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

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# Executive Director's Message

September 11, 2026





## From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Give today so we can grow tomorrow!

On September 9th, I attended the San Diego Fundraising conference. I had the pleasure of running into campus and community friends: Dr. **Renzo Lara** (LRC Director), Mr. **Alex Kim** (KPBS Chief Revenue Officer), Ms. Nao Kabashima (KOSD Executive Director), and others. (Flex: Kim was a speaker at the conference.)

One of the big things I learned was the importance of making direct, personal asks. So, here's the ask - If you have anything to spare, please consider donating to our efforts to enhance and expand our services and programs. It's easy - just follow these steps:

- Click: https://givenow.sdsu.edu/campaigns/60570/donations/new
- Choose: "AANHPISI Excellence Fund"
- Make your donation! (Every little bit counts!)

THANK YOU!!! Your donation will support our initiatives, operations, and more!

# Donor Spotlight: Dr. Rafaela Santa Cruz





## APIDA Center thanks Dr. Rafaela Santa Cruz!

I would like to give a huge thank you and hug to Dr. **Rafaela Santa Cruz**, Professor Emerita of Teacher Education. Dr. Santa Cruz has donated to the APIDA Center for the past several years. This summer, she once again donated $10,000. Dr. Santa Cruz was my former boss when I was faculty in the College of Education. In addition, she has been my mentor and close friend for over 20 years. She is tough, fierce, and funny - qualities I like to think that I have as well. :) Her generosity extends to her commitment to serve marginalized communities.

Dr. Santa Cruz is an avid reader of our newsletter. (In fact, she likes to send me notes on typos.) Impressed by the diversity and quantity of our programming, Dr. Santa Cruz wants to ensure that we can continue to serve our students. She is and always will be one of my heroes - and, of course, she is also an APIDA Center hero! THANK YOU!

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!






## APIDA Center tables at ARC!

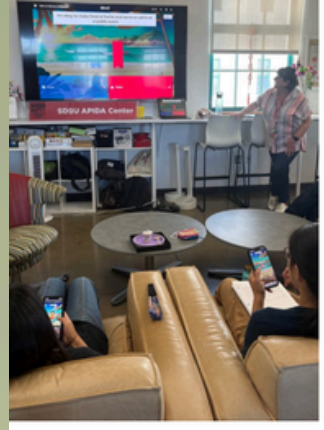
On Tuesday, September 8th, we supported the Associated Students' (A.S.) pilot program to bring more programming, resources, and engagement opportunities to students on the west side of campus. Note: A.S. is bringing food trucks to the Viejas Concourse each Tuesday and Wednesday; the food trucks accept student meal plans, credit/debit. (Thanks to **Diego Del Mundo** for enduring the heat!)

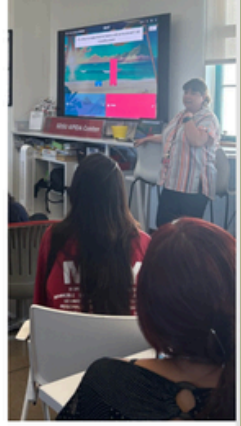





## APIDA Center plays trivia board games!

On Tuesday, September 8th, we hosted a trivia game night. The highlight of the night was playing Cranium. We learned about people's surprising hidden talents.



## APIDA Center hosts food safety trainings!

Our food safety trainings are back! Many thanks to Ms. **Claire Smoke** from Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) for hosting these trainings. We have offered these trainings for the past four years. This is a great opportunity to learn all about the rules and policies for serving food at SDSU events. All are welcome. The training is required for all those serving food at campus events and is good for one year.





## APIDA Center hosted a Kpop watch party!

On Wednesday, September 9th, we hosted a K-Pop watch party. Fans gathered and watched various forms of K-Pop media together.





## APIDA Center learned about zines!

On Thursday, September 10th, we hosted a cultural education program on the history of zines with a focus on the role zines played in APIDA activism. We then made zines in preparation for the Asian American Zine Fest in Seattle (where we will be tabling).

# Know APIDA History!















## APIDA Center learns about the Oyama case!

On Thursday, September 10th, the APIDA Center attended a reenactment of the Supreme Court case *Oyama v. California* (1948), a landmark case for APIDA communities in California.

California's Alien Land Laws of 1913 and 1920 prohibited people "ineligible to citizenship" from owning or leasing land. This primarily applied to Japanese and other Asian immigrants.

Kajiro Oyama (1899-1998) was a Japanese immigrant; as such, he was unable to become a U.S. citizen. So, he bought land in Chula Vista, California, in the name of his son, Fred Oyama (1926-2023) who was a U.S. citizen by birth. They were incarcerated during World War II (1939-1945). Adding insult to injury, the state of California attempted to seize their land, claiming that Fred Oyama’s ownership of land purchased by his father violated the Alien Land Law.

The Oyamas took the case to court. The case was taken to the U.S. Supreme Court; in an 8-to-1 decision, the right of Fred Oyama to own land given to him by his father was upheld. Though this case did not repeal California’s alien land laws, it was cited as part of *Sei Fujii v. California* (1952), the supreme court case that would eventually strike down California’s alien land laws.

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

**Rory Yau**, former A-LISTer, has joined the ASIR team as a new student intern. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science with a Major in Information Systems and a Minor in Computer Science.

Dr. **Chuyun Oh**, Professor of Dance theory, recently published her second book *K-Pop Dance Education: To Dreamers.* It is a first of its kind teaching guide for K-Pop dance educators. She also recently appeared on a Fox News interview discussing the topics of K-Pop Education and *K-Pop Demon Hunters*.






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

**Have a flex to share?**

**Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.**

# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

**International Student Mixer**
**Location: APIDA Center**
**Date: Monday, September 14, 2026 from 4-5pm**
Calling all international students! Learn about the APIDA Center. Gain insights and tips from a current international student. Then, enjoy some games, snacks, and fun! Takeover Host: **Beryl Nguyen**

**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.

**Social Deduction Games**
**Location: APIDA Center**
**Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 from 5-7pm**
Spot the liar. We will play social deduction games such as Mafia, Werewolf, or Saboteur.

**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**
Watch 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.

**The Multi-Ethnic APIDA Experience**
**Location: APIDA Center**
**Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 from 4-5pm**
Join us at the APIDA Center to discuss what it means to be "mixed" and learn about the experiences of others. Takeover Host: **Xavier Brooks**

**Zines Party**
**Location: APIDA Center**
**Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 from 6-7pm**
Join us for this social zine-making party! If you didn't attend our Zines workshop on Sept 10th, we will offer a repeat performance before you join the zines party.

**Moon Worship Across Cultures**
**Location: APIDA Center**
**Date: Friday, September 25, 2026 from 11-12pm**
The moon plays a significant role in the Mid-Autumn festival. Learn more about the diverse beliefs and traditions connected to the moon.

**Mooncakes and Tea Party**
**Location: APIDA Center**
**Date: Friday, September 25, 2026 from 12-1pm**
Mooncakes are eaten during the Mid-Autumn Festival to honor the harvest moon and symbolize family reunion and unity. Learn about mooncakes and then enjoy a mooncakes and tea party with us!

**Moon Festival Watch Party**
**Location: APIDA Center**
**Date: Friday, September 25, 2026 from 1-3pm**
Be in community with us at the APIDA Center and watch Moon Festival media with us!

**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.

**Save Our National Archives Letter-Writing Zoom Event**
**Location: APIDA Center**
**Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2026 from 3-4pm**
Join us as we zoom in on the Committee on the Status of African American, Latina/o, Asian American, and Native American Historians' webinar to oppose the closure of the National Archives of San Francisco.

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

**Field Trip to NPIEN Conference**
**Location: Lakewood, California**
**Dates: Friday, October 23-Saturday, October 24, 2026**
We are tabling at the National Pacific Islander Education Network (NPIEN) Conference. Join us an learn about the Pacific Islander community. We will be covering travel, lodging, and meals. Apply by September 25th.

**Respectuful Tourism in Hawaii**
**Location: APIDA Center**
**Date: Monday, September 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.

**Game Night Catan**
**Location: APIDA Center**
**Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 from 5-7pm**
Join us for Catan game night! Catan is a popular multiplayer board game where you trade and build settlements, cities, and roads to win.

**APIDA Resource Fair**
**Location: Student Union Courtyard**
**Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 from 5-7pm**
Learn all about various campus organizations that support APIDA students at our 4th annual resource fair. Also, come meet new friends and build your network.

**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.

**Chuseok & Maedeup**
**Location: APIDA Center**
**Date: Thursday, September 24, 2026 from 5-7pm**
Chuseok is Korea's Mid-Autumn Festival. Maedeup is the traditional Korean art of decorative knotting. Celebrate Chuseok with us by making your own maedeup!

**Ancient Chinese Astronomy & Asian/American Scientific Legitimacy**
**Location: APIDA Center**
**Date: Friday, September 25, 2026 from 10-11am**
Ancient Chinese astronomers produced the longest continuous record of celestial phenomena. And yet, it's been de-valued by "westernization." Learn more about the impacts of colonization and imperialism on scientific legitimacy. Takeover Host: **Jose Segura**

# Announcements

## NPIEN Conference

On October 24th, we are tabling at the National Pacific Islander Education Network (NPIEN) Conference. We have participated for the past several years. For the past two years, we have nominated Pacific Islander students for scholarships and NPIEN have honored them. We are inviting students to apply to attend with us this year. Apply by Sept 25th. Also, don't forget - Attend our Hawaiian History Month events!










## K-pop After Dark

We will be tabling at Aztec Nights' K-pop After Dark event on Sept 12th. Come make K-pop inspired pins with us. (We hope you attended our K-pop cultural education program as well!)

## APIDA Resource Fair

We are hosting our fourth annual APIDA Resource Fair on Wednesday, September 23rd from 5-7pm in the Student Union Courtyard. This is a great opportunity to connect with student organziations, campus resources, and more. It's also a great way to meet friends and make connections.




# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- Japanese Student Association (JSA) is hosting a beach bonfire on Sat, Sept 12 from 9-5pm at Crown Point Beach.
- Sikh Student Association (SSA) is hosting a Gurdwara trip on Sun, Sept 13 from 10:30-2:00pm.
- International Student Association (ISA) is hosting an International Picnic on Thurs, Sept 17 at 5:30pm at Turtle Pond.

## Community Center Partners:

- Black Resource Center is hosting Wellness Wednesday on Sept 16 from 12-1pm.
- Native Resource Center is hosting Indigenize Slime on Wed, Sept 16 from 2-3pm.
- Pride Center is hosting Artistically Queer Collage Art on Thurs, Sept 17 from 11-12pm.
- Latinx Resource Center is hosting Carne Asada Cookout on Thurs, Sept 17 from 1-4pm at Scripps Cottage.

## Campus Partners:

- Career Services is hosting Making Waves at SDSU on Tues, Sept 15 from 3-4pm.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the Economic Crisis Resource Team.

## Community Partners:

- Women in the Wild and the San Diego Astronomy Association is hosting a Stargazing & Night Hike on Sat, Sept 12 from 6-9pm at the Oakoasis County Preserve.
- The U.S. Immigration Policy Center is looking for volunteers to help mobilize Asian voters in Texas. If interested contact Dr. Tom Wong.

## Research Opportunities

- 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.
- Association for Ethnic Studies 53rd Annual Conference is at CSU, Los Angeles from Oct 15-17. Submit Proposal/Registration Form by Sept 15.
- The Society of Toxicology is offering support to students presenting research at the annual SOT meeting. Submit research abstract by Oct 16.
- **NEW!** Goldwater Summer Research Internship Program is accepting applications for its 10 week-research opportunity. Submit application by Nov 2.
- Submit abstracts to the SDSU Student Symposium starting Oct 15 until Dec 13.

## Jobs & Paid Internships

- Asian American Arts Alliance is seeking candidates for the Anjeli Jana Memorial Internship. Apply by Sept 14.
- Adobe Creative Apprenticeship is hosting a webinar with an exclusive paid commission opportunity. RSVP by Sept 18.
- 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!** Migration Policy Institute is seeking interns for its Spring 2027 Young Scholars Internship Program. Apply by Oct 15.
- 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.
- T. Howard Foundation is recruiting student interns interested in media and entertainment. Apply by Oct 31.

## Scholarships

- Alvarez Family Scholarship is offering tuition for applicants from immigrant backgrounds. Apply by Sept 13.
- **NEW!** Paul A. Volcker Government Internship Award is providing a $3000 stipend to students who are pursuing an internship or fellowship in government. Apply by Sept 14.
- **NEW!** Gilman Scholarship is offering $5000 to undergraduate students wanting to pursue academic studies or internships abroad. Apply by Oct 1.
- 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.