SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center

Read all about it!!!

Check your email! Newsletter #6 is out!
If you didn't get it, don't miss out -
Join the APIDA Center contact list: https://bit.ly/SDSUAPIDA

Location:
2nd floor of Aztec Student Union
Rooms #210A-K (Directly above Starbucks)

Hours:
Mon-Thurs 10am-8pm
Friday 10am-4:30pm

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Resource Center
Celebrate FAHM with us!

Have you been to the 24/7 study area in Love Library? If not, you need to go there asap! There is a beautiful mural on the wall entitled, "1587." This mural was designed by and for students. The student artists are Alexander Floredo, Eirein Galle de Jesus Floreno, Jhelen Marie Ramirez, and George Shaffer. As part of our FAHM programming, we were lucky enough to be able to chat with Eirein Galle and Jhelen on October 4th. We met in front of their mural and they walked us through their process. It was such an inspiring experience. I learned so much about Fil-Am history through their art. I highly recommend you take the time to visit the mural.

Eirein Galle said, "As a Filipino first-generation graduate student and teacher, navigating my identity and relationship to higher education has been difficult to say the least. There were many times I felt like I was in spaces I didn’t belong. 1587 is a reminder of those who came before me and whose stories I have an obligation to keep telling. It is also a personal representation of my family - who participated in the EDSA Revolution, worked as nurses, and served as sailors and soldiers. We’ve been here. We belong in this space. Representation matters. Huwag matakot."

Jhelen said, "When reflecting on this mural and why I painted it, I wanted everyone who passes by to feel connected and dig deeper: Who am I, what do I know? What can I learn? And more importantly, how do we heal? This piece is critical of the disempowerment we have endured, but I hope it also empowers others to learn more about Filipino-American History and how we can move forward not only as individuals, but as a community. Although I often struggle with my identity, I am proud of who I am: immigrant, indigenous, Pilipina. We deserve more than just a month - we deserve a place in history. Mabuhay."

Celebrate Filipinx American History with us. See our Instagram, calendar, and/or this folder for more info about our FAHM events. Join us! All are welcome.
APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!

APIDA Center kicks off "Saturday School: Tagalog Edition" with a spoon!

"Kumain ka na ba?" Have you eaten yet? On October 2nd, we hosted our first Saturday School session. We learned how to say basic Tagalog words and phrases related to food. We also learned about the colonizing spoon and decorated a wooden spoon. So much fun!! Our Saturday School instructor is Paolo Ramos. Paolo is a Swiss Filipino American who grew up in all three countries. He is an SDSU alum who works in education in San Diego. He is fluent in Tagalog, English, and German.

Missed the first session? Don't worry! There are three more Saturdays left!!!! These classes will take place on Saturdays from 1-3pm at the APIDA Center. Come to one or all the sessions. Check out our flyer! RSVP here: https://bit.ly/FAHMSatSchool2021

Filipinx American Studies at SDSU

Classes for 2022-23:

• ASIAN 103: Introduction to Filipino/Philippine Studies (NEW!)
• ASIAN 460: Contemporary Issues in Filipino American Communities
• ASIAN 122: Introduction to Asian/Pacific Islander American Experiences (NEW!)
• ASIAN 422: Asian American Experiences

All count toward new Ethnic Studies GE requirement

APIDA Center hosts panel on Fil-Am Studies at SDSU!

On, October 7th, the APIDA Center hosted a panel discussion about Fil-Am studies at SDSU. We discussed the history, the current offerings, and the vision for the future of Fil-Am studies at SDSU. This panel was moderated by Dr. Loh-Hagan. The panelists include: Dr. Jocelyn Killmer (Director of Center for Asian and Pacific Studies), Dr. Ofelia V. Dirige (Instructor of Fil-Am courses), and Dr. Atillo Alicio (Instructor and Advisor of Filipino Language Program).
APIDA Flex Alerts

• Kudos to "The Daily Aztec" staff! They won first place for "Best College Newspaper" for the years 2020 and 2021 by the San Diego Society of Professional Journalists. In addition, Editor-In-Chief Catlan Nguyen won second place for "Best News or Feature Series" for her two print stories and video package about Proposition 17. [Note: We had already flexed about Catlan in the past but we continue to be so, so proud of her for being the first APIDA female Editor-In-Chief of "The Daily Aztec."

• Congratulations to Jessica Chang, who is the Diversity Officer for Student Engagement in the Center for Inclusive Excellence. She got married in September. Best wishes to the newlyweds.

    We want to celebrate you!

Do you or someone you know from the SDSU APIDA community have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.
Upcoming APIDA Center Events

APIDA Center Support Spaces
Location: APIDA Center Conference Room
Fall 2021 beginning September 20

Mondays through Thursdays from 1 PM to 2 PM
- Mindful Monday - Get yourself ready for the week!
- Taboo Tuesday - Let’s discuss health, dating, and more!
- Wind Down Wednesday - Self-care is for everyone!
- Family Talk Thursday - Let’s navigate family struggles together!

APIDA Home room on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 2 PM to 4 PM - Be productive, share study tips, and receive coaching on your current projects and assignments. We can also connect you with the resources you need for academic success!

Saturday School Tagalog Edition
Location: APIDA Center Conference Room
Saturdays in October, 1 PM - 3 PM
Oct. 9, Oct. 16, & Oct. 23

Come learn with us on Saturdays in October from 1-3 pm at the APIDA Center for Filipinx American History Month! Each session will be accompanied by a relevant history lesson and a craft or activity. Open to all members of the SDSU community.


Taka Art (3 Part Series)
Location: APIDA Center
Oct. 11, 13, and 15 at 5 PM

Taka is made by pasting paper scraps to a mold or a "takaan." Come learn more about this cultural art form and make your own taka art. You must attend all three sessions for a completed project. Supplies will be provided. Come craft with us!

SD Fil-Am Hometown Hero: Telesforo Trinidad
Zoom: https://sdsu.zoom.us/my/vlohagan
October 14, 2 PM to 3 PM

Learn about Telesforo Trinidad (1890-1968), a Filipino fireman in the US Navy. He’s the first and only enlisted sailor of Filipino descent to have received the Medal of Honor. Meet his grandson, Rene Trinidad, and Cecilia I. Gaerlan, a board member of the USS Telesforo Trinidad Campaign, whose mission is to name a US Navy ship after Trinidad. If successful, Trinidad will be the first enlisted sailor and the first Filipino American to have a combat ship named after him.

The Chinese American Experience & Beyond Lecture Series
Zoom: Zoom Registration
October 16, 10 AM

In support of the SDSU Chinese Cultural Center and the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum, Dr. Loh-Hagan will share her research and knowledge about the paper son/daughter experience at Angel Island. She will also discuss the challenges of teaching about the paper son experience and the connections to today’s political landscape.

Filipinx American History Month - October 2021

Theme: Know Our History, Know Ourselves!

Join us for an entire month of online and in-person events celebrating Filipinx American History Month! Take a look at all of our events here!
Opportunities

- If you want to be nominated for the Western Union Project Finish Line 2021, contact Dr. Loh-Hagan at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu by October 12. Project Finish Line targets college level juniors and seniors who: (1) identify as Black, Indigenous, or Person of Color, (2) are in good standing, and (3) are pursuing a STEM or business degree. Selected students will need to submit a brief bio and a description of how the award will help them achieve their degree.

- The Native Resource Center kicks off their 2nd Annual Indigenous People's Day: Week of Action on October 11th. They have many programs that aim to bring awareness to current issues faced by Indigenous People. RSVP here.

- On October 15th from 11am -12pm via zoom, the ZIP Launchpad will be hosting Sashee Chandran, Founder/CEO of Tea Drops. Chandran will share her entrepreneurial journey of launching her innovative tea company. Register here.

- The Center for Student Organizations & Activities has opened the application for the 2021 Homecoming Court. The application is open until October 18. To apply, click here.

- The Center for Inclusive Excellence is offering 2 workshops this Fall: Introduction to Inclusion and Inclusive Communication! Register using linktree or Presence.

- Upcoming Aztec Student Union events this October:
  - Open Mic Night on October 12 from 5-7pm in the Student Union Courtyard. Sign up to perform here.
  - Pumpkin Patch Palooza on October 19 from 6-8pm in the Student Union Courtyard.
  - Football viewing party (SDSU vs Air Force Academy) on October 23 at Aztec Lanes. Doors open at 3:30pm. Free bowling.
  - Monday Night Movie screening of "Step Brothers" on October 25 at 6:30pm at Student Union Theatre.

- In honor of UndocuWeek of Empowerment, the Undocumented Resource Center will be hosting a film screening of "Your Iron Lady" on Friday, October 22 from 7-9pm at the All Aotta Wilk Auditorium (Arts and Letters Building, Room 201). Register here.

- The 22nd annual San Diego Asian Film Festival (SDAFF) will take place from October 28 - November 6. SDAFF is looking for volunteers. Contact Managing Director Glenn Heath Jr. at glenn@pacarts.org.

- The Lavin Entrepreneurship Center at SDSU launched its Family Business Circle program. If your family owns a business or if you aspire to meet with local family business leaders, apply for this program. For more info, click here.

- The Conservation Technology Lab at the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance seeks applicants for a paid fellowship for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in computer science or related fields. Applicants from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds and/or groups underrepresented in science and engineering are especially encouraged to apply. The opportunity is posted on Handshake.

- The Chinese Cultural Center hosts a "Tea Friday" every second Friday from 1:00-2:30pm. Tickets are $10 and includes admission to the Center, a cup of tea, and traditional Chinese snacks.

- Interested in a student assistant job? Check out these opportunities:
  - The College of Engineering is hiring a Federal Work Study (FWS) student assistant position. Info and application can be found here.
  - The College of Education has positions for a Tutoring Program Student Assistant and for an Engineering Tutor. Info can be found here.
  - The International Student Center is hiring FWS student assistants. The link to the application is here.

- Give to the APIDA Center and help support our programs directly! Your donation, big or small, makes a huge difference for our center! http://philanthropy.sdsu.edu/APIDA

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