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SDSU Office of AANHPISI Affairs & APIDA Center Executive Director's Message

October 9, 2026



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Campus and Community Partners!

It's almost halfway through the semester and we have been busy, busy, busy! We are so thankful for our campus and community partners who make working here at SDSU so much more fun. We want students to know that they have access to many, many resources. Much love and thanks to our campus partners so far: Asian American Studies, Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, Math Science Teacher Initiative, SDSU Dining, One SDSU, Center for Student Orgs and Activities, Environment, Health and Safety, Office of Housing Administration, and more. We also want to brag about all of our wonderful APIDA student organizations who have been providing community, culture, and joy. In addition, we love our community partners including but not limited to local K-12 school districts, local community colleges, CSU AANHPI Student Achievement Program, Pacific Arts, Umeke, National Pacific Islander Education Network, and more!

If you are interested in collaborating with us, please reach out!

Announcements

SDSU APIDA Center's 7th Annual

Makers' Market

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026
Time: 1:00 - 6:00pm
Location: Student Union Courtyard

shop local! Support makers!

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Makers' Market

Support your fellow SDSU makers, creatives, and entrepreneurs! Get a head start on your holiday shopping! We are hosting our Makers' Market on October 29th from 1-6pm in the Student Union Courtyard. Venmo or credit card only. This year, we will be adding MAKERS tables and an OPEN MIC! Join us for tons of fun.

L.A. Zine Fest

Interested in zines? We are hosting a field trip to attend the 2026 L.A. Zine Fest. We will also visit other sites of interest to zines culture. We will be covering transportation, lodging, and some meals. Email apida@sdsu.edu with your commitment and interest.

APIDA
SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Center

APIDA Field Trip: L.A. Zine Fest

Dates: November 7-8, 2026
Location: Angel City Derby Warehouse

Apply by 5pm on Friday, Oct 30th:

Email apida@sdsu.edu with your commitment to attend and a well-written paragraph explaining why you want to participate in this program.

Interested in zines? Let's go to the 2026 L.A. Zine Fest! We will spend time in Los Angeles attending the Zine Fest and other sites of interest to zines culture. We will be covering transportation, lodging, some meals. Sign up today!

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APIDA FIELD TRIP TO LOS ANGELES: ACADEMY MUSEUM OF MOTION PICS & CHINESE AMERICAN MUSEUM

Date: Friday, November 13, 2026
Time: 9:00AM-8:00PM

We are going to Los Angeles! 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. Come join us for a fun day in L.A.!

Apply by 5pm on Nov 2, 2026
or until spots fill:

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ACADEMY MUSEUM OF MOTION PICTURES
CHINESE AMERICAN MUSEUM

Studio Ghibli Exhibit at Academy Museum of Motion Pictures & Chinese American Museum

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APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center eats Filipino Spaghetti!

On Friday, October 9th, we learned the history behind Filipino Spaghetti, the science behind its preparation, and its connections to colonization. We also learned about its key ingredient - banana ketchup - and the female food scientist (Maria Orosa) who invented it as a way to reduce reliance on U.S. goods and to utilize local resources.



APIDA Center learns about Fil-Am with Disabilities!

On Monday, Oct 12th we hosted a mixer to learn about the experiences of Fil-Am students with disabilities. We were honored to feature guest speaker, **Matthew Villagrancia**, a recent alum. This program supports the FANHS FAHM them of Fil-Am intersectionalities.



APIDA Center makes manila paper crafts!

Do you use manila envelopes and folders? Did you know that these ubiquitous products are actually from the Philippines? In fact, the name refers to the capital city of Manila. On Monday, October 12th, we learned about the history behind Manila folders and envelopes. Then, we made crafts from manila papers.



APIDA Center plays sungka!

On Tuesday, October 13th, we learned about sungka, the traditional Filipino variation of mancala. Mancala is a family of ancient, two-player, turn-based strategy board games played by sowing and capturing small pieces across rows of pits in a board. SDSU Experience made a [video](#) of our fun game night.



APIDA Center learns about Fil-Am LGBTQ+ representation!

On Wednesday, October 14th, we hosted a critical watch party about Fil-Am LGBTQ+ representation in movies and TV. We learned about queerness in the Philippines, common tropes, and more. Then, we watched and examined media portrayals of Fil-Am LGBTQ+ and practiced applying a queer analytical lens.



APIDA Center learns about AAS Wooden Spoon!

On Thursday, October 15, we learned about the history of Filipino large Wooden Fork & Spoons and their connections to Filipino hospitality and history of colonialism. We then decorated large wooden spoons of our own.

Spotlight on APIDA Alum: Wing Lam



APIDA Center meets Wing Lam!

On Wednesday, October 14, we had the pleasure of meeting **Wing Lam**, the co-founder of Wahoo's Fish Taco. Lam graduated from SDSU as a finance major in 1984. He opened the first taco shop in Costa Mesa in 1988 with his brothers. They quickly became a part of the skate and surf community and have thrived ever since. Today, there are dozens of locations across California, Nevada, Colorado, Texas, New Jersey, and Tokyo, Japan. The closest locations to us are in Encinitas, Temecula, and San Clemente.

Lam has a unique cultural history. He and his family grew up in Brazil and worked in their family's Chinese restaurant. The Lam family moved to SoCal in 1975. While surfing in Baja California while attending SDSU, Lam was inspired by local street taco vendors. The Lam brothers adapted the street tacos by using grilled wahoo or mahi-mahi, Chinese-inspired seasonings, and Brazilian-style rice and black beans.

Lam is heavily involved in SoCal philanthropy and community service. He also has many fun stories about his time at SDSU. We will be working with him to learn more. Standby!

Note: We are so thankful to SDSU Entrepreneurship Initiatives, led by **Cathy Pucher**, for letting us crash their party. (Also, thanks to **Joe Lynch** and others!) This event was part of their Startup Stories series.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Field Trip: 14th Annual San Diego Zinefest

Location: Barrio Logan

Date: Sunday, October 18, 2026 from 1-6pm

We are visiting the 14th Annual SD Zine Fest and other San Diego sites of zines significance.

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 Fil-Am and a young man of color. Enjoy some snacks, games, and meaningful conversation.

History of Collage in the Philippines

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 more 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.

Intersectionality of Faith & Fil-Am Identity

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2026 from 5-7pm

Learn about the intersections of faith and Fil-Am identities. Meet other students, share your experiences, and discover the resources and support available through the APIDA Center and Asian American InterVarsity.

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.

Immigrant Fil-Am Student Mixer

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, October 26, 2026 from 4-5pm

Learn about the unique intersectional experiences of being Filipino, American, and an immigrant. We'll also play some games, eat snacks, and hang out! Student Speaker: **Bea Espiritu**.

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.

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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

We are hosting our annual Makers' Market on October 29th. Shop until you drop. Support SDSU makers, creatives, and entrepreneurs. We will also be hosting an open mic and makers activities.

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. Email apida@sdsu.edu with your commitment to attend and interest. Open until filled.

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.

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Screening & Filmmaker Chat: "The Auntie Sewing Squad Resistance Playbook"

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, November 9, 2026 from 5-7pm

"The Auntie Sewing Squad Resistance Playbook" is a documentary that follows the Auntie Sewing Squad, a collective of mostly BIPOC women volunteers who saved the world at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Join us for a screening and a chat with filmmaker, Valerie Soe!

Field Trip to L.A.: Academy Museum of Motion Pictures & Chinese American Museum

Location: Los Angeles

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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.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- Sanskriti & Adaa Desi Dance Club are hosting a [Garba workshop](#) on Oct 19 from 7-9pm at the ARC's McKenzie Studio.
- Japanese Student Association (JSA) is hosting a trip to the [Goff Family Pumpkin Patch](#) on Oct 24 at Liberty Station. [RSVP](#) by Oct 21.
- Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) is hosting an [H-Mart Social](#) in Vista Balboa Center on Oct 22 from 6-8pm.
- Asian Pacific Student Alliance (APSA) is hosting [Mentor-Mentee Night 2](#) on Oct 22 at Aztec Greens from 7-9pm.

Community Center Partners:

- Women's Resource Center (WRC) will be hosting "[Pouring Back into Ourselves](#)" on Oct 19 from 2:00-3:30pm.
- Latinx Resource Center (LRC) is hosting a [Basic Needs Center Presentation](#) on Oct 20 at 1pm.
- Pride Center is hosting "[The Lavender Scare](#)" Documentary [Screening](#) on Oct 21 from 3-5pm at Scripps Cottage.

Campus Partners:

- Chinese Cultural Center is hosting "Chinese American NASA Space Pioneers" workshop on Oct 17 at 10am.
- SDSU IT Division is asking folks to complete the [CSU AI Survey](#) by Oct19. Your feedback will help SDSU develop an approach that better reflects and supports the full student community. Enter to win a \$25 gift card or an iPad. Complete the survey [here](#).
- KPBS is hosting a "[KPBS Listens Event](#)" on Oct 20th at 12pm. SDSU students who are first-time voters can get a free lunch and share what getting ready to vote has been like for you.
- College of Arts and Letters is presenting "[Elusive Water: The Life and Death of Central Asia's Aral Sea](#)" with speaker Sarah Cameron on Oct 22 from 9:30-10:45am in the BSCI Gold Auditorium.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- Chula Vista Library is hosting [Remnants](#) by Filipino American artist Raul Del Mundo. The exhibit will be on display from Oct 6-Nov 29.
- AAPI Data is hosting a "Voices of AAPI Communities Webinar" for the upcoming 2026 midterm elections on Oct 20 at 10am. [Register](#) today.
- Front Arts and Cultura is hosting a [printing workshop](#) hosted by Isa Ybarra on Oct 23 from 10-12pm. [Email](#) to RSVP.

Research Opportunities

- Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) is accepting proposals 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.)
- **NEW!** Routledge's "South Asian Literature in Focus" series is accepting literary proposals for its latest volume. [Apply](#) by Oct 31.
- **NEW!** "The Locomotive" is accepting writing proposals for its upcoming volume "What does it mean to be a woman in the global south?" [Apply](#) by Nov 1.
- Goldwater Summer Research Internship Program is accepting applications for its 10 week-research opportunity. [Submit](#) application by Nov 2.
- **NEW!** American Council for Learned Studies is accepting applications for its 2027 Digital Justice Grants. [Apply](#) by Nov 3.
- Applications are open for the Asian Cultural Council's 2027 fellowships and grants. [Apply](#) by Nov 10.
- Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) is accepting applications for its Asian Pacific American Religious Research Initiative research grants. [Apply](#) by Nov 15.
- 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 11.

Jobs & Paid Internships

- **NEW!** Oceanside Museum of Art is hiring Gallery Educators. These positions are part time up to 25 hours/week. [Apply](#) now.
- 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.
- ATK Technologies is hiring an A.I. Social Marketing Intern. [Apply](#) by Nov 1.
- Axos Bank is hiring a summer accounting intern for \$20 per hour. [Apply](#) by Nov 3.
- **NEW!** PKF San Diego is hiring an Audit Intern for the Nov 2026-April 2027 season. [Apply](#) by Nov 4.
- **NEW!** NBCUniversal is hiring a news and production intern for spring 2027. [Apply](#) by Nov 6.
- **NEW!** API Advocates is accepting applications for its 2027 California Capitol Spring Internship Program. [Apply](#) by Jan 8.
- Cause Leadership Academy is accepting applications for its paid nine-week internship. [Apply](#) by Jan 22.

Scholarships

- **NEW!** Donald A. Strauss Foundation Scholarship is awarding \$15,000 to California college sophomores and juniors. To learn more, [register](#) for an info webinar by Oct 21.
- 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.
- **NEW!** Doan Foundation is offering six \$1000 microgrants to artists and arts and culture organizations through its Roots & Resilience Artist Grant. [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.
- Faatua 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.
- 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.
- Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program is offering tuition support for individuals who are dedicated to providing primary health services to Native Hawaiians and their families in Hawai'i. [Apply](#) by March 15 2027.
- **NEW!** Matt Fong Asian Americans in Public Finance Scholarship is offering \$5000 to Asian American students pursuing careers in the public sector. [Apply](#) by April 20.