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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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Executive Director's Message

September 4, 2026



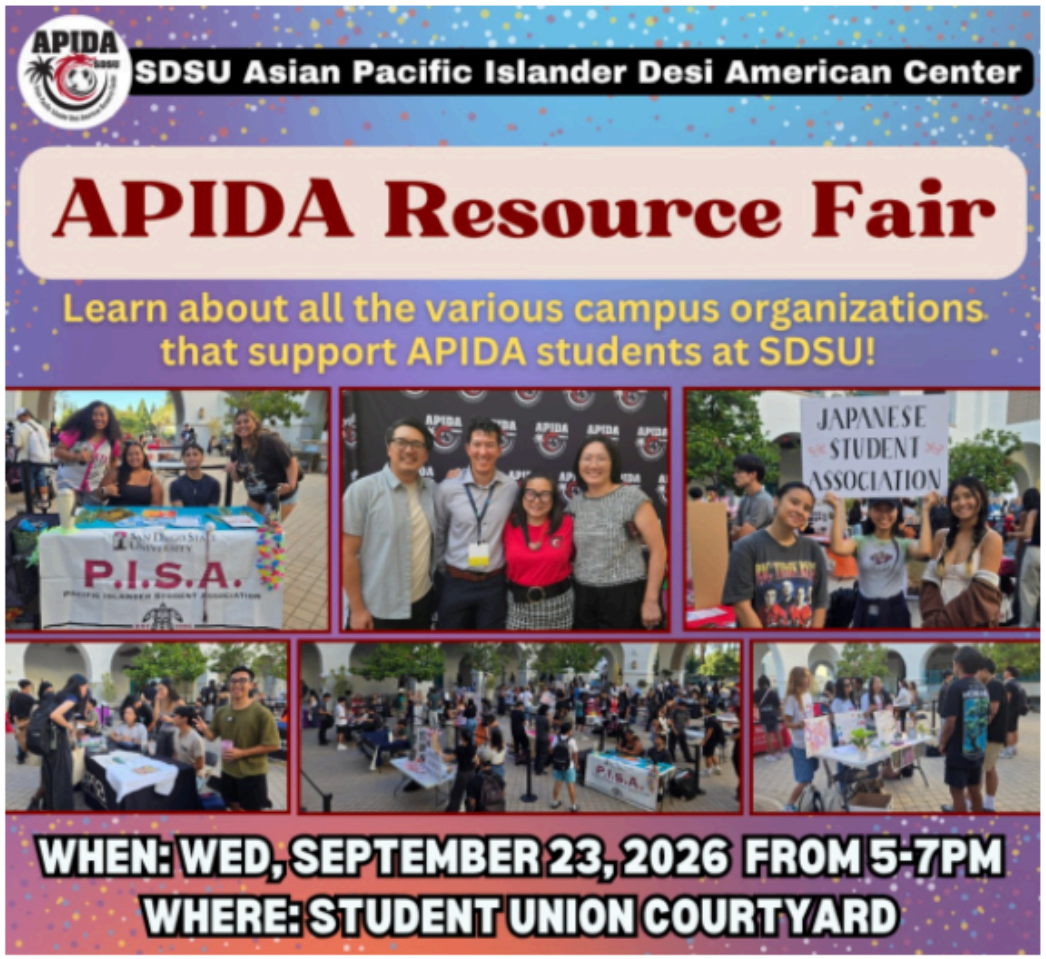




From Dr. Loh-Hagan: One-Stop Shop!

We are in full swing! The APIDA Center was steadily busy this week. We launched mixers, HAPI Hours, and programs. We also hosted tours, tabling, and more. We were thrilled to meet new students and hug our returning students. We aim to be a one-stop shop for our students - Come by and we will support you and/or connect you to others who can.

Announcements

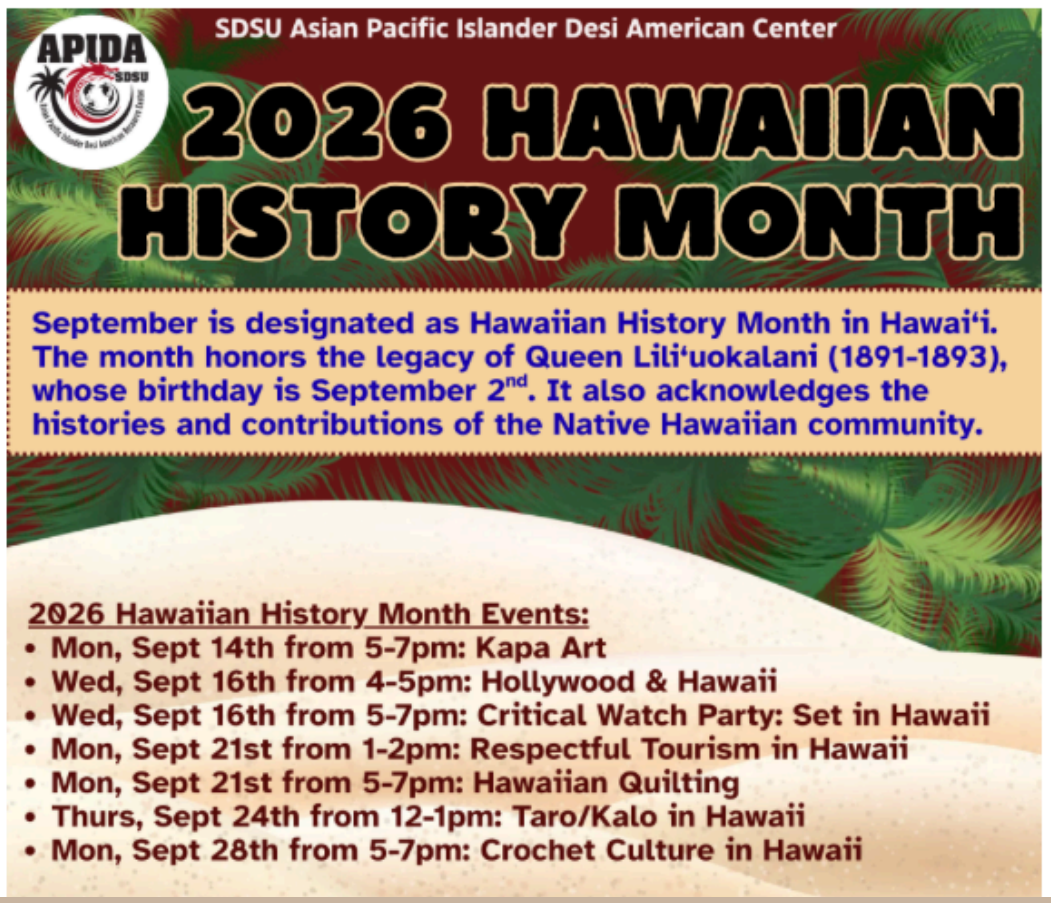


APIDA Resource Fair

Attend our fourth annual APIDA Resource Fair. Learn about all the various campus organizations that support APIDA students at SDSU. Plus, hang out and meet people. Email apida@sdsu.edu if you would like to table. Open until spots fill.

Hawaiian History Month

We just launched our Hawaiian History Month programs. In addition, we encourage folks to learn more about the Hawai'i Pono'i Coalition and their 2026 Hawaiian History Month plans. The Coalition played a big role in recognizing this month. Email apida@sdsu.edu if you would like to co-host a program with us.

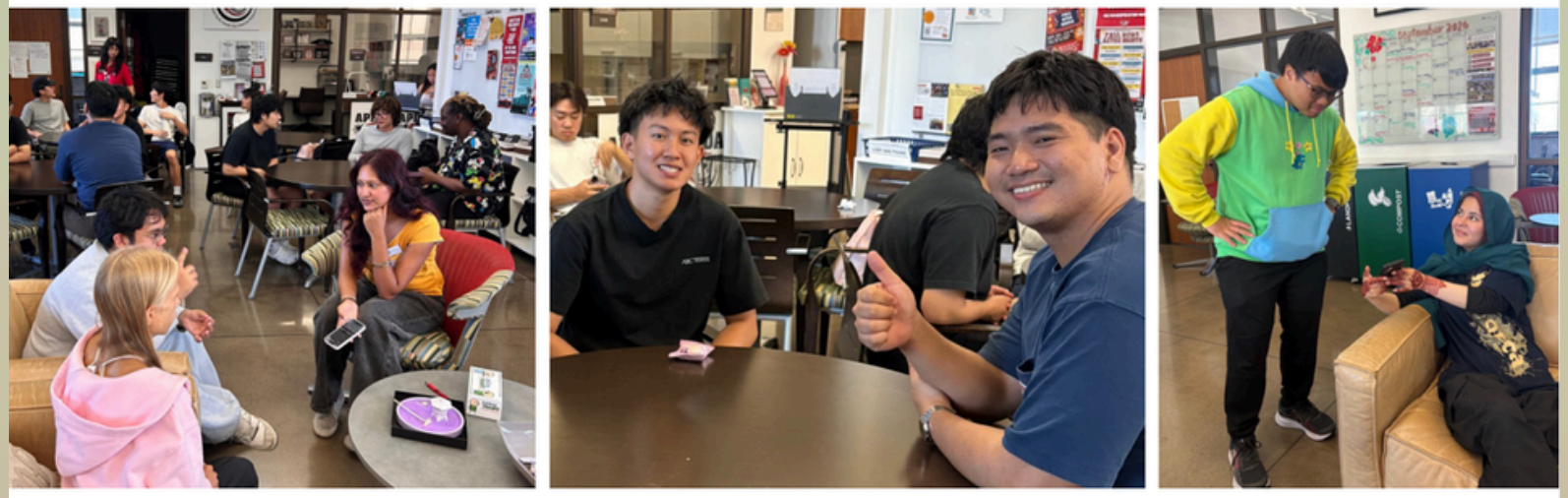


APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts a makerspace social!

On Friday, August 28th, we hosted a space to make things and make friends. Students joined our makerspace social and relaxed after a busy first week of classes. We made tote bags, zokin rags, and other sustainable crafts from T-shirts.



APIDA Center hosts mixers!

Monday through Thursday from 4-5pm, we hosted a series of fun socials for transfer, out-of-state, commuter, and non-traditional students. It was a great opportunity for students to mix and mingle. We played games and learned fun facts about each other. Inspired by the success of these mixers, we will be launching a new initiative: Monday Mixers. Standby for more information.



APIDA Center learns about zokins and sashiko!

We hosted our first cultural crafting event of the school year on Monday, August 31st. We learned about zokin (Japanese cleaning rags) and sashiko (traditional Japanese embroidery). Then, we made some zokin using sashiko.



APIDA Center hosts a journaling workshop!

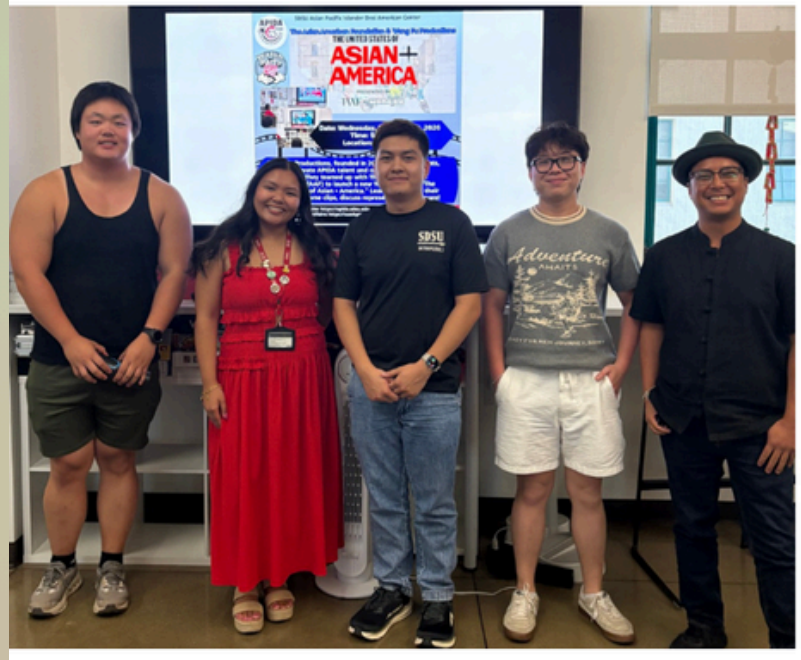
On Tuesday, September 1st, we hosted a "Journaling for Success" workshop hosted by Ms. **Jacqueline Toy**, Associate Director of Weber Honors College. We learned about the Asian origins of journaling, effective tips and tricks, and then made their own journals.






APIDA Center plays icebreaker games!

On Tuesday, September 1st, we hosted our first game night of the school year. We played various games to help get to know each other better. It was a great opportunity to meet new friends and/or to learn new things about old friends.





APIDA Center hosts a Wongfu watch party!

On Wednesday, September 2nd, we hosted our first watch party of the school year. Wong Fu Productions, in partnership with The Asian American Foundation, launched their new youtube series "The United States of Asian + American." We learned more about Wongfu, watched clips, and discussed representation.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Trivia Games
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 from 5-7pm
Are you smarter than a 5th grader? Do you know a ton of random fun facts? Test your knowledge by playing trivia board games.

K-Pop Watch Party
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2026 from 5-7pm
Do you want to meet others who love K-pop? Join us for this social watch party and enjoy K-pop media together!

SDSU Food Safety Trainings
Location: APIDA Center
Next Date: Wednesday, September 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

Zines & History of APIDA Activism
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2026 from 5-7pm
Learn about the history of Zine movements in the APIDA community. Then, make Zines in preparation for our trip to the Asian American Zine Fest in Seattle!

History & Growth of K-Pop
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Friday, September 11, 2026 from 12-1pm
Learn about Korean popular music, or K-Pop, a global music genre and cultural phenomenon originating in South Korea. Then, meet us at the Aztec Nights K-pop After Dark event on Saturday night!

Kapa Art
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Monday, September 14, 2026 from 5-7pm
Kapa is a traditional Native Hawaiian cloth. Learn more about stamped kapa art and then make kapa-inspired art!

Hollywood and Hawaii
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 from 4-5pm
Learn about the key mechanisms that have driven problematic portrayals of the Pacific and Hawaii in film and TV. Discuss the importance of narrative change.

Critical Watch Party: Set in Hawaii
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 from 5-7pm
Watching movies or shows (audience choice) set in Hawaii. We will critically examine and analyze how Hawaii and Hawaiians are portrayed. We will also discuss how to revise the script.

Respectuful Tourism in Hawaii
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Monday, Sept 21, 2026 from 1-2pm
Over 9 million people visit Hawaii each year. Learn about respectful tourism and ways to honor Native Hawaiian culture and protect fragile ecosystems. Takeover Host: Salinas Dinh.

Hawaiian Quilting
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Monday, September 21, 2026 from 5-7pm
Learn about Hawaiian quilting, its missionary history, and its cultural significance. Then, make your own quilt design.

Taro/Kalo in Hawaii
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2026 from 12-1pm
Taro (or karo) is significant to Hawaiian mythology, culture, and cuisine. Learn about its historical and cultural significance. Then, try some taro dishes.

APIDA Resource Fair
Location: Student Union Courtyard
Date: Wednesday, Sept 23, 2026 from 5-7pm
Learn about all the various campus organizations that support APIDA students at SDSU. Email if you would like to table.

Crochet Culture in Hawaii
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Monday, September 28, 2026 from 5-7pm
Crochet subculture in Hawaii blends modern fiber arts, island motifs, and gift-giving traditions. It is an example of cultural exchange. Learn more and make your own crochet project.

Implications of the Model Minority Myth: "High Performer" Burnout in APIDA Communities
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2026 from 4-5pm
The Model Minority Myth may lead to burnout in the pursuit of high achievement. Learn about the impacts of the Model Minority Myth and practice some strategies to keep from burning out.

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 and/or earn APIDA SWAG, course credit, etc., you must attend events on time and in their entirety and be engaged for the entire event. In general, 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.*



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.

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.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- Sanskriti is hosting its new member orientation on Sept 10 from 7:00-8:30pm in Templo Mayor.
- Asian Pacific Student Alliance is hosting a Spider-Man themed beach bonfire on Sept 11 from 5:30-8:30pm at Mission beach.

Community Center Partners:

- Black Resource Center and Women's Resource Center are hosting a Black Women's Healing Circle on Sept 8 from 2:00-3:30pm.
- Pride Center is hosting Lounge with Luna the therapy dog Luna on Sept 8 from 3-4pm.

Campus Partners:

- Glazer Center for Leadership and Service is hosting a leadership theories workshop on Sept 8 at 1pm.
- Office for Grad Life & Diversity is hosting "Understanding Imposter Syndrome" on Sept 9 from 12-1pm.
- Center for Asian and Pacific Studies is hosting a Meet & Greet on Sept 10 at 4pm in AL 473.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the Economic Crisis Resource Team.

Community Partners:

- Coffee Networking is being hosted by the San Diego Asian Business Association on Sept 11 at CUFIYA coffee shop from 9-11am.
- Golden Island Dim Sum hosts Dim Sum & Jazz, one of the longest-running weekly live music dining experiences in San Diego. On Sept 11 from 6:30-8:30pm, it is hosting Billy Lee & the Gulf Coasters.

Research Opportunities

- **NEW!** *Splice*, the Journal of Undergraduate Scholarship (College of Arts and Letters), is recruiting an Assistant Editor and Faculty Advisory Boardmember. Apply now.
- **NEW!** The Society of Toxicology is offering support to students presenting research at the annual SOT meeting. Submit research abstract by Oct 16.
- 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 to the SDSU Student Symposium starting Oct 15 until Dec 13.

Jobs & Paid Internships

- Center for Asian and Pacific Studies is hiring a student assistant. Send resumes to Dr. Minjeong Kim by Sept 6.
- **NEW!** Adobe Creative Apprenticeship is hosting a webinar with an exclusive paid commission opportunity. RSVP by Sept 18.
- **NEW!** Asian American Arts Alliance is seeking candidates for the Anjeli Jana Memorial Internship. Apply by Sept 14.
- Ameritechs is looking for a marketing or communications student for a hybrid paid internship. Apply by Sept 18.
- TechTerra Education is looking for part time student workers. They're offering remote positions designed to fit around academic schedules. Apply by Sept 23.
- Littera Education Inc is hiring a remote tutoring position with flexible, part-time hours. Apply by Sept 24.
- 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.
- **NEW!** Boeing is hosting a Summer 2027 Internship Program, with opportunities in data analytics, data science, Artificial Intelligence, machine learning, and software. Apply by Oct 23.
- **NEW!** T. Howard Foundation is recruiting student interns interested in media and entertainment. Apply by Oct 31.

Scholarships

- **NEW!** The Alvarez Family Scholarship is offering tuition for applicants from immigrant backgrounds. Apply by Sept 13.
- 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.
- Faatuai 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.
- Berkeley Law Opportunity Scholarship offers full tuition for selected first-generation college graduates. Apply by Dec 15.
- UCLA Law Achievement Fellowship is offering full tuition for selected applicants who have overcome obstacles. Apply by Dec 15.
- 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.