SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center

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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
Celebrate Women's History Month!

March is Women's History Month! The SDSU Women's Resource Center, directed by Elizabeth Islas (pictured), is hosting a month of powerful events designed to empower, inspire, and enlighten. We must constantly be vigilant about combating gender-based forms of oppression. We must also work together to cultivate a future where women thrive, succeed, and lead. One of my favorite APIDA woman warriors is Patsy Takemoto Mink; she said, "We have to build things that we want to see accomplished...to make sure that others do not have to suffer the same discrimination."

Fun Fact: SDSU is home to the nation's very first Women's Studies department, which was founded in 1970. (SDSU women's studies graduates, Temperance Russell and Lori Loftin, along with Dr. Julie Shayne wrote a book chapter about the history of the founding of Women's Studies at SDSU.)
APIDA Center is getting crafty!

Get crafty with us! On Monday nights in March and April, Alexa Lawrence in partnership with APIDA Center, Allies for Education, and the Student Success Fee Programs, will be hosting CRAFTY MONDAYS from 6-8pm at the APIDA Center. We will share the cultural history and context of the craft, give a demonstration, and provide time to be crafty.

Alexa had applied for and received a Student Success Fee grant to host this event. Last year, Allies for Education hosted a SSF-funded crafting series called "March Mindful Mondays" (coordinated by Lizzie Perl). A participant said, "While I was frustrated and feeling low, locked up indoors, crafting allowed me to explore the creative side in me." This year's crafting series builds on last year's success; in addition, we will be focusing on cultural crafts. Join us! We will provide all supplies. Each event will be limited to about 20 people, while supplies last. First come, first served!

- March 7th: Chinese and Japanese Paper-Folding
- March 14th: Japanese Knot Bag
- March 21st: Hmong Embroidery
- March 28th: Southeast Asian Indigenous Beadwork
- April 4th: Pacific Islands Weaving
- April 11th: Indian Jute Crafts
- April 18th: Batik (Philippines, India, Indonesia, Singapore)
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[Photo Caption: During COVID quarantine, Dr. Loh-Hagan became obsessed with cross-stitching. She made many ethnic samplers. The photo is a sampler of Hmong designs. Come to the March 21st event to learn how to make your own sampler!]
APIDA Center participates in PISA's High School Conference!

On February 27th, the Pacific Islander Student Association hosted their High School Conference. The conference theme was "Lokahi: United as One." PISA hosted workshops, panels, performances, and more. A great time was had by all. Kimi Lam, VSA's Secretary, volunteered at the event. She said, "The high school students had great energy in performing their traditional dances. It was fun to watch."

PISA graciously invited APIDA Center to be a part of the events. Mirei Kubota, Student Staff Member, represented the APIDA Center. In three panels, she talked about the APIDA Center and the importance of getting involved.

Putting on a conference is hard work. Many kudos to PISA's Executive Board, especially Damian Pangelinan, Academic Coordinator, and Angie Miyashiro-Saipaia, President. Angie said, "I loved being in community and in person. It was a great turnout. High schoolers came from near and far; we helped them learn more about the college experience. We hopefully inspired them to pursue higher education." The event was a success! Yay, PISA!
Jayne Yutig, Assistant Multimedia Editor for "The Daily Aztec," has been elected President of the SDSU chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

SDSU AAPI(phony) has released their latest podcast episode entitled, "What’s in a Name?" with special guests Bianca Chau, International Student Success Advisor, and Niveditha Ramadoss, doctoral student. Listen to the podcast.

Dr. Chris Mi, Distinguished Professor and Chair in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, is the 2022 recipient of the Albert W. Johnson University Research Lectureship. This recognition is the university's highest recognition of research and scholarship achievement. Dr. Mi will be giving a lecture about "Wireless Power Transfer - from Science Fiction to Reality" on March 10 from 3-6pm at the Tula Community Center.

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community! Have a flex to share? Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.
All Things APIDA: Recommendations

Helen Ma, Commuter Student Success Coach for the Center for Commuter Life, is recommending Umaibo which means "tasty stick." Umaibo is a popular junk food snack in Japan; it is made of puffed corn and comes in unique flavors. Helen said, "It is a unique, light snack and always comes in fun packaging. It can be a little messy but that's the fun part. It's fun to share with people who don't know what it is because the crunch packs a punch. The first time I had it was when my cousin went to Japan and came back with a bunch of snacks. But now, you don't have to go to Japan to get Umaibo, you can just go to an Asian grocery store!"

Share all things APIDA (i.e., books, movies, food, restaurants, etc.). Send a picture of you with the product and your glowing review.
Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.
Chat with Smack’n Guamanian Grill
Zoom: https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohghan
Date: Monday, March 7 from 1-2pm
Christian Graham is an SDSU alum and the owner of SMACK’N Guamanian Grill, an island barbecue restaurant based in Miramar. In this chat, learn about being a restaurateur during COVID and incorporating culture into business ventures.

Celebrating Cultural Identity in Business
Zoom: https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohghan
Date: Monday, March 7 from 2-3pm
This workshop focuses on the benefits and challenges of including cultural identity as part of a business plan. We will discuss the fine line between cultural appreciation versus appropriation.

Crafty Mondays "NEW"
Location: APIDA Center
Dates: Mondays in March and April from 6-8pm
APIDA Center and Allies for Education with generous funding from Student Success Fee Programs will be hosting a crafty series. Participants will learn about the culture and history of various crafts, get a demonstration, and have time to get crafty. Space is limited to about 20 participants while supplies last; first come, first served.

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Chat with Studio S
Zoom: https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohghan
Date: Tuesday, March 8 from 1-2pm
Sonali Soni was born and raised in Calcutta, India before moving to San Diego. She is the owner of Studio S, an Art and Design studio in Scripps Ranch. In this chat, learn about choosing a creative career path and navigating a space where APIIDA people are underrepresented.

Making Art into a Career
Zoom: https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohghan
Date: Tuesday, March 8 from 2-3pm
This workshop focuses on the benefits and challenges of pursuing the arts as a career for APIIDA communities. We will discuss strategies for overcoming these challenges.

Chat with Social Artistry LLC
Zoom: https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohghan
Date: Wednesday, March 9 from 1-2pm
Lauren Balca’s Garces is a SDSU alumna, event producer, and artist. She formed Social Artistry LLC in May 2020 and produces high-caliber detail-oriented event production, marketing strategy, media creation, and program consultations. In this chat, learn about working as a consultant and creating community-centered programming.

Writing Effective Resumes
Zoom: https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohghan
Date: Wednesday, March 9 from 2-3pm
This workshop is all about resumes! Learn tips on format, structure, and content. A solid resume will effectively share your experiences and skills. We recommend having an updated resume on hand so you can apply your knowledge in real-time! Ask questions about how to effectively represent gig culture in resumes. This workshop is co-hosted by SDSU Career Services.

Chat with Puppy Picnic Co
Zoom: https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohghan
Date: Thursday, March 10 from 1-2pm
Ciera Chang is a SDSU alumna and lifestyle influencer with a background in public relations and event planning. She is the Chief Pupnic Officer at Puppy Picnic Co., the first dog-friendly picnic company based in San Diego. In this chat, learn about creating a social media presence as an influencer and navigating new business trends during COVID.

Branding with Social Media
Zoom: https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohghan
Date: Thursday, March 10 from 2-3pm
This workshop will share the do's and don'ts of social media. Social media is now a tool to express yourself to gain career opportunities. Explore how to showcase yourself in the professional world with a solid brand. This workshop is co-hosted by SDSU Career Services.

Makers’ Market
Location: Aztec Student Union Courtyard
Date: Thursday, March 10 from 2-8pm
One SDSU and APIIDA Center is hosting a super fun Makers’ Market, where SDSU community members will sell their one-of-a-kind handmade goods. In addition, there will be performers singing original songs.

Chat with SNOICE
Zoom: https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohghan
Date: Friday, March 11 from 1-2pm
Jayrell Ringpis and Dianne Manansala, CSU alumni, opened SNOICE Snow & Ice Desserts in 2015. Their dessert and boba shop is inspired by Filipino American and Asian American food culture. In this chat, learn about being multi-generational business owners and creating cultural spaces within the community.

Leveraging Internships
Zoom: https://SDSU.zoom.us/my/vlohghan
Date: Friday, March 11 from 2-3pm
This workshop focuses on internships. Learn about what internships are, why they are important for career building, and how to find the right one. We will share a variety of online resources and networking approaches. This workshop is co-hosted by SDSU Career Services.

Pride x APIIDA SafeZones Training "NEW"
Zoom ID: 814 8545 3007
Date: Monday, March 21 from 2:15-3:30pm
This LGBTQIA+ educational training will focus on how to provide an accepting and supportive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, and questioning students, faculty, staff, and their allies.

Student-Led Workshops & Student-Created Social Media Campaigns
Do you have expertise on a topic? Do you have a special skill? Consider sharing your knowledge with us! APIIDA Center launched our Student-Led Workshops and Student-Created Social Media Campaigns. This is a great opportunity to show off your expertise and share your passion with others. It’s also an opportunity to learn how to plan an event or prepare a campaign with our support. Work with an APIIDA Center staff member who will serve as your project mentor. We are interested in any and all APIIDA-related topics! If you are interested in participating, email us at apida@sdsu.edu.
Opportunities

- SDSU VSA 1st Annual High School Conference is now taking place virtually on March 5-6 from 11-2pm. RSVP to attend.

- SDSU Center for Intercultural Relations and Counseling & Psychological Services are hosting the Avoiding Burnout event on Wednesday, March 9 from 4-5pm. RSVP for the event.

- SDSU Women's Resource Center and Undocumented Resource Center are hosting the Women of Color in the Workplace event on Wednesday, March 9 from 4-5. Join the Zoom.

- SDSU Hillel is hosting the Hillel Purim Carnival on Friday, March 11 from 1-4pm at 5717 Lindo Paseo. Learn more.

- SDSU Pride Center is hosting a bi-weekly White Accountability Circle from 11am-12pm on Zoom (ID: 814 8545 3007).

- SDSU APSA Fambam has been postponed to Saturday, March 19 from 11-4pm at Crown Point Park. RSVP for a fam.

- SDSU Student Success Fee Academic Related Programs Application is opening for Spring 2022. Attend informational workshops to learn more. Apply by March 28.

- Dr. Tianying Wu, SDSU School of Public Health, is conducting a survey on healthy aging. Qualified participants must meet the following criteria and enroll in the study:
  - Must be 18-65 years old
  - Must be a U.S. resident
  - Must not be suffering from HIV or Hepatitis or Tuberculosis

- SDSU Economic Crisis Response Team is promoting the CalFresh program. CalFresh provides monthly food benefits to low-income families and students. Request assistance.

Do you have an opportunity to share? Email us at apida@sdstate.edu.
Scholarships

• The **Semper Solaris Scholarship** is a $3,000 scholarship and essay contest. Qualified applicants must be currently enrolled full-time in a college or military academy and have a 3.0 GPA or above. Applicants must answer the following question in 1,000 words: "What does further reliance on renewable energy mean for the future job market?" **Apply by March 9.**

• The **Shui Kuen and Allen Chin Scholarship** is a $1,000 scholarship. Qualified applicants must meet the following criteria and **apply by March 25:**
  ◦ Must be a full-time college undergraduate
  ◦ Must be (or have a parent who is) currently or formerly employed in an Asian-owned or Asian cuisine restaurant
  ◦ Must participate in community advocacy and social justice work on behalf of APIDA, immigrant, LGBTQ+, and/or other progressive causes
  ◦ Must have a 3.0 GPA or higher
  ◦ Must demonstrate financial need

• The **Health Care Communicators Scholarship** is a $2,000 scholarship for students who are entering the healthcare field. Qualified applicants must be high school seniors or college students presently enrolled, and in good standing in a San Diego County, Orange County, or Los Angeles County school. **Apply by April 1.**

• The **Matt Fong Asian Americans in Public Finance Scholarship** is a $2,500 scholarship for students who are majoring in accounting, political science, public policy, business administration, economics or related fields. Two winners are selected annually. **Apply by April 8.**

• The **Beverley Yip Scholarship** is a $2,500 scholarship for students who are pursuing post-secondary education toward a degree in social work, behavioral health, or related fields in health and human services. Two winners are selected annually. **Apply by April 15.**

**Do you have a scholarship opportunity to share?**
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