SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center

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Check your email! Newsletter #10 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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Show off your talent!

Check out the latest edition of The Daily Aztec - our very own Jalea Villarama is featured on page 8. I'm so proud of her for a hundred different reasons. In addition to being a musician, she is also a kind and fun person. An APIDA Center "regular," she is an absolute delight! We love her vibes!

Jalea is just one of many talented students at SDSU. I feel so lucky to be able to hang out with these super stars at the APIDA Center! To name a few: Barry Lomibao is another talented musician; Ian Ordonez is a talented photographer and videographer; VSA Modern and KASA Ignite are super talented dancers; Tyra Arandia is a talented graphic designer....there are so many more!!!

I want to be able to amplify as many folks as possible. If you have a talent, please let me know. We want to show you off! It's so important to pursue your passion and promote the APIDA community in all disciplines. Let's spread as much APIDA joy as possible. Flex!
Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!

Actually, we saw lions and tigers but no bears! On Saturday, October 30th, APIDA Center and Residential Education Office (REO) hosted an A-LIST field trip to the San Diego Zoo Safari Park! A-LIST stands for APIDA Leadership, Identity, Scholarship, and Togetherness. (As a reminder - In Fall 2021, we launched the very first APIDA-focused residential learning community and APIDA-focused university seminar. There are about 40 APIDA students and allies living as a community in South Campus Plaza. They are the very first cohort!! So cool!)

We had a super fun-filled day that started with a nostalgic yellow school bus ride. Once we got to the park, we ate and then we walked the entire park. We clocked over 10,000 steps that day! We made a lot of fun memories and built community. One of our students saw a giraffe for the first time. Another student discovered his love for 800-year old trees. The students taught Dr. Loh-Hagan what "hot take" means; one of the students also gave her the nickname, "Dr. Auntie." :) So much fun!!!!!

Many, many thanks to Jenna Hazelton, Senior Associate Director of REO, and Dr. Kara Bauer, Executive Director of REO, for their generous support and coordination. Also, thanks to chaperones, Gi Gonzales (APIDA Center Graduate Assistant), Alison Sternal (COE Advisor), and Dr. Loh-Hagan.
APIDA Center celebrates Diwali!

Diwali is the Festival of Lights. Learn more about it by reading our Diwali social media campaign created by Kathleen Dang (APIDA Center Coordinator).

On Thursday, November 4th, SDSU doctoral student, Niveditha Ramadoss, dressed in a beautiful traditional garb and shared some fun facts about Diwali and Rangoli. For example, did you know that the geometric designs of Rangoli increase mindfulness? Rangoli is an Indian folk art that uses patterns and geometric shapes to create a sacred welcoming and auspicious space. After Nivi shared, we did a Rangoli art project using designs, glue, salt, and watercolors.

Join us at our next Diwali event - On Wednesday, November 10th at 6pm at Peterson Gym 240, we will be hosting a Bollywood dancing lesson. No experience necessary - We will be cutting off attendance once we reach room capacity so first come, first serve! Also, please connect with student organizations, Sanskriti and Hindu Yuva. Sanskriti is hosting a grand Diwali celebration on November 14th. Don't miss out!
SDSU Asian American Studies Tenure Track Faculty Searches

SDSU is hiring two Asian American Studies Professors!

We are thrilled to be hiring two Asian American Studies Tenured/Tenure-Track positions. We are looking for amazing people. Read more about the job description and the application process here: https://apply.interfolio.com/95906. If you or someone you know fits the criteria, join us!!!
APIDA Flex Alerts

- Did you know that SDSU now has a badminton club? Many thanks to the dynamic leadership of Christy Huynh for making this happen in a short amount of time - The SDSU Badminton club is here and thriving.

- The Daily Aztec did a story about Night Market under the headline, "Community life awakens at Night Market." The article features quotes from Dr. Loh-Hagan, Sara Rose Fausto, and Bryant Jordan. It also features pictures of JSA and PISA.

- Congratulations to everyone who brought the play, "Miku and the Gods" to life on the Don Powell Stage. The show ran from October 29th to November 5th. Special thanks to the following APIDA actors/artists: Peter Cirino (director), Hope-Elizabeth Dagdagan (Miku), and Justine Elise O. Banal (Grandma Seiko).

- SDSU doctoral student, Niveditha Ramadoss, shared her research at a San Diego Botanical Society event on Friday, Nov 5th. The title of her talk was, "Exploring the reproductive struggles of Wolf’s cholla." Learn more about her research here.

- Get excited for homecoming week starting Nov 8th. We are so proud of Jacqueline Banal, who is part of the Associated Students' 2021 Homecoming Court!

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 1-2pm
- 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 Homerroom on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 2-4pm - 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!

APIDA Intersectionalities Week
Location: APIDA Center Conference Room
Mon. Nov 8 to Wed. Nov 10 from 1-2pm
- Mindful Monday - We'll discuss the intersectionalities of persons with disabilities and learn how to support, respect, and hold space for each other.
- Taboo Tuesday - We'll discuss the intersectionalities of gender expression. Learn about gender identities and understand the importance of identity.
- Wind Down Wednesday - We'll discuss the intersectionalities related to mental health and learn about ways to support each other.

Bollywood Dancing Lesson
Location: Peterson Gym 240
November 10 from 6-7pm
Celebrate Diwali by learning how to Bollywood dance with us! No experience necessary! All you need is a pair of dancing shoes and a fun attitude!

Phi Beta Delta x APIDA Center Virtual Fall Symposium
THEME: LEARNING FROM THE LAND
Mon, Nov 15, 2021 from 10am-2pm PST
Zoom Registration: https://bit.ly/PBDAPIDAFallSymposium

APIDA x CIE JEDI Discussion Circle
Location: APIDA Center Conference Room
Nov 30 at 3pm
Read the texts and join the discussion on Native American Heritage Month!
- Is Travel Next in the Fight Over Who Profits From Native American Culture?
- 'We the People' - the three most misunderstood words in US history
- America's Native Prisoners of War
- Re-Thinking Thanksgiving: Myths & Misgivings

Sewing Squad Sew-cials!
Location: APIDA Center
Nov 15, 29 & Dec 13 at 4pm
Join the SDSU APIDA Center for our Sewing Squad Sew-cials! Supplies are provided. Make face masks and more.

Fall 2021 Holiday Schedule
We hope everyone enjoys the time off with your friends and family.
Veterans Day
Thurs, Nov 11: CLOSED
Thanksgiving Recess
Mon, Nov 22: 10-8pm
Tues, Nov 23: 10-8pm
Wed, Nov 24: 10:00-4:30pm
Thurs, Nov 25 + Fri, Nov 26: CLOSED

Opportunities

• In January 2021, Dr. Rey Monzon had passed away. To honor his memory and contribute to a memorial fund established in his honor, please participate in the inaugural #Run4Rey on Saturday, November 6th. There will be an in-person race at Montgomery High School. In addition, there will be a virtual option - see the flyer for more information. This event is being hosted by the Council of Philippine American Organizations (COPAO), Bayanihan Filipino American Faculty and Staff Association, and the APIDA Employee Resource Group. Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/run4rey-tickets-194110268037

• The Center for Intercultural Relations (CIR) is inviting first generation students, staff, and faculty to be featured on the CIR social media page as part of their "Why I'm First Gen" series. Share your story by November 7 here.

• The CIR is hosting "Hot & Cozy: Let's Talk It Out!" on November 10 from 3-4pm in the CIR Living Room. Students can show up in comfy clothes and cozy up with a cup of coffee to talk about academic and personal stress. RSVP here.

• Students are invited to apply to become an SDSU Ambassador. SDSU Ambassadors are a highly selective group of students who are trained to be the official student representatives, tour guides, and orientation leaders of SDSU. Apply by November 15. Register for an info session here.

• On November 18 from 11-2pm, One SDSU and the International Student Center are hosting an International Peace Village in the Student Union courtyard.

• Aztec Nights and Arts Alive are hosting Art After Dark, a late-night arts festival and competition featuring SDSU student art in all forms. The event is on Friday, November 19 from 10-2am on North Library Walkway. There will be performances, artist gallery, interactive art make-and-take stations, student org tabling, free food, opportunity drawings, giveaways, and more!

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