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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



Read all about it!!!

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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

Connect with us!

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SDSU APIDA
Resource Center

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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan



The SDSU APIDA Center denounces all acts of intolerance, hate, and discrimination. We urge all persons to stand in solidarity with the APIDA community against racist sentiments. We want all of our community members, especially those who identify as APIDA, to know that we see you, care about you, and support you.

Stop the Hate! Remembering Atlanta.

March 16th marked the one-year anniversary of the Atlanta shooting in which eight people, six of whom were Asian American women, were killed. And yet, one year later, we are still facing escalating anti-Asian hate.

We can and must do better. Join the [APIDA Center](#) as we remember and honor the victims and as we stand with the survivors and all those affected by this tragedy. Rest in Peace and Power #SayTheirNames: Daoyou Feng, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, Paul Andre Michels, Soon Chung Park, Xiaojie Tan, Delaina Ashley Yaun, Yong Ae Yue.

Resources:

- Read the Op-Ed entitled, "[We are three Asian American women living in fear. Don't feel sorry for us. Do something about it.](#)"
- Engage in a self-study using the [#AtlantaSyllabus](#) which was created by professors from the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Asian American Studies program.
- Watch the PBS docuseries about "[Asian Americans.](#)"

Let's be better together! Grace Lee Boggs, Asian American activist, said, "You cannot change any society unless you take responsibility for it, unless you see yourself as belonging to it and responsible for changing it."

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



Celebrate SDSU's 125th Birthday!

Did you know that SDSU is the oldest higher education institution in San Diego? This year, SDSU, founded in 1897, celebrates [125 years](#) of excellence. On March 14th, SDSU hosted a Community Open House and a SDSU Birthday Party Celebration.

[President Adela de la Torre](#) said, "No matter where you live or how you are connected to our great institution, thank you for being a part of our one SDSU community and for contributing to our history and future."

Here are some fun APIDA history facts about SDSU:

- The first Filipinos in San Diego were [pensionados](#) who studied at SDSU. They arrived in 1903.
- We have several APIDA student orgs that have over 50 years of experience here at SDSU: [VSA](#) was founded in 1968; [AB Samahan](#) was founded in 1971; [APSA](#) was established in 1972.
- APIDA Center officially opened in July 2020. In 2021, we applied for our first [AANAPISI](#) grant.

Follow our history on our [Instagram](#)! Engage with us and make more APIDA memories!

THE DAILY AZTEC



APIDA Center featured in "The Daily Aztec"!

On March 16th, "[The Daily Aztec](#)" featured two stories about the APIDA Center.

[Maritza Camacho](#) wrote an article about how the APIDA Center hosted SDSU Alumnus, [Ciera Chang](#), entitled, "[With Puppy Picnic Co.'s big success, alumni proves anything is 'paw-ssible.'](#)" Camacho wrote, "As part of the SDSU APIDA Center's Small Business Week, a handful of local APIDA business owners engaged with students in conversations about their entrepreneurial journeys as a member of the APIDA community. These presentations were all in preparation for the APIDA Makers' Market... "

[Gabriel Schneider](#) wrote an article about the APIDA Center and One SDSU's Makers' Market entitled, "[Crafty students sell products at debut Makers' Market.](#)" Schneider wrote, "The APIDA Center's Makers' Market encourages student entrepreneurs to sell their creations and student artists perform in front of a live audience, with this year's edition on March 9 featuring lots of cool items."

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Niko Villa** has been promoted to **EOP** Counselor where he is leading the "Men of Color" initiatives. He said, " Whatever challenge a male student of color is going through, I want to give them the support that is equivalent to that challenge." He's also the Advisor for **Alpha Psi Rho**.
- **Jesca Prudencio**, Associate Professor of **Theater, Television and Film**, is directing **The Wolves**. It is a modern drama that explores women's representation in athletics and theatre arts through a feminist lens. **The Wolves** runs Friday, March 18 to Thursday, March 24 on the Don Powell Stage. **Purchase** tickets.
- Dr. **Erico Aros**, Director of the **Student Ability Success Center**, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation this semester. She did qualitative research on the impact of mentoring on career advancement for Asian American women. In addition, she was the recipient of an award named in honor of Dr. **Rey Monzon**.
- Dr. **Loh-Hagan** presented at the **NACADA Region 9 CAL-CAAN Conference** which took place on March 16-18 in Anaheim. Her presentation was about "Advising APIDA Students in a Time of Hate." She also proudly serves on the conference planning committee. (In 2019, she had chaired the conference and hosted it in San Diego.)

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

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All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Kathleen Dang is recommending Vietnamese pour over coffee from [Copper Cow Coffee](#). She said, "I recommend pour over coffee kits from Copper Cow Coffee for anyone who loves strong and sweet coffee! Vietnamese iced coffee is a style of coffee that is hard to replicate outside of a Vietnamese restaurant. Copper Cow Coffee has created pour over kits so you can have this unique coffee drink at home! In addition to the traditional flavor of Classic Pour Over, there are fun flavors such as, Vanilla, Salted Caramel, and Lavender. This is a women-owned business that focuses on amplifying Vietnamese heritage and culture!"

Kathleen has accepted a position in Congresswoman Sara Jacobs' office as the Staff Assistant. She began working as the APIDA Center Coordinator in July 2021. She said, "I truly appreciate the welcoming environment I experienced at SDSU and the APIDA Center. Thank you all for the wonderful memories I will cherish forever!" We thank her for her service and wish her luck in the next chapter of her life.

Share all things APIDA (i.e., books, movies, food, restaurants, etc.). Send a picture of you with the product and your glowing review.

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Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Crafty Mondays

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.

- March 21st: [Hmong Embroidery](#)
- March 28th: [Southeast Asian Indigenous Beadwork](#)
- April 4th: [Pacific Islands Weaving](#)
- April 11th: [Indian Jute Crafts](#)
- April 18th: [Batik \(Philippines, India, Indonesia, Singapore\)](#)
- April 25th: [Chinese Knotting/Macrame](#)

Holi Festival with APIDA Center x Hindu Yuva SDSU

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, March 21 from 2:00-3:00pm

Come learn about traditional foods eaten during Holi Festival. Then, make and eat Shrikhand and Stuffed Dates with us. Limited to 20 people (First come, First served; while supplies last). Must attend lecture in order to enjoy food!

Pride x APIDA SafeZones Training

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.

Why APIDA Stories Matter

Zoom Link: <https://fresnostate.zoom.us/j/85368971052?pwd=TjRDWFZZSW5GMFTFYTEVKSURzUUpXQT09>

Date: Thursday, April 21 from 2:00-3:15pm

As part of Fresno State's Ameriasia Week, Dr. Loh-Hagan will be discussing the importance of APIDA stories for both APIDA communities and non-APIDA communities. Stories matter because we matter.

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! APIDA 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 APIDA Center staff member who will serve as your project mentor. We are interested in any and all APIDA-related topics! If you are interested in participating, email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Opportunities

- SDSU [Women's Resource Center](#) is celebrating [Women's History Month](#) this March! [Follow](#) their social media for updates!
 - March 21 at 12:00pm: [Levantante Mujer](#)
 - March 21 at 4:00pm: [Grad Student Paint Party](#)
 - March 22 at 3:30pm: [Healing through Crafts](#)
 - March 22 at 6:00pm: [Black Women's Healing Circle](#)
 - March 23 at 12:00pm: [A Conversation with Yesika Salgado](#)
- SDSU [Japanese Student Association](#) is hosting [Picnic Day](#) on March 19 from 12-3pm at Mariner's Point Park. [Register](#) to attend.
- SDSU [Vietnamese Student Association](#) interns are hosting [Tro"PIE"cal Day](#) on March 19 from 1-4pm at the Allied Gardens Recreation Center. [Register](#) to attend.
- SDSU [Nikkei Student Union](#) is selling [NSU merch](#). [Purchase](#) by March 20.
- SDSU [Center for Inclusive Excellence](#) is hosting "[The Building Blocks of America: Deconstructing Race and the Foundations of Racism](#)" on March 23 at 1pm. [Register](#) to attend.
- SDSU [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) is hosting "[Get Lost with Bob Ross](#)" on March 23 at 2pm. [RSVP](#) to reserve supplies.
- SDSU [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting [First Nation Reads](#) on March 23 at 4:30pm. [Learn](#) more.
- SDSU [Undocumented Resource Center](#) is hosting "[The Impact of the Imposter Syndrome in Immigrants and Ways to Manage It](#)" on March 23 at 5pm. [Learn](#) more.
- SDSU [Student Success Fee Academic Related Programs Application](#) is opening for Spring 2022. Attend [informational workshops](#) to learn more. [Apply](#) by March 28.
- SDSU [Pride Center](#) is hiring a [Director](#). For full consideration, [apply](#) by March 29.
- SDSU [Native Resource Center](#) is seeking submissions for the [Community Art Bench Project](#). [Submit](#) your proposal by March 31.
- SDSU [Hindu Yuva](#) is hosting a painting event in honor of the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence. [Complete](#) the survey to participate.
- SDSU [Black Resource Center](#) is hosting a [Prom Dress & Tuxedo Drive](#). Donations are accepted from March 15-April 6. [Learn](#) more.
- SDSU [International Affairs](#) is hiring four student assistant positions: ([Apply](#) on Handshake.)
 - [Global Guide College Specialist](#)
 - [International Security Assistant](#)
 - [International Affairs Assistant](#)
 - [Passport Agent](#)

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Scholarships

- 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](#).

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