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APIDA Center Hours:

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

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Executive Director's Message

October 9, 2026



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Sign up for field trips!

The APIDA Center has hosted field trips since we opened in 2020. This year, it seems like we are hosting 1-2 field trips per month. We like to host both local and non-local experiences. We have taken students to conferences, museums, plays, movies, camps/parks, and more. More specifically, we have taken students to Waikiki, Seattle, New Orleans, Manzanar, Orange County, Los Angeles, National City, and more. Our goals are to provide students with enhanced experiences to build their professional skills and to increase their knowledge about localized APIDA histories.

Alby Assit is a new Transfer Student who has taken advantage of the opportunities we have offered. He shared, "[The field trips] are invaluable to the learning experience of students at SDSU. Opportunities like these allow students like myself to see the world from new perspectives and not just through books but through lived experiences. These programs help me retain lessons about leadership, communication, cultural understanding, and self-awareness, all of which contributes to who I am."

Make sure to sign up for our field trips. Priority is given to matriculated students who have actively attended our programs! Here are some upcoming trips:

- October 18: SD Zine Fest (more info coming soon)
- October 23-24: NPIEN Conference in Lakewood (co-funded by CSU ASAP)
- October 29: David Henry Hwang's play "The Dance and the Railroad" in Los Angeles
- October 30: FAHM Field Trip to Chula Vista and National City
- November 13: Studio Ghibli Exhibit at Academy Museum of Motion Pictures & Chinese American Museum in Los Angeles (co-funded by Office of Housing Administration & Residential Education Office.)

Future trips include: San Diego Asian Film Festival, Imperial Valley, APAHE Conference in Oakland, AAAS Conference in Baltimore, AZN Zine Fest in Portland, Pacita Abad exhibit in New York City, and more! We are cooking up lots of ideas. Stay connected with us and make sure to be active in our space to secure your spot. (Remember, priority goes to students who actively attend events.)

Announcements







APIDA Center celebrates FAHM 2026!

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

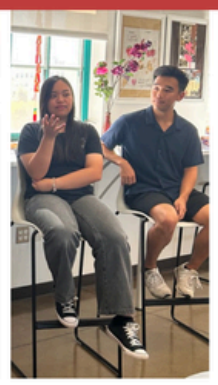


MAKERS' MARKET!

We are hosting our Makers' Market on October 29th. Calling all Makers, DIYers, Crafters, & Entrepreneurs! You have several more days to sign up! Sign up by October 12, 2026 (or until spots fill) for priority consideration. Please sign up using your SDSU email addresses as the form does not accept non-SDSU emails. The vending opportunity is exclusive to SDSU students, faculty, and staff.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!







APIDA Center supports Family Weekend!

On Friday, October 2nd, we were thrilled to welcome students and their families for Family Weekend. We hosted an Open House where folks toured the space and learned more about our resources and services. We also hosted a student panel with **KC Sumanpong** and **Alex Chong** who shared how the APIDA Center has enhanced their college experience.






APIDA Center tables at Grad Forum!

On Saturday, October 3rd, our team weathered the heat wave and represented the APIDA Center at the 2026 California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education, which was hosted at SDSU. Many thanks to Dr. **Jerald Adamos**, **Salinas Dinh**, and **Mya Bermudez**.






APIDA Center hosts Pinay Power Mixer!

On Monday, October 5th, we hosted a Pinay Power Student Mixer and celebrated Pinay stories and community. We also played games, ate snacks, and mingled. Most importantly, we welcomed back APIDA fan favorite, **Krissa Jackson** - who was a student assistant at the APIDA Center for all four years of her college experience. This month, all of our mixers supoort the FAHM theme of Fil-Am intersectionality.





APIDA Center learns about Kumihimo!

On Monday, October 5th, we learned about Kumihimo a traditional Japanese art form that involves intricate braided ropes and then we made some of our own. Kumihimo bracelets and key chains were the most popular.



APIDA Center learns about Pabitin!

On Tuesday, October 6th, as part of FAHM, we learned about Pabatin, a traditional Filipino game played using a bamboo or wooden frame suspended in the air. After learning about its historical and cultural significance, we made our own Pabitin, or "racks of goodies."



APIDA Center learns about Lea Salonga!

On Wednesday, October 7th, we hosted a Watch Party Fan Club about world-renowned Filipino singer, broadway star, and Hollywood actress, Lea Salonga. Then, we watched "Mulan" in which Salonga is Mulan's singing voice.



APIDA Center hosts campus visibility panel!

On Thursday, October 8th, in honor of AANAPISI Week, we hosted a panel with **Albert Assit**, **Brandon Oconer**, and **Alisha Sukhu**. They discussed the importance of APIDA visibility on campus and shared their own personal experiences, perspectives, and thoughts. We also discussed the importance of staying engaged and getting involved.



APIDA Center hosts a makerspace!

On Thursday, October 8th, in anticipation for the APIDA Makers' Market happening later this month, we hosted an open makerspace for students to create, make, and DIY.













APIDA Center hosts Club Karaoke!

Our popular Club Karaoke nights are back! On Friday, October 8th, we hosted a fun night of singing, dancing, and more. Our students are so talented. We had students perform duets, operatic arias, and more. It was an amazing night of vibes and voices.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Fil-Am with Disabilities Mixer
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Monday, October 12, 2026 from 4-5pm
Join fellow Filipino American students with disabilities for an afternoon of connection and community. Enjoy some snacks, games, and meaningful conversation.

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.

Fil-Am Young Men of Color Mixer
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Monday, October 19, 2026 from 4-5pm
Connect with other Filipino American young men of color, and learn about the intersectional experience of being a Filipino American and a young man of color. Enjoy some snacks, games, and meaningful conversation.

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.

Scary Stories with APIDA
Location: Student Union Theater
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 from 5-6pm
Learn about ghost stories inspired by printed and oral traditions of Asia and the Pacific. We will feature a performance by "Asian Story Theater." This event is in collaboration with One SDSU Community.

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.

Game Night: 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.

Field Trip: L.A Play
Location: Latino Theater Co. (Los Angeles)
Date: Thursday October 29, 2026 from 5-12pm
See David Henry Hwang's play "The Dance and the Railroad." We will cover transportation and admission costs. Apply by Oct 16th. Email apida@sdsu.edu with your commitment to attend and a well-written paragraph explaining why you want to see this play.

FAHM Field Trip
Location: Chula Vista & National City
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.

Field Trip to L.A.: Academy Museum & Chinese American Museum
Location: Los Angeles
Date: Friday, November 13, 2026 from 9-8pm
We will be visiting the Studio Ghibli exhibit at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures & The Chinese American Museum. We will be covering transportation and admission costs. Apply by 5pm on Nov 2, 2026 or until spots fill.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- Asian Pacific Islander Student Association (APSA) is hosting its Extended Executive Board internship program, E^2 on Tues, Oct 13 from 2-3pm.
- Vietnam Student Association (VSA) is hosting ACE Social #2 Enchanted Wonderland on Fri, Oct 16 from 6-8pm. RSVP by Oct 14.
- Asian American InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (AAIV) is hosting Tayo Na! on Thurs, Oct 15 from 5-7pm.

Community Center Partners:

- Monarch Unity Resource Center (MURC) is hosting Immigrant Week of Action: Our Stories in Motion Exhibition on Mon, Oct 12 from 12-4pm at the SDSU Student Gallery.
- Women's Resource Center (WRC) is hosting A Queer Masquerade: Stories Behind the Mask on Mon, Oct 12 from 2:30-3:30pm.
- Native Resource Center (NRC) is hosting Indigenous People's Day on Mon, Oct 12 from 10-4pm at Mkuutano Park. NRC is hosting Reading with Priscilla's Beautiful Creations on Tues, Oct 13 from 12-2pm. NRC is hosting Tangles, Talks & Tranquility on Wed, Oct 14 from 3-4pm. NRC is hosting Narcan & Test My Drink Training on Thurs, Oct 15 from 1-2pm. NRC is hosting Waipuk Bird Singer's Language Project on Fri, Oct 16 from 12-2pm.

Campus Partners:

- Office for Graduate Life and Diversity (GLaD) is presenting a "Writing Abstracts" "Writing Abstracts Workshop" on Tues, Oct 13 from 4-5pm on Zoom. RSVP now.
- Educational Opportunities Programs (EOPOS) is presenting Dining with the Directors on Tues, Oct 13 from 12:00-1:30pm. Register now.
- Student Union is hosting Build-A-Hoco-Buddy on Tues, Oct 13 from 2-4pm.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the Economic Crisis Resource Team.

Community Partners:

- Sweetwater Union High School District is hosting their Magkaisa High School Conference on Oct 10 at Southwestern College.
- The San Diego Asian Film Festival just released their film schedule for their 27th Annual Festival taking place Nov 5-14.

Research Opportunities

- 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.
- Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) is accepted propoals for its annual conference. Submit by Oct 17.
- Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) is accepting proposals for its annual conference. Submit by Oct 19.
- 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.
- **NEW!** Applications are now open for the Asian Cultural Council's 2027 fellowships and grants. Apply by Nov 10.
- **NEW!** The Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) is accepting applications for its Asian Pacific American Religious Research Initiative research grants. Apply by Nov 15.
- **NEW!** The Center for Critical Multimodal Literacies is accepting proposals for its 1st Annual Convening. Apply by Dec 1.
- 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.

Scholarships

- International Medical Group is offering $5000 to international undergraduate and graduate students. Apply by Oct 13.
- **NEW!** Niche is offering a $40,000 no essay scholarship. Apply by Oct 15.
- IvyPanda is offering a $1000 and $500 scholarships for writing and film students. Apply by Oct 30.
- 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.
- **NEW!** Science Ambassador Scholarship is offering $20,000 to students who identify as a woman or non-binary. Apply by Dec 14.
- 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.
- **NEW!** Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program is offering tuition support for individuals who appear to be dedicated to providing primary health services to Native Hawaiians and their families in Hawai'i. Apply by March 15 2027.

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.
- 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.
- San Diego LGBT Community Center is hiring a lead residential counselor. Apply by Oct 28.
- 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.
- **NEW!** ATK Technologies is hiring an A.I. Social Marketing Intern. Apply by Nov 1.
- **NEW!** Axos Bank is hiring a summer accounting intern for $20 per hour. Apply by Nov 3.
- Cause Leadership Academy is accepting applications for its paid nine-week internship. Apply by Jan 22.