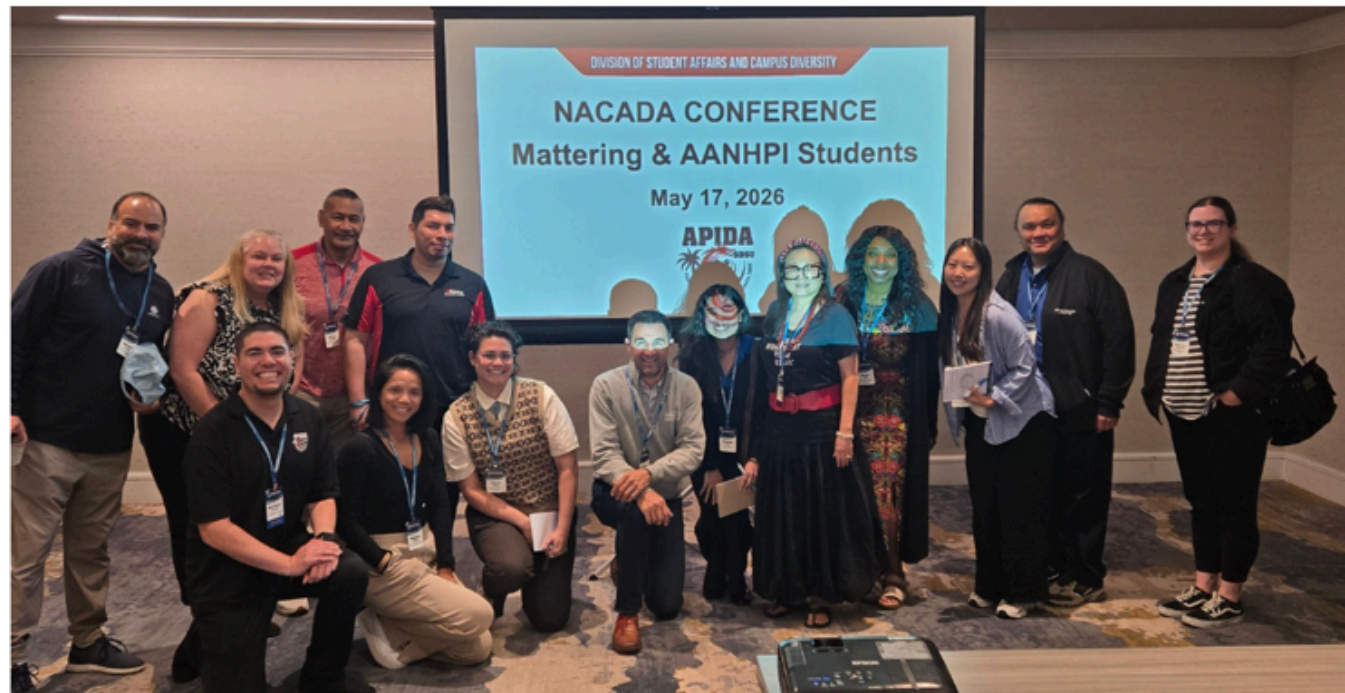
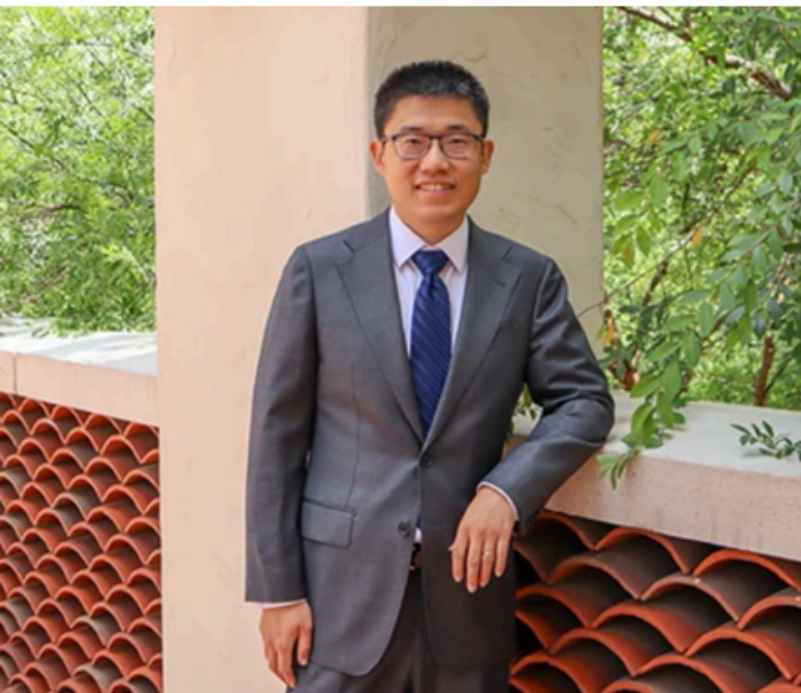
## APIDA Center learns about the Palau Pledge!

On Thursday, May 14th, we learned about the creation and impacts of the Palau Pledge. We learned about the role of Palau in leading global conversation efforts. We also discussed ways that we can be better tourists. Then, we made sustainable crafts, including scrap paper beads and T-shirt tote bags. We were also thrilled to be visited by A.S. student leaders.

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

Dr. **Tong Huang**, Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, received the prestigious National Science Foundation CAREER Award. He was recognized as an outstanding early-career faculty member and emerging leader in research and education.

Several SDSU faculty and staff attended and presented at the NACADA Region 8 and Region 9 Conference, which took place in San Diego from May 17-19. Dr. **Loh-Hagan** and **Matthew H Garcia** presented a workshop entitled, "Mattering and AANHPI Students." **Christine Molina** and **Andrea Aduna** presented a workshop entitled, "Cultivating Connection: A Holistic Approach to Student Success."



**We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!**

**Have a flex to share?**

**Email us at [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).**

# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## Field Trip: "Kim's Convenience" at The Old Globe

**Location: Old Globe in Balboa Park**

**Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

We are hosting a field trip to see "Kim's Convenience" on May 26th for matriculated students who apply by May 22nd. See Instagram for more information.

The show runs from May 15 to June 14; The Old Globe is offering a special discount for students, faculty, and staff. See flyers below. We hope to see you at the theater!



## 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.

## Student-Led Workshops & Student-Created Social Media Campaigns

APIDA Center is hosting Student-Led Workshops and Student-Created Social Media Campaigns. This is a great opportunity to share your passion with others. It's also an opportunity to learn how to plan an event or prepare a campaign with our support. We are interested in any and all APIDA-related topics! If you are interested, email [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).

# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- AB Samahan announced their [56th Executive Board](#) for 2026-2027.
- Nikkei Student Union announced their [2026-2027 Executive Board](#).
- Most student organizations will be taking a break over the Summer. Check their Instagrams to stay informed!

## Community Center Partners:

- Center for Intercultural Relations is looking for Peer Mentor volunteers. [Apply](#) today!
- SDSU Community Centers will have modified hours during Summer 2026. Please check their Instagram for more information.

## Campus Partners:

- Career Services is hosting a Summer Career Fair on Thurs, May 28 from 10-2pm in Montezuma Hall. [RSVP](#) today!
- Center for Asian and Pacific Studies and Sasase San Diego are hosting a screening of "RAN 12.3" on Sun, May 31 at 3pm in the Student Union Theatre. [RSVP](#) today!
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- Lao San Diego is seeking volunteers for the Lao Food Festival Night Market. Sign up by emailing [volunteerwithlaosd@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerwithlaosd@gmail.com).
- Coronado Public Library is hosting a workshop entitled, "A Story of Resilience: Remembering the Japanese American Incarceration" on Tues, May 26 at 11am.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#). The next free webinar is entitled, "Civil Rights" on Tues, May 26 at 4pm. [Register](#) today!

## Research Opportunities

- **NEW!** Months to Years is accepting submissions of nonfiction essays, poetry, photography, and art for the Fall 2026 issue. [Submit](#) by June 1.
- Black Lawrence Press is calling for submissions from Asian American and Pacific Islander Adoptee Poets for future publication. [Submit](#) by June 1.
- San Diego International Film Festival is accepting film submissions focused on the theme "Celebrating the Power of Film." [Submit](#) by July 5.
- Restore America's Estuaries is calling for poster presentation proposals for the 2026 RAE Coastal and Estuarine Summit. [Apply](#) by July 13.
- **NEW!** SDSU Monarch Unity Resource Center and SDSU School of Art and Design are calling for creative submissions for the upcoming SDSU Student Gallery exhibit entitled, "Our Stories in Motion: Movement, Memory, Transformation." [Submit](#) by Sept. 13.

## Jobs & Paid Internships

- **NEW!** Padres Camps is looking for Summer Healthcare Interns. [Apply](#) today!
- **NEW!** SDSU Department of Asian American Studies is hiring a paid summer intern (5 to 10 hrs/week) for assistance with a documentary film project on birthright citizenship. [Email](#) resume and cover letter.
- SDSU Department of Asian American Studies is hiring two students or recent grads for a paid summer internship to help work on mobile apps. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, so early submissions are encouraged. [Apply](#) today.
- **NEW!** Black Resource Center is hiring Grad Assistants. [Apply](#) by May 29.
- **NEW!** The San Diego County Office of Education is looking for Outdoor Education Instructional Interns for Summer 2026. [Apply](#) by June 30.

## Scholarships

- The Minerva Scholarship offers \$3,000 to eligible California resident college students who identify as female. [Apply](#) by May 31.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The County of San Diego Filipino American Employees' Association is offering the Larry Itliong Scholarship to college students of Filipino heritage. [Apply](#) by June 7.
- **NEW!** Southern California PGA Foundation is offering multiple scholarships of \$10,000 to current college students. [Apply](#) by June 10.
- **NEW!** For a Bright Future is offering scholarships to underserved students pursuing higher education. [Apply](#) by June 30.
- The Korean American Scholarship Foundation is offering support for college undergraduate and graduate students of Korean descent. [Apply](#) by June 30!
- 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.
- The Jimmy Chong Scholarship is offering \$10,000 to a student from an underrepresented community who got accepted into law school. [Apply](#) by July 9.
- The Neetu Watamull Scholarship is offering \$2,500 to five undergraduate or graduate students of Indian origin. [Apply](#) by July 24.
- Aztec Scholarships are now open! [Apply](#) today. Final deadline is Sept 4.