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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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SDSU APIDA Resource Center
Focus on basic needs!

In the upcoming week, I want to highlight two events/initiatives. First, from November 15-19, the SDSU Economic Crisis Response Team (ECRT) is hosting a series of events in observance of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Please plan to attend as many events as possible. These events are designed to help you learn more about basic needs resources. APIDA Center will be participating in the Basic Needs Resource Fair on November 16 from 10-2pm in the Student Union Courtyard. Come visit us! If you are experiencing a food, housing, or financial crisis, please do not hesitate to contact ECRT: https://sacd.sdsu.edu/ecrt. We are here to help you!

Second, on Monday, November 15 from 10-2pm, APIDA Center in collaboration with Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars is hosting a Virtual Fall Symposium about learning from this land. Protecting and respecting our land - which gives us food, shelter, and sustenance - should be a basic, fundamental driving force of our daily living. RSVP here. Come learn from amazing speakers:

- Mai Nguyen (they/them), also known as Farmer Mai, is an independent farm owner-operator who grows heirloom crops, as well as a social justice activist. Nguyen is also co-Director at Minnow, an organization that secures farmland tenure for California’s farmers of color while supporting indigenous sovereignty. Her talk is entitled, "Farming As Activism." Farming can be a way of fighting climate change, advancing racial justice, and supporting human and bio-diversity if we choose.

- Mark Sung Alapaki Luke is an Associate Professor and the Division Chair of Hawaiian Programs at Honolulu Community College. His teaching is centered around culture and place-based pedagogy. He focuses on native ‘ike (knowledge) from the kūpuna (elders) that have given us a foundation of ‘ike ‘āina (learning from the land/earth). His talk is entitled, "Native Knowledge Now." Taro has deep roots in Hawaiian genealogy, culture, and land. Luke will address issues of community, sustainability, and food security.

- Margo Robbins is the co-founder and executive director of the Cultural Fire Management Council. She comes from the traditional Yurok village of Morek. She gathers and prepares traditional food and medicine. She is a basket weaver and regalia maker. Her talk is entitled, "Fire is Medicine." Indigenous peoples have used fire to maintain a healthy, productive, and balanced ecosystem. Such practices have cultural and ecological benefits and helps keep communities safer from wildfire. Learn more about Robbins’ work in reclaiming fire as a land management tool.
APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!

APIDA Center is ready for Bollywood!

As part of our Diwali celebration, we hosted a Bollywood dancing lesson taught by Anar Mehta on Wednesday, November 10th. Coined around the 1960s, Bollywood refers to the Mumbai (formerly known as Bombay) Film Industry. In many Bollywood movies, dancing and singing play a central part. Bollywood dance and films have gained international recognition. Bollywood dancing is a hybrid of traditional Indian folk dances and western dance styles. It incorporates head, neck, and body movements, footwork, and mudras, which are symbolic or ritual gestures or poses. We had so much fun moving our bodies and learning more about Diwali!
It was an A-LIST week at APIDA Center!

It was so great to be able to spend time with our A-LIST students this week. 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.)

This week's A-LIST University Seminar focused on intersectionalities. Students were given the option to attend an online class, an in-person class, or one of our Support Spaces which focused on the theme of intersectionalities. (We will be hosting more themed Support Spaces. Stay connected with us on Instagram for more information.) It was great to see A-LIST students in our space all week long!

On Wednesday, November 10th, Dr. Loh-Hagan visited the A-LIST dorms and was treated to a tour and a super fun cooking adventure by four of our male A-LIST students. The best lines from that night include: "How do you turn the stove on?"; "I'm sautéing??? Wow!"; "I need to watch my mom cook more."; and "I have a plate. I'm happy to share it with you." The most favorite comment, however, was about washing rice: "I want to make sure the rice is having a good time in the pot." Pure gold! Our students are so much fun!
APIDA Flex Alerts

- Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to be VSA Interns for the 2021-22 academic year: Amy Hoang, Bradley Chong, Diemthu Tran, Ethan Reynolds, Kai Fernandez, Ling Lai, Sandy Mach, Sonny Tran, and Tracy Lam.

- Dr. Giang T. Pham, Associate Professor in the School of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences and the Director of the Bilingual Development In Context Lab, assumed her role as the Associate Dean for Research for the College of Health & Human Services on July 1, 2021.

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 Homeroom 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!

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.

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

Fall 2021 Holiday Schedule
We hope everyone enjoys the time off with your friends and family.

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

- SDSU is 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, apply!

- 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!

- The International Rescue Committee in San Diego is currently hiring full-time positions. Learn more here.

- The Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC) is currently hiring full-time and part-time positions. Learn more here.

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