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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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Executive Director's Message

September 18, 2026







From Dr. Loh-Hagan: A call to community partners!

On Saturday, September 12, **Xavier Brooks**, **Momoka Dhanuwidjaja**, **Alisha Sukhu**, and I attended the San Diego Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League's (JACL) annual gala, which we have attended for the past several years - thanks to the generosity of **Carol Tohsaku** (retired staff) and **Joanne Hayakawa** (professor emerita). The JACL continues to be the prominent advocacy group for APIDA civil rights and we are thrilled to be in community with them.

The gala was a great opportunity for our students to network with local APIDA changemakers (like Councilmember Kent Lee) and to eat yummy food. This year, we were inspired by keynote speaker Rachel Maddow's call to protect democracy.

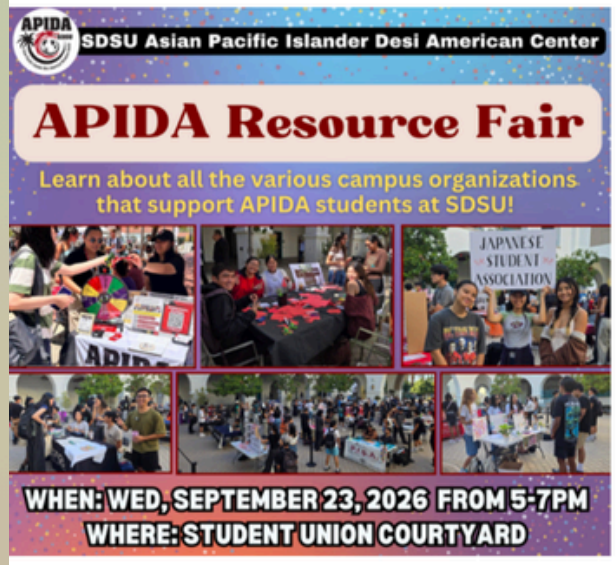
In the coming months, we will be launching our career development initiatives and would love to work with various community partners to provide our students an opportunity to both learn and serve. Please email me if you are interested in working with us!

Announcements



Makers' Market

The event of the year is back! We are hosting our 7th annual Makers' Market on October 29th. Calling all Makers, DIYers, Crafters, & Entrepreneurs! Sign up by October 12th (or until spots fill): https://bit.ly/4gWDjKX. Note: Please sign up using your SDSU email addresses. We will not be giving access to non-SDSU emails.







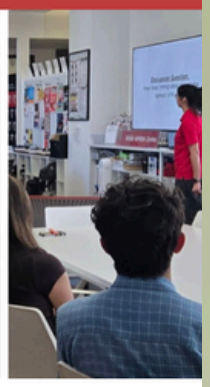
Join us next week - Fair, Food, and Fun!

Next week will be a busy week for us! We would like to highlight our APIDA Resource Fair on September 23rd, our "A Taste of Hawai'i" collaboration with SDSU Dining on September 24th, and our field trip to the Pacific Islander Festival of San Diego on September 26th.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!







APIDA Center learns about K-pop!

On Friday, September 11th, we hosted a cultural education program on the history and growth of K-pop. We learned about how K-pop is a soft power and the role of capitalism. We also discussed our biases and learned many fun facts.







APIDA Center parties at K-pop After Dark!

On Saturday, September 12th, we tabled at the Aztec Nights K-Pop After Dark event. We hosted a button-makerspace and met tons of SDSU K-pop fans!









APIDA Center made Kapa-inspired art!

On Monday, September 14th as part of Native Hawaiian History Month, we learned about the historical and cultural significance of Hawaiian Kapa art. Then, we made own Kapa-art inspired tote bag.





APIDA Center plays social deduction games!

On Tuesday, September 15th, we lied, accused, and sabotaged. We played a fan-favorite game, Saboteur. Social deduction games are a great way to make and break friendships.

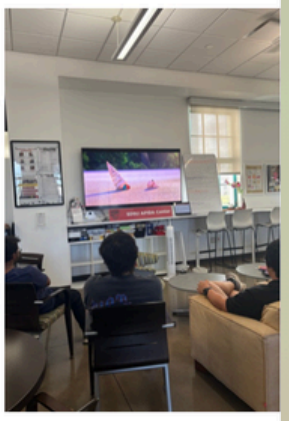




APIDA Center learns about Hollywood's impacts on Hawai'i!

On Wednesday, September 16th, we learned about how the movie and TV industries commodified and capitalized Hawaiian landscape and culture, perpetuating harmful and incomplete "paradise" narratives that minimize and/or erase histories of imperialism, erasure, etc.



APIDA Center hosts a critical watch party!

On Wednesday, September 16th, we hosted a critical watch party where we watched movies and tv shows set in Hawai'i and then critically analyzed how Hawai'i and Hawaiians are portrayed.





APIDA Center learns about the multi-ethnic APIDA experience!

On Thursday September 17th, we hosted a Student-Led Program in which **Xavier Brooks** facilitated a discussion about what it means to identify as mixed APIDA.






APIDA Center hosts a zines party!

In preparation for attending the Asian American Zinefest in Seattle Washington which takes place on September 19th, we hosted zines party. We repeated our workshop last week where we discussed the history of zines and APIDA activism. Then, we made our own zines.

News from APIDA ERG







APIDA ERG hosts a journaling meet-up!

The SDSU APIDA Employee Resource Group (ERG) is a network for APIDA faculty and staff members. We are open to all SDSU employees who identify as APIDA and/or who support the APIDA community at SDSU. If you would like to join the APIDA ERG, please contact Dr. Loh-Hagan at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu.

Thanks to Jacqueline Toy, Vice Chair of the APIDA ERG and Associate Director of Weber Honors College, who hosted our journaling meet-up event on September 11th. We geeked out about paper, pens, stickers, etc. Then, we made zines!

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

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 a social 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. Meet new friends and build your network.

Taro/Kalo in Hawai'i
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.

A Taste of Hawaii
Location: University Towers Kitchen
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2026
We are collaborating with SDSU Dining to host a Hawaiian sample platter: rice, macaroni salad, spam musubi, kalua pork and cabbage, huli huli chicken, and haupia bar with pineapple sauce. Let's kaukau!

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

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!

Field Trip: Pacific Islander Festival of San Diego
Location: Ski Beach San Diego
Date: Saturday, September 26, 2026 from ???pm
Hosted by the Pacific Islander Festival Association (PIFA), the Annual Pacific Islander Festival of San Diego is the largest PI festival in the U.S. We will provide transportation! Limited spots. Sign up.

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.

Game Night: Yahtzee
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2026 from 5-7pm
Feeling lucky? Come play Yahtzee with us. We have various Asian-themed versions of this popular dice game.

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. Takeover Hosts: Xavier Brooks and Josh Co.

APIDA Comedians
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2026 from 5-7pm
Learn about the history of APIDA comedic performance, notable APIDA comedians, and more.

Field Trip: 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.

Makers Market
Location: Student Union Courtyard
Date: Thursday October 29, 2026 from 1-6pm.
The event of the year is back! We are hosting our annual Makers' Market on October 29th. Calling all makers, creatives, and entreprenuers. Sign up by October 12th.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- AB Samahan is hosting an advanced screening of the upcoming DreamWorks film *Forgotten Island* on Sun, Sept 20 at AMC Fashion Valley.
- Asian Pacific Student Alliance (APSA) is hosting Pokemon FamBam on Sat, Sept 19 at Crown Point Park.

Community Center Partners:

- Native Resource Center (NRC) and the Native Health & Run Club are hosting their first hike of the year on Sat, Sept 19 at 10am at Torrey Pines State Park.
- Pride Center is hosting Queer the Board on Thurs, Sept 24.

Campus Partners:

- Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (JEDI) Committee is hosting a Diversifying Psychology Virtual Workshop on Sat, Sept 19 on zoom.
- Monarch Unity Resource Center (MURC) and Counseling & Psychological Services are hosting "Tuesdays are for Tea" on Tues, Sept 22 from 11:30 to 12:45pm.
- Center for Asian & Pacific Studies (CAPS) is hosting a screening of "Joint Security Area" on Thurs, Sept 24 at 5pm in Storm Hall 204.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the Economic Crisis Resource Team.

Community Partners:

- San Diego Lao Community Cultural Center is hosting Lao Boat Racing Festival on Sat, Sept 19 at Tecolote Shores.
- Southwestern College is hosting a Fall Job Fair on Thurs, Sept 24 from 10-1pm.
- Asian Business Association is hosting Feature Friday, an in-person workshop and networking opportunity, on Fri, Sept 25 from 10-12pm.
- California State Board of Education is accepting applications for 2027-28 student board members. Apply by Sept 25.

Research Opportunities

- **NEW!** The Asian American Foundation is opening applications for their Asian+ American Storytelling Initiative. Selected applicants will receive $5000-$10000 in project funding. Apply by Oct 7.
- The Society of Toxicology is offering support to students presenting research at the annual SOT meeting. Submit research abstract by Oct 16.
- 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

- **NEW!** Urban Octopus, a local San Diego art brand, is hiring a part time worker to help run their booths on the weekends. Apply now.
- **NEW!** San Diego Bird Alliance is hiring a full-time outreach and volunteer coordinator. Apply now.
- 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.
- **NEW!** Unicef is hiring for its remote internship. This is a part time position with a monthly stipend. Apply by Sept 25.
- 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!** SAY San Diego is hiring a community organizer for a part-time position with flexible hours. Apply by Oct 14.
- 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

- **NEW!** Cards Against Humanity is taking applications for their Science Ambassador Scholarship. They are offering five $20,000 scholarships. Apply now.
- **NEW!** The 2027 Korean University Scholarship Program is offering scholarship opportunities to students wanting to study in Korea. Apply by Sept 30.
- Gilman Scholarship is offering $5000 to undergraduate students wanting to pursue academic studies or internships abroad. Apply by Oct 1.
- **NEW!** International Medical Group is offering $5000 to international undergraduate and graduate students. Apply by Oct 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.
- **NEW!** Public Policy & International Affairs Program is taking applications for its 2027 PPIA Junior Summer Institute, a fully funded summer learning program. Apply by Nov 6.
- 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.