

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

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

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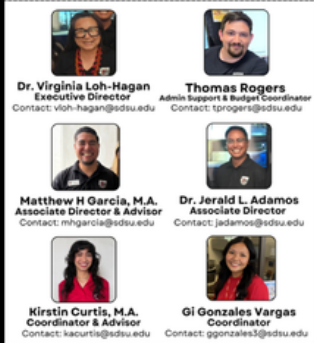


From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Full steam ahead for Fall 2026!

School is definitely in session! We kicked off the Fall 2026 semester by hosting a retreat for AANHPISI Affairs, APIDA Center, and Asian American Studies (AAS). To strengthen our joint commitment to public humanities, we visited some community sites such as the Filipinos of South Bay Exhibit at Chula Vista Library and the Operation Frequent Wind exhibit at the *U.S.S. Midway*. We even hosted our strategic planning meeting in the ship's conference room. It has been really exciting to work with AAS - Our collaborative efforts will result in a robust educational experience for our students as they will get to engage in theory, research, and practice.

Announcements

AANHPI Affairs & APIDA Center Professional Staff



APIDA Center welcomes Thomas Rogers!

Thomas Rogers is our newest staff member. He is the inaugural Administrative Support & Budget Coordinator. A SDSU alum, he graduated with a B.A. in History and is currently working on his M.A. in history at SDSU, focusing on the historical and social origins of the San Diego biotechnology cluster.

Thomas came highly recommended by the Asian American Studies department. For the last two years, he was a grading assistant for Dr. **Alvin Henry** and Dr. **Stephen Suh**. In addition, he assisted AAS faculty with various projects including the collecting and archiving of over 100 student-produced oral histories. Needless to say, he has learned a lot about APIDA histories and experiences.

Thomas has been involved in public history programming and community outreach for over 10 years. For example, at Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, he worked as a Park Aide and helped create inclusive and accessible educational programs. He also facilitated public events and historical walking tours. Furthermore, Thomas has also worked at the *USS Midway* Museum where he helped develop leadership programming for high school students.

In his free time, Thomas enjoys creative writing, watching documentaries, and playing video games.

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2026-2027 APIDA Internship Program

Apply ASAP! Priority Consideration is Tues, Sept 1, 2026:

Do you need professional experience? Do you want to gain transferable career skills? Are you interested in advancing the APIDA community at SDSU? Apply for the APIDA Internship Program, a volunteer-based initiative to support students' professional and career development. Application is open until filled! Limited spots available! For priority consideration, apply by Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

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APIDA Field Trip: Asian American Zine Fest & Seattle, WA

Travel Dates: September 18-20, 2026
Location: Seattle, Washington

Apply by 5pm on Sept 4, 2026

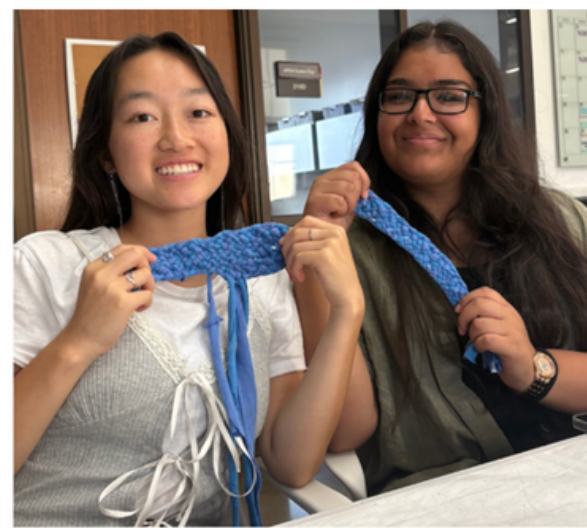
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APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts Open House & Student Panel!

Monday, August 26th was the first day of classes. To welcome back our students, we hosted an open house. We gave an overview of the APIDA Center and hosted a student panel. **Alisha Sukhu** and **Xavier Brooks** shared how the APIDA Center helped them navigate their first few years at SDSU and how the Center enhanced their college experience.



APIDA Center hosts crafty dorm decor series!

This week, Monday through Thursday from 5-7pm, we hosted craft workshops to help students decorate their dorms or rooms. Students made loom coasters, popsicle stick photoframes, bunting banners, and T-shirt rugs. It's amazing what you can do with string, scraps, and more.



APIDA Center goes to Tempe!

In early August, we hosted a field trip to the Asian Corporate & Entrepreneur Leaders (ACEL) conference in Tempe, Arizona. Students learned business strategies and visited APIDA sites in Tempe. (Many thanks to SSF for the support.)



APIDA Center engages in outreach!

For the past few weeks, we have been busy hosting tours, tabling at events, etc. For example, we supported events such as the REO Resource Fair, Union Unlocked, One SDSU Kick-Off, and more! We want everyone to know about all that we have to offer.



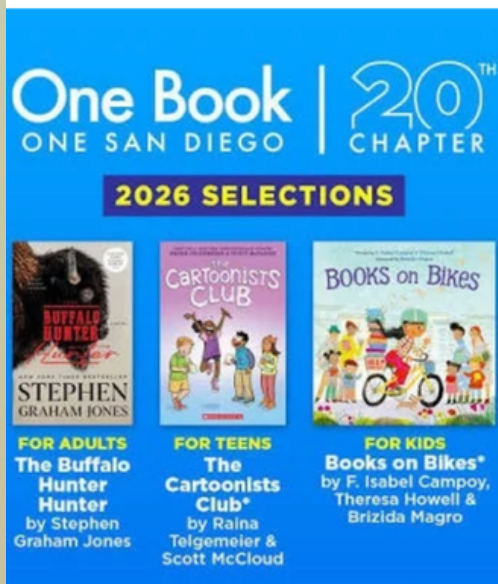
APIDA Center supports APIDA Social Club!

This summer, our student assistants launched the [APIDA Social Club](#). This is an opportunity for students to meet other students and meet up at various fun, local events. Recently, we hosted a social at the Ho'olaule'a Hawaiian Cultural Festival in Liberty Station.

APIDA Flex Alerts!



Matthew H Garcia, Associate Director of the APIDA Center and Coordinated Care Advisor, is this year's recipient of the Outstanding Staff Advisor Award. He has carried a caseload of close to 600 students over the past four years and has completed 1,500 advising appointments. He has consistently ranked among the top 5% of advisors in terms of the number of students served. His nominators include Dr. **Loh-Hagan**, **Gi Gonzales Vargas**, **Helen Ma**, and **Zach McDaniel**.



SDSU was representing at this year's San Diego Festival of Books which took place on August 22nd. Dr. **Loh-Hagan** served as an author and moderator for two panels addressing romance novels and children's nonfiction. Dr. **Brian Hu** spoke on a panel about adapting novels for the screen. Of course, our English department was tabling and it was great to run into Dr. **Quentin Bailey**, Dr. **Lashon Daley**, and more! Book people are the best people!

Spotlight on APIDA Alum: Neil Jeremy Catungal



We were so honored to have **Neil Catungal** visit us this summer. Neil was one of our student assistants - we miss him terribly!

He said, "Following my graduation from SDSU, I attended the United States Navy's Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Newport, Rhode Island. OCS is a 13-week program that prepares civilians to become naval officers through rigorous training focused on physical fitness, naval academics, and leadership. Upon completing the program, I was commissioned as an ensign in the United States Navy and designated as a Surface Warfare Officer. In this role, I will be responsible for operating and maintaining Navy ships while leading and developing sailors to accomplish shared mission objectives. In October, I will begin the Basic Division Officer Course (BDOC), where I will continue developing the technical and leadership skills required of junior officers before reporting to my first ship."

We are so incredibly proud of Neil and thankful for his volunteer efforts as he is still always willing to help us. Fun fact: He is the only person who knows how to keep our plants alive.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Drop-in Advising

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: Monday, Aug 31, 2026 from 10-12pm; Wednesday, Sept 2, 2026 from 10-12pm; Friday, Sept 4, 2026 from 10-12pm

Need help? Want support with your academic plans? Attend our Drop-In Advising hours. No appointments necessary, just drop in!

Transfer Student Mixer

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, August 31, 2026 from 4-5pm

It is important for Transfer Students to get involved and stay connected. Meet other Transfer Students. Build a support network, meet friends, and more!

Cultural Crafting Night: Zokin & Sashiko

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, August 31, 2026 from 5-7pm

Sashiko is traditional Japanese embroidery. Using sashiko, fabric scraps can be sewn together to make a zokin, or a reusable cleaning cloth. Learn more and then, make your own zokin.

Journaling for Success

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 from 2-3pm

Journaling is a great way to get organized for the school year. Set your goals. Manage your time. Track your learning. All attendees will get a journal. Takeover Host: Jaqueline Toy.

Out-of-State Student Mixer

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 from 4-5pm

Away from home? Calling all Out-of-State students! Meet new friends from all over the nation!

Game Night: Get-to-Know-You-Games

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 from 5-7pm

Want to meet new people? Want to have fun? Play some games to get to know each other better.

Commuter Student Mixer

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2026 from 4-5pm

Need a place to hang in between your commutes? Commuter Students can use the APIDA Center as a home base. Meet other commuters.

Watch Party: "The United States of Asian + America"

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2026 from 5-7pm

Wong Fu Productions and The Asian American Foundation (TAAF) launched a new YouTube series, "The United States of Asian + America." Learn more about their work, watch some clips, discuss representation, and more!

Non-Traditional Student Mixer

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2026 from 4-5pm

Non-traditional students diverge from the standard path of entering college right after high school. They have unique life experiences. Meet new friends and build new networks.

Takeover: The Real Deal from a Resident Advisor

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2026 from 5-7pm

For many, part of the college experience is living with roommates and/or living in a dorm. This is a great way to make friends and have tons of fun. But, issues can include noise, privacy, conflicts, and more. Learn some tips and tricks from Resident Advisors. Takeover Host: Alisha Sukhu

Field Trip: Oyama v. California (1948) Re-enactment

Location: U.S. District Court

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2026 from 5-7pm

Oyama v. California (1948) is the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case that successfully challenged California's Alien Land Law. Join us on a field trip to see a reenactment of the case. RSVP by Sept 1st.

SDSU Food Safety Trainings

Location: APIDA Center

Next Date: Wednesday, Sept 9, 2026 from 4-5pm

Do you plan on serving food at a public campus event? If so, SDSU requires food safety training. This training is valid for one year and open to all. Upcoming dates: Thursday, Sept 17, 2026 from 12-1pm; Monday, Sept 21, 2026 from 2-3pm; Tuesday, Sept 29, 2026 from 11-12pm; Friday, Oct 9, 2026 from 1-2pm; Wednesday, Oct 14, 2026 from 3-4pm

Field Trip: Asian American Zine Fest in Seattle, WA

Location: Seattle, WA

Dates: Friday, September 18-Sunday, September 20, 2026

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Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- Japanese Student Association (JSA) is hosting its second [Callout](#) of the semester on Sept 2 at 6:30pm in BRNG 2280.
- Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE) is hosting their first [GBM](#) on Aug 31 from 4:30-5:30pm in Visionary Suite.

Community Center Partners:

- [Pride Center](#) and [Women's Resource Center](#) are hosting Neighborly Open House on Aug 29 from 10-12pm.
- [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) is hosting an Open House on Aug 31 from 10-2pm.
- Monarch Unity Resource Center is hosting [Welcome Week](#) activities from Sept 2-4.
- Black Resource Center is hosting a [Student Organization Fair](#) on Sept 4 from 3:30- 4:30pm.

Campus Partners:

- Aztec Nights is hosting [SoCal Dreaming](#) on Aug 29-30 from 9pm to 1am on Campanile Walkway.
- [Center for Student Organizations & Activities](#) is hosting an Open House on Sept 1 from 10-2pm.
- Office of Graduate Life and Diversity is hosting a [Graduate Student Mixer](#) on Sept 8 from 5:30-7:30pm in the Student Union Courtyard.
- [RSVP](#) to attend Global Education's online session and learn about study abroad opportunities for the 2026-27 academic year.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- Asian American Dance Festival is hosting an [online screening](#) of "HOME(in)STEAD" from Aug 31 to Sept 10.

Research Opportunities

- **NEW!** 2026 [Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research \(SCCUR\)](#) annual meeting will be hosted in-person at SDSU on Nov 21. SCCUR is open to all undergraduate students.
- **NEW!** Association for Ethnic Studies 53rd Annual Conference is at CSU, Los Angeles from Oct 15-17. Submit [Proposal/Registration Form](#) by Sept 15.
- Monarch Unity Resource Center and 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.
- Submit abstracts for the [SDSU Student Symposium](#) starting Oct 15 until Dec 13.

Jobs & Paid Internships

- **NEW!** Center for Asian and Pacific Studies is hiring a student assistant. Send resumes to Dr. [Minjeong Kim](#) by Sept 6.
- **NEW!** Ameritech is looking for a marketing or communications student for a hybrid paid internship. [Apply](#) by Sept 18.
- **NEW!** TechTerra Education is looking for part time student workers. They're offering remote positions designed to fit around academic schedules. [Apply](#) by Sept 23.
- **NEW!** Littera Education Inc is hiring a remote tutoring position with flexible, part-time hours. [Apply](#) by Sept 24.
- **NEW!** [SEO Law Fellowship](#) includes a paid law firm internship before starting law school plus continued support.
- City of San Diego is hiring a Student Engineer. These part-time positions are ideal for students in a college engineering program. [Apply](#) by Sept 28.

Scholarships

- Aztec Scholarships are now open! [Apply](#) by Sept 4.
- Doan Foundation is launching the Roots & Resilience Artist Grant. Six grants of \$1,000 will be awarded to Southern California artists or organizations. [Apply](#) by Nov 1.
- Faatua and Fatilua Memorial Scholarship is offering \$1000 to Pacific Islander students with a 3.0 GPA. Candidates must write an essay about what it means to be a Pacific Islander. [Apply](#) by Nov 25.
- Hue Ta Asian American Scholarship is offering \$1000 to Asian American students with volunteering experience who are pursuing a career in a mental health field. [Apply](#) by Dec 7.
- **NEW!** Berkeley Law Opportunity Scholarship offers full tuition for selected first-generation college graduates. [Apply](#) by Dec 15.
- **NEW!** UCLA Law Achievement Fellowship is offering full tuition for selected applicants who have overcome obstacles. [Apply](#) by Dec 15.
- **NEW!** Berkeley Public Interest Scholars offers full tuition and fees for selected applicants committed to public-interest work. Deadline Dec 15, 2026. [Apply](#) by Dec 15.
- Dr. Shuqiao Yao Memorial Scholarship is offering \$2000 to a graduate students of Asian descent pursuing psychology or psychiatry with at least a 3.0 GPA. [Apply](#) by Dec 19.