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

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Executive Director's Message

October 2, 2026

















From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Celebrate FAHM 2026!

The Filipinx American community at SDSU is strong and thriving through the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center, Office for AANHPISI Affairs, Andrés Bonifacio Samahan, Asian Pacific Student Alliance (APSA), Bayanihan Employee Resource Group, APIDA Employee Resource Group, and others.

October is federally recognized as "Filipino American History Month" of FAHM. October was chosen because it commemorates the arrival of the first Filipinx people who landed in what is now Morro Bay, California, on October 18, 1587. October is also the birth month of Filipino American labor leader Larry Itliong; in fact, October 25 is recognized as "Larry Itliong Day." The APIDA Center will be supporting FANHS's 2026 Filipino American History Month theme, "Beyond the Margins: Centering Intersectional Filipino American Histories." This theme recognizes the contributions, struggles, and lived experiences of Filipinx Americans whose stories have been typically overlooked, underrepresented, or excluded from mainstream narratives.

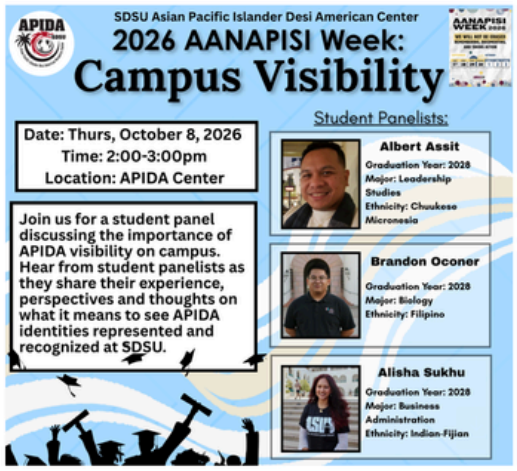
For FAHM programming, visit the APIDA Center FAHM 2026 folder and the APIDA program and events calendar.



Announcements

AANAPISI Week

AANAPISI Week runs from September 27th to October 3rd. Established by Congress in 2007, this week celebrates Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), which have provided critical support for AANHPI student success in higher education. SDSU, a proud AANAPISI, will be hosting a student panel on October 8th!



Makers' Market

We are hosting our Makers' Market on October 29th. Calling all Makers, DIYers, Crafters, Creatives & Entrepreneurs! Sign up by October 12, 2026 (or until spots fill) for priority consideration. Please sign up using your SDSU email addresses. This opportunity is only open to SDSU students, faculty, and staff.



Spotlight on Supporters



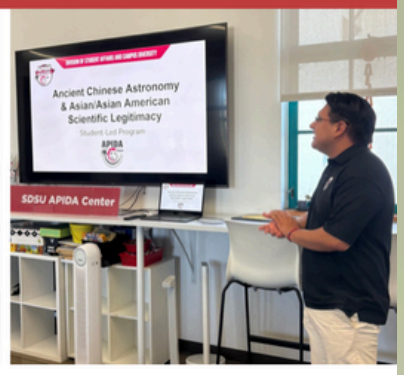


Thanks to APIDA ERG for Zines donations!

Many thanks to members of the SDSU APIDA Employee Resource Group (ERG), a network for APIDA faculty and staff members. During our last meet-up, folks helped make items for our table at the Asian American Zine Fest in Seattle. Thanks to zines from Dr. **Loh-Hagan**, **Kirstin Curtis**, Dr. **Elaine Andres**, **Lianne Aratea**, and **Jaqueline Toy**. In addition, thanks to Dr. **Antoinette Domingo** for the stickers. All the products were a hit. We will be perserving and archiving the work at the APIDA Center. (If you have zines about the APIDA experience, please donate them to the APIDA Center zines archives.)

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!





APIDA Center learns about ancient Chinese astronomy!

On Friday, September 25th, student intern **Jose Segura** led a program entitled, "Ancient Chinese Astronomy and Asian/Asian American Scientific Legitimacy." We learned about the innovations of ancient Chinese astronomers and how their work was de-legitimized by Western science and how this de-valuing continues to impact Asian and Asian American science today. (Fun Fact: Jose presented this research at the SDSU Student Symposium last year.)





















APIDA Center celebrates Moon Festival!

On Friday, September 25th, we celebrated the Mid-Autumn Moon festival by hosting several programs: Moon Worship Across Cultures, Mooncakes & Tea Party, and Moon Festival Watch Party. We learned. We ate. We hung out. Big mooncake energy was at the APIDA Center!



APIDA Center goes to the Pacific Islander Festival!

On Saturday, September 26th, we partied at the 32nd Annual Pacific Islander Festival in San Diego at Ski Beach in Mission Bay. This event is lauded as the largest annual celebration of Melanesian, Micronesian, and Polynesian cultures in the United States. It is hosted by the Pacific Islander Festival Association.



APIDA Center learns about the NHPI student experience!

On Monday, September 28th, we continued our celebration of Hawaiian History Month by hosting a student panel featuring **Alby Assit** (Chuukese) and **Meafou Leuluai** (Samoan). They shared their experiences and provided tips and advice.



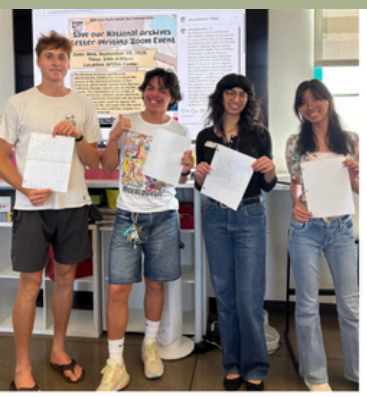
APIDA Center learns about crochet culture in Hawai'i!

On Monday, September 28th, we hosted our last Hawaiian History Month event which was about the emergence of crocheting as a craft on the islands. From missionary origins, crocheting has been adapted by Native Hawaiians and residents. Making crocheted lei support sustainability and the aloha gift-giving spirit.



APIDA Center plays Yahtzee!

On Tuesday, September 29th, we played Asian-themed versions of the classic dice rolling game, Yahtzee. (Contrary to urban legends, Yahtzee did not originate in Asia, or more specifically, China; but, there is a connection. Standby for a future program about this.)





APIDA Center wants to save our Archives!

The National Archives and Records Adminstration (NARA) provides public access to U.S. government records, historical documents, and more. On Wednesday, September 30th, we participated in a letter writing campaign hosted by the the Committee on the Status of African American, Latina/o, Asian American, and Native American Historians. Our goal is to protest the closure of the National Archives office in San Francisco, which holds records from Northern California, Nevada, Hawaii, and the Pacific Islands. Losing this office would deny us access to decades of our history. We will be engaging in more events to save the archives. Join us!





APIDA Center learns about burnout!

On Wednesday, September 30th, students **Xavier Brooks** (intern) and **Joshua Co** presented a program about the implications of the Model Minority Myth on high performer burnout. They talked about how burnout impacts APIDA people and shared strategies for preventing and alleviating burnout. Xavier and Joshua had attended the Asian Corporate & Entrepreneur Leaders (ACEL) over the summer. This program was inspired by their experience.





APIDA Center learns about APIDA comedians!

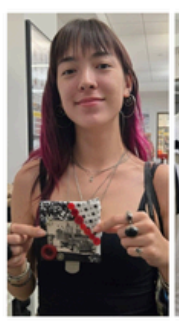
On Wednesday, September 30th, we learned about the history of the genre of stand-up comedy and about APIDA pioneers in comedy. Then, we watched clips from a variety of APIDA comedians.









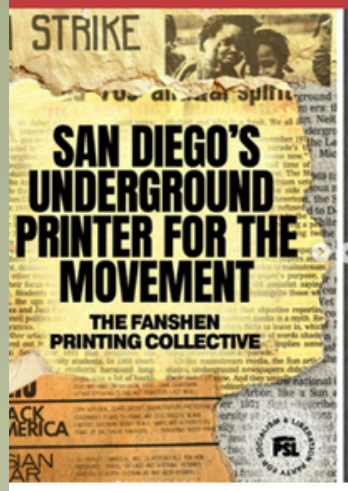



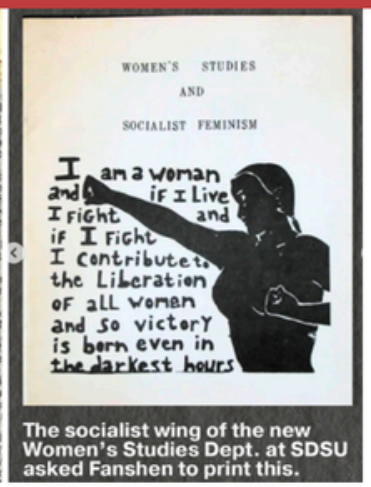


APIDA Center learns about Pacita Abad!

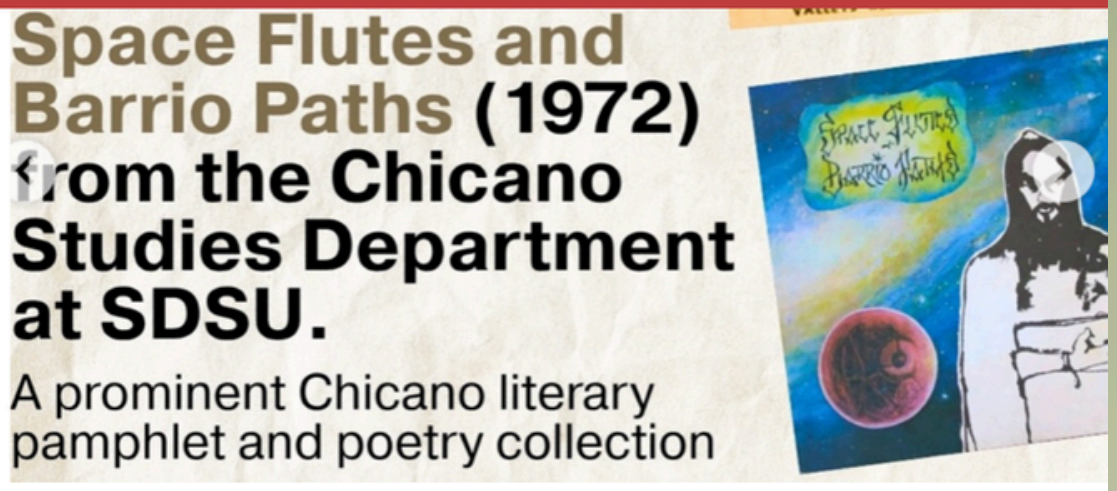
On Thursday, October 1st, we kicked off FAHM with a workshop about Pacita Abad, a Filipina American artist. We learned about how her art demonstrated intersectional feminism and how art can be used as a tool for political resistance, healing, and community. Then, we made art inspired by her works. We teamed up with Asian American Studies to teach this workshop and hosted AAS 103 students.

Know APIDA History!





The socialist wing of the new Women's Studies Dept. at SDSU asked Fanshen to print this.



APIDA Center learns about the Fanshen Collective!

Did you know that San Diego has a rich history of underground printing? For example, the Fanshen Printing Collective was a radical underground movement print shop operating out of a neighborhood garage in Golden Hill in the 1970s. Fanshen is a Chinese political phrase meaning "to overturn" and was used by Chinese revolutionaries resisting oppression; it became well known in the United States with the 1966 publication of *Fanshen: A Documentary of Revolution in a Chinese Village*, a book about the development of revolutionary consciousness among poor peasants fighting for land reform.

The Fanshen Collective printed and distributed countercultural, union, and politically left leaning pamphlets and magazines that were rejected by mainstream publishers. It also printed *Space Flutes and Barrio Paths* for SDSU's Chicano Studies and political works for SDSU Women's Studies. One of its most significant initiatives was The Connie Project; anti-war activists in San Diego protested the redeployment of the *USS Constellation* to Vietnam. Their publications helped make the war a local issue.

Firebombed by a hate group, the Fanshen Collective eventually dissolved. But its spirit lives on in zines and other counterculture media. The APIDA Center will be really digging into zines and DIY movements. Standby for more adventures!

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Pinay Power! Student Mixer
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Monday, October 5, 2026 from 4-5pm
Calling all Pinays! Filipina American women have to navigate unique intersectional challenges. Celebrate Pinay stories and community with games, snacks, and mingle time!

Japanese Kumihimo
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Monday, October 5, 2026 from 5-7pm
Kumihimo is a traditional Japanese art form that translates to "gathered threads." Learn how it has been used for fashion, ceremony, and cultural expression. Then make your own braid.

Pabatin
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 from 5-7pm
Pabatin translates to "rack of goodies" and is a traditional game played on birthdays. Learn more and make your own version of this party game.

Lea Salonga
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 from 5-7pm
Lea Salonga (born 1971) is a world-renowned Filipino singer, Broadway star, and actress. Join us for a Lea Salonga Fan Club Watch Party.

2026 AANAPISI Week: Campus Visibility
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026 from 2-3pm
A student panel will share their experience, perspectives and thoughts on what it means to see APIDA identities represented and recognized at SDSU.

Makerspace for Makers' Market
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026 from 3-7pm
Prep for Markers Market or just make. We will be opening our space up and providing basic crafting supplies and community. Bring your own supplies for specific projects. Make with us!

Club Karaoke
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026 from 7-10pm
Our popular Club Karaoke night is back. Sing your favorite songs with new and old friends and get ready for a night of fun.

Filipino Spaghetti
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Friday, October 9, 2026 from 11-12pm
Filipino spaghetti puts a distinct Filipino twist on the classic pasta dish. Learn more about its historical and cultural significance and then eat some Filipino spaghetti with us.

Origins of Manila Folders and Envelopes + Craft
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Monday, October 12, 2026 from 5-7pm
Did you know "Manila" folders and envelopes are from Manila? Learn more about the history behind these everyday paper products and then create your own Manila paper craft.

Mancala/Sungka
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 from 5-7pm
Sungka is a traditional Filipino variation of mancala, a strategy board game found throughout Southeast Asia. Learn more about its historical and cultural significance. Then, play with us!

Critical Watch Party Representation & Fil-Am LGBTQ+
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 from 5-7pm
Filipino/Fil-Am LGBTQ+ representation is often lacking in mainstream media. Join us to revise and reclaim more inclusive narratives.

Giant Wooden Fork & Spoon
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Thursday, October 15, 2026 from 4-7pm
Giant wooden spoons and forks hang on dining room walls in many Filipino homes. Learn about the colonizing impact of western utensils on Indigenous food culture and the historical and cultural significance of these large decor items.

History of Collage in the Phillipines
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Monday, October 19, 2026 from 5-7pm
Collage art in the Philippines evolved from traditional folk crafts and post-war modernism into a vibrant medium for social critique, identity exploration, and more. Learn and collage with us.

Dama Checkers
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 from 5-7pm
Dama is a traditional Filipino board game similar to checkers. Learn about its historical and cultural significance. Then, play with us.

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 to learn about the Pacific Islander community.

Filipino Weaving Patterns
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Monday, October 26, 2026 from 5-7pm
Weaving in the Philippines is a deep-rooted cultural tradition that uses Indigenous techniques and natural materials to express community identity, spirituality, and history. Learn more and then weave with us.

Tapatan
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2026 from 5-7pm
Tapatan is a traditional two-player abstract strategy board game from the Philippines that is similar to tic-tac-toe. Learn more and then play a few rounds.

Hometown Hero: Ryan Redondo
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2026 from 5-7pm
Watch "Love All" (2026), a documentary that tells the inspiring local story of the Redondo family, Filipino American tennis legends from National City. Then, meet Mr. **Ryan Redondo**, SDSU alum and community leader who is part of this multi-generational tennis family.

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.

FAHM Field Trip
Location: Chula Vista
Date: Friday, October 30, 2026 from 10am-6pm
Join the APIDA Center on a field trip to the "Filipinos of South Bay" (FoSBE) exhibit at the Chula Vista Library and other Filipino American historic sites in San Diego like Seafood City, Filipino Press, and more.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- SDSU Anime Manga Club is hosting a "Game Night Social" on Sat, Oct 3 from 2-6pm in Visionary Suite.
- X(CYPHER) Dance Team is hosting a "Lady Gaga Workshop" on Sat, Oct 3 from 7-9pm at P4 level 5.
- Pacific Islander Student Association (PISA) is presenting "Inafa'Maolek: Indigenous Chamoru Healing" on Mon, Oct 5 from 4-6pm at Templo Mayor.
- Asian American InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (AAIV) is hosting "Boba & Snacks" on Tues, Oct 6 from 1-2pm at Cafe Thai.
- One SDSU, Psi Chi and Psychology Club, and (AAPI)phany are hosting a film screening of "Searching for Kapwa" on Wed, Oct 7 from 4-7pm in the Student Union Theatre.
- Asian Pacific Student Alliance (APSA) is hosting its "13th Annual Night Market" on Wed, Oct 7 from 4-9pm in the Student Union Courtyard.

Community Center Partners:

- Center for Intercultural Relations (CIR) is hosting "Active Listening & Responding Workshop" on Tues, Oct 6 from 1-2pm.
- Pride Center is hosting "Queerative Writing Vignettes" on Tues, Oct 6 from 2-3pm.
- Women's Resource Center is hosting "The Brave Project" starting on Wed, Oct 7 from 12:00-1:30pm. Register now.
- Pride Center is hosting "Multi-racial & Queer: An Intrapersonal Navigation" on Wed, Oct 7 from 12:30-1:30pm.
- Latinx Resource Center (LRC) is hosting "Tu Lucha Es Nuestra" on Thurs, Oct 8 from 5-9pm in the Student Union.

Campus Partners:

- College of Sciences Student Success Center is hosting "Careers in Sciences" on Wed, Oct 7 from 1-3pm in Templo Mayor. RSVP today!
- Center for Inclusive Excellence (CIR) is hosting "Intro/Refresh on Student Development Theory" on Wed, Oct 7 from 1:00-1:30pm.
- Office of Graduate Life and Diversity (GLaD) is hosting "Creating Equitable & Inclusive Work Environments" on Wed, Oct 7 from 4-5pm.
- Office of HSI Affairs is hosting their "2026 Latinx Community Social" on Thurs, Oct 8 in Templo Mayor.
- SDSU Digital Humanities is hosting "Inventing Eliza: How the First Chatbot Shaped AI" on Thurs, Oct 8 from 12:30 to 1:45pm.
- Division for Research and Innovation (DRI) is hosting "Women in STEM Annual Lecture" on Thurs, Oct 8 at 5:30pm in the KPBS Community Engagement Center. RSVP Today.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the Economic Crisis Resource Team.

Community Partners:

- Little Saigon San Diego is hosting a Moon Festival celebration on Sat, Oct 3 from 11-8pm at Officer Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park.
- AAPIData is hosting a community info session on how to mobilize and defend AAPI rights on Thurs, Oct 8 at 1pm.
- San Diego Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is hosting Monthly Dialogues featuring UCSD researcher Sophia Bell on Wed, Oct 8 at 6:30pm. RSVP by Oct 7.

Research Opportunities

- The Asian American Foundation (TAAF) is opening applications for their Asian+ American Storytelling Initiative. Selected applicants will receive $5000-$10000 in project funding. Apply by Oct 7.
- **NEW!** AAPI Civic Engagement fund is accepting proposals for their 2027 Creative Catalyst Fellowship Program. Accepted artists will receive $30000 to produce art with the theme of belonging. Apply by Oct 15.
- Society of Toxicology is offering support to students presenting research at the annual SOT meeting. Submit research abstract by Oct 16.
- **NEW!** Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) is accepted propoals for its annual conference. Submit by Oct 17.
- **NEW!** Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) is accepting proposals for its annual conference. Submit by Oct 19.
- **NEW!** Association for Asian Studies (AAS) is offering complimentary conference registration for students via a lottery. Complete submission form by Oct 29. (Students must be able to pay for travel costs.)
- Goldwater Summer Research Internship Program is accepting applications for its 10 week-research opportunity. Submit application by Nov 2.
- 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

- Women's Resource Center is hiring an Assistant Coordinator (career staff position). 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!** County of San Diego's Department of Human Resources is hiring a digital media intern. Apply by Oct 15.
- 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.
- **NEW!** San Diego LGBT Community Center is hiring a lead residential counselor. Apply by Oct 28.
- **NEW!** San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is hiring a remote Front End Developer Intern. Apply by Oct 30.
- T. Howard Foundation is recruiting student interns interested in media and entertainment. Apply by Oct 31.
- Cause Leadership Academy is accepting applications for its paid nine-week internship. Apply by Jan 22.

Scholarships

- International Medical Group is offering $5000 to international undergraduate and graduate students. Apply by Oct 13.
- **NEW!** IvyPanda is offering a $1000 and $500 scholarships for writing and film students. Apply by Oct 30.
- **NEW!** Course Hero Inc is offering a $10,000 scholarship. Apply by Oct 31.
- 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.