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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 25, 2026























From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Another successful APIDA Resource Fair!

On, Wednesday, September 23rd, we hosted our fourth annual APIDA Resource Fair. We served over 275+ attendees! It was a great turnout. Folks got a chance to connect with all the various campus orgs that serve the APIDA population at SDSU. Many thanks to my wonderful APIDA staff, student assistants, and interns for making the event a success. In addition, much gratitude to our wonderful campus partners who tabled at our fair: (AAPI)phany, Andres Bonifacio Samahan, Adaa Desi Dance Club, Alpha Phi Gamma, Asian American InterVarsity, Asian American Journalists Association, Asian American Studies, Asian Pacific Student Alliance, Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, Center for Commuter Life, Center for Student Organizations & Activities, Esports Engagement Center, International Student Association, Japanese Conversation Club, Japanese Student Association, Monarch Unity Resource Center, Nikkei Student Union, Pride Center, REO APIDA Affinity Group, Sanskriti, Scholars Without Borders, SDSU Connects, Sikh Student Association, Vietnamese Student Association, Well-being and Health Promotion, and Women's Resource Center.

Announcements

Filipinx American History Month

October is Filipinx American History Month (FAHM). We will be announcing our FAHM events very soon. Make sure to stay connected with us via Instagram to be the first to hear the news. We have some great programs heading your way. Also, look for the FAHM pole banners in the Campanile Walkway.





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.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!





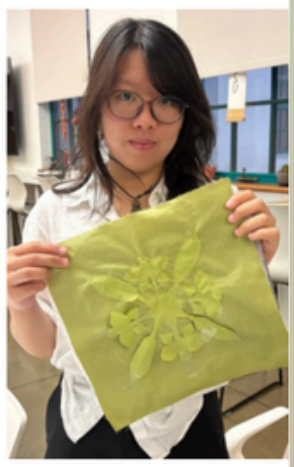


APIDA Center learns about responsible touring in Hawai'i!

On Monday, September 21st, **Salinas Dinh**, APIDA Center Student Intern, hosted a Student-Led Program about the impacts of tourism on Hawai'i. She shared her own experience attending the AAAS Conference in Waikiki and provided tips for how to be a respectful guest of the islands.







APIDA Center learns about Hawaiian quilting!

On Monday, September 21st, we continued our Native Hawaiian History Month celebrations by learning about the history of quilting in Hawai'i. The craft was originally brought over by Christian missionaries but then Hawaiian pratitioners reclaimed it and created their own bold, bright patterns. We practiced making our own Hawaiian quilt patterns.







APIDA Center plays Catan!

On Tuesday, September 22nd, we played Catan. We traded. We rolled. We built. (In the future, get ready to play Spicy Catan with APIDA House Rules. Show up if you can take the heat!)







APIDA Center learned about taro!

On Thursday, September 24th, as part of Native Hawaiian History Month, we learned about the cultural significance of taro (or kalo) in Native Hawaiian history and culture. Kalo is both a sacred ancestor and a staple food item. Then, we ate some taro snacks.

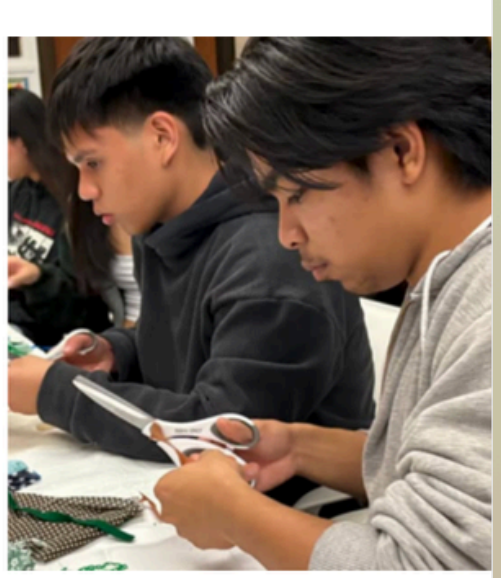





APIDA Center and SDSU Dining team up!

On Thursday, September 24th, we partnered with SDSU Dining to host "A Taste of Hawai'i" at University Towers Kitchen. The sample platter included rice, Hawaiian macaroni salad, spam musubi, kalua pork and cabbage, huli huli chicken, and a haupia bar with pineapple sauce. It was delicious and sold out within an hour.





APIDA Center learns about Chuseok and Maedeup!

On Thursday, September 24th, we learned about the cultural significance of Chuseok, Korea's Mid-Autumn Festival, and Maedeup, the traditional Korean art of decorative knotting. Then, we made our own Korean knots with cording.

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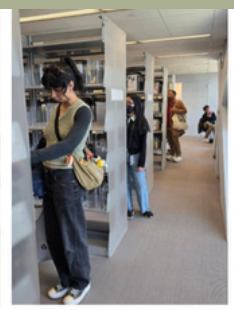


APIDA Center travels to Seattle!

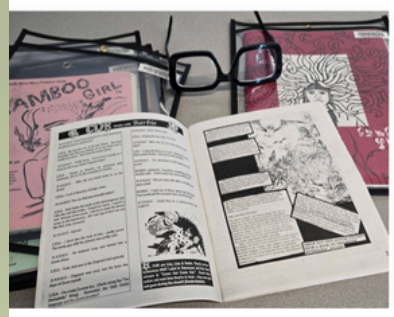
From Friday, September 18-20, we traveled to Seattle, Washington to table at the Asian American Zine Fest, which started in 2024. We were thrilled to engage with other APIDA zinesters, creatives, and activists. From folding parties to vending/trading, we learned a lot about zine culture. Our goal is to host our own ZineFest this Spring! Standby for more information. (Also, we will be hosting more Zine workshops and Zine parties at the APIDA Center.)

In addition, we took advantage of Seattle. We visited the Wing Luke Museum, the only pan-Asian museum in the United States. We ate at Tai Tung, the city's oldest Chinese restaurant. We visited Left Bank Books and saw how books are tools of liberation. We took a guided tour of the Chinatown-International District and learned about the city's immigration history - arguably, the coolest thing we saw was the guerilla gardens built and maintained by the elderly citizens. We had so many fun and educational adventures. The city is bursting with APIDA history. (Many thanks to SSF for their support of this program.)













APIDA Center visits the ZAPP Zine Collection!

After tabling at the Asian American Zine Fest, we quickly zigzagged over to the Seattle Public Library which houses the Zine Archive & Publishing Project (ZAPP) Zine Collection. This enviable collection houses over 30,000 zines, minicomics, etc. dating from the 1920s onward. They have an Asian American collection that includes copies of "Bamboo Girl," "Giant Robot," and more.

Founded by volunteers, ZAPP started in 1996. The goal was to preserve and promote self-publishing culture. Originally, it was an initiative of Hugo House, a non-profit community writing center. The zines collection was transferred to Seattle Public Library and has been there since 2024.

Fun Fact: We donated our zines to both the Asian American Zine Fest and ZAPP archives.

Inspired, we will be starting our own APIDA zine collection in our media room. If you have zines that you would like to donate and/or make, please give them to us! We woudl love to archive them for you.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Student Mixer
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Monday, September 28, 2026 from 4-5pm
Calling all Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander students! Learn about the APIDA Center and our new NHPI initiatives. Gain some insights from fellow NHPI student leaders. Then, enjoy some games, snacks, and fun!

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.

APIDA Open House & Student Panels
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Friday, October 2, 2026 from 1-2pm
Welcome SDSU families! Join us at the APIDA Center to learn more about our resources! Also, learn about the impacts of the APIDA Center from our featured student panel! Student panelists: KC Sumampong and Alex Chong.

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.

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:

- Sikh Student Association (SSA) is hosting an Aztec Lanes Bowling Night on Sat, Sept 26 from 4-6pm.
- Nikkei Student Union (NSU) is hosting a Beach Bonfire Social on Sat, Sept 26 from 6-9pm.

Community Center Partners:

- Pride Center and the Gus & Emma Thompson Black Resource Center is hosting Black Gay Pride Week Kickoff Mixer on Mon, Sept 28 from 11-2pm.
- Pride Center is hosting Sapphic Circle on Mon, Sept 28 from 2:30-3:30pm.
- Pride Center and Gus & Emma Thompson Black Resource Center is hosting BlacQspace on Tues, Sept 29 from 12:30-1:30pm.
- Pride Center is hosting Artistically Queer on Thurs, Oct 1 from 11-12pm.
- Women's Resource Center is hosting Period Pop-Ups on Thurs, Oct 1 from 11:30-1:30pm on Campanile Walkway.
- Pride Center and the Gus & Emma Thompson Black Resource Center is hosting Black Excellence Leadership Workshop on Thurs, Oct 1 from 2-5pm.

Campus Partners:

- School of Music and Dance is hosting Where Paths Converge: A Concert of New Piano Music on Fri, Sept 25 at 7pm in Smith Hall.
- Office for Graduate Life and Diversity is hosting an APA Formatting Webinar on Mon, Sept 28 from 5-6pm on Zoom.
- Office for Graduate Life and Diversity is hosting The Mario Connection on Tues, Sept 29 from 5:00-6:30pm.
- Center for Inclusive Excellence is starting their Community Through Conflict program on Thurs, Oct 1 from 10-12pm on Zoom. Register now.
- Complete the CSU AI Survey and get a chance to win an iPad or $25 gift card.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the Economic Crisis Resource Team.

Community Partners:

- Pacific Islander Festival Association is hosting its 32nd Pacific Islander Festival from Sept 26-27 at Ski Beach. The theme is "Grounded by Roots, Woven by Culture."

Research Opportunities

- **NEW!** California Council for the Social Studies is accepting presentation proposals for for their 66th annual conference. Apply by Sept 30.
- 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.
- **NEW!** Briarpatch is accepting submissions for their Writing in the Margins contest. Winners in each category will receive $500. Apply by Dec 1.
- Submit abstracts to the SDSU Student Symposium starting Oct 15 until Dec 13.

Jobs & Paid Internships

- **NEW!** EBISU Japanese Lifestyle Store in La Jolla is hiring. Apply now.
- 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!** Women's Resource Center is hiring an Assistant Coordinator. Apply by Oct 13.
- 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.
- **NEW!** Hokali After School & Camps is hiring a Jiu Jitsu educator. Apply by Oct 23.
- 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.
- **NEW!** Cause Leadership Academy is accepting applications for its paid nine-week internship. Apply by Jan 22.

Scholarships

- **NEW!** NOAA Hollings Scholarship Program will be awarding up to $9500 in tuition assistance to undergraduate students. Attend the NOAA Scholarship Workshop on Wed, Sept 30.
- Korean University Scholarship Program is offering scholarship opportunities to students wanting to study in Korea. Apply by Sept 30.
- **NEW!** MESA is hosting its annual STEM Shadow Day on Thurs, Nov 19 at various local STEM companies. Apply by Oct 1.
- **NEW!** The Julia S. Gouw Short Film Challenge will be accepting submissions for their $25k short film grant to support API women and non-binary stories. Apply starting Oct 1.
- Gilman Scholarship is offering $5000 to undergraduate students wanting to pursue academic studies or internships abroad. Apply by Oct 1.
- 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.
- 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. 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.