SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center

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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
Celebrate APIDA talent!

Wow, just wow! On Friday, April 15th SDSU's Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) hosted their Vietnamese Culture Night, themed "Back to the Childhood Land." I was thrilled to receive a special invitation and a special V.I.P. seat. As such, I was front and center for an amazing (like super amazing) night of acting and dancing. VSA also gave APIDA Center a special shout-out. Best Friday night ever!

Amanda Ng, a third year marketing major, performed in the couples hat dance. She said, "It was a really fun night. I also enjoyed being able to showcase our culture so that others can learn more. Events like our culture nights are an easy and fun way to learn about heritage."

I am awed and inspired by our students' amazing talents. Definitely take the opportunity to support student performances. For example, PISA is hosting their Luau on April 23rd. AB Samahan also hosted their Filipino American Culture Night on April 15th.

Let's celebrate APIDA talent!
Reminder - Come to the APIDA Center Grand Opening celebration on Monday, April 25th from 1-3pm in the Student Union Courtyard. A big highlight will be student performances from VSA, APSA Music, PISA, and KASA Ignite. Remember to RSVP: bit.ly/APIDAGrandOpening
APIDA Center represents at the Aztec Achievement Awards!

On April 21, the SDSU Associated Students hosted their annual Aztec Achievement Awards awards ceremony. These awards recognize excellence in the numerous contributions of students, faculty, staff, and community members. The APIDA Center is so proud to announce that Matthew Garcia, Jordan Valdez, and Sarah Hoang were all recognized for their amazing work.

Matt Garcia, APIDA Center Associate Director, received the Dan R. Cornthwaite Luminary Award for Outstanding Advising Award. This award recognizes a student organization advisor who contributed outstanding time, effort, and guidance to help further the interests and goals of students. He was nominated by Caryl Montero-Adams, Assistant Dean of Students for Student Life.

Jordan Valdez, Vice President and Co-Treasurer of PISA, received the Dean Herbert Peiffer and Dean Margery Warmer Award. This award recognizes students who have exhibited outstanding leadership and motivation.

Sarah Hoang got honored for her work as the Council President for the College of Health and Human Services. Sarah has also been a role model and exemplary leader of VSA.

Of the award, Matt said, "I was honored to receive this award tonight with Jordan and Sarah. It was a great opportunity to celebrate A.S. accomplishments. I am so proud of all the student leaders and staff who have made such a huge impact on our campus."
APIDA Center hosts second annual APIDA Graduation Celebration!

On May 8 from 5-8pm, the APIDA Center will host our second annual APIDA Graduation Celebration at Scripps Cottage. In addition to celebrating the end of the school year, we will also celebrate our December 2021, May 2022, and August 2022 undergraduates and graduate students who identify as APIDA!

The event is open to all (students, faculty, and staff). Feel free to invite friends and family but there is a capacity limit so please make sure to only include folks in your RSVP who are firmly committed to coming. (We will be checking names at the door.) Please RSVP by 5pm on May 6.

All APIDA graduates who attend the entire APIDA Celebration can get an SDSU APIDA Center grad cord and charm.

Come party with us! There will be cake, dancing, and good vibes!
APIDA Flex Alerts!

- Ms. Jessica Chang, Diversity Officer for Student Engagement, Learning, & Development at the Center for Inclusive Excellence, is the recipient of this year's Diversity Excellence Award.
- Ms. Christine Molina, Assistant Dean of Students for Co-Curricular and Student Support, was featured in the @sdsuleadandserve Instagram.
- Dr. Loh-Hagan participated in Fresno State's Asian American Speaker Series for Amerasia Week. Her presentation was entitled, "Why APIDA Stories Matter."

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!
Have a flex to share?
Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.
Ryan Lieng, Co-President of VSA and a third year business management major, is recommending Kimchi Butter by Jongga. Kimchi Butter is an instant noodle product made with real Kimchi and Gochujang butter sauce. (Gochujang is a Korean fermented pepper paste.) He said, "It's a perfect combination of sweet and spicy. The flavors are way stronger than other instant noodles. It's also fun to make as there are two lids. The first lid is a regular paper lid. Underneath this paper lid is a second lid. This lid lets you drain out the water without losing any precious noodles. Also, the smell is amazing. Jongga's Kimchi Butter is definitely the superior instant noodle." Ryan bought his Kimchi Butter noodles at H Mart.

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.
Crafty Monday: Chinese Knotting
Location: APIDA Center
Dates: Monday, April 25 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. All participants must attend lecture in order to participate in craft-making. (Hosted by Alexa Lawrence)

Grand Opening Celebration
Location: Student Union Courtyard and APIDA Center
Dates: Monday, April 25 from 1-3pm
The APIDA Center virtually opened during the pandemic. We just moved into our physical space in Fall 2021 and are still setting things up. But, the Center is definitely starting to feel like home. Join us for our official grand opening. Speakers include President Adela de la Torre, Vice President J. Luke Wood, and Dr. Loh-Hagan. There will be student performances from VSA, APSA Music, PISA, and KASA Ignite. In addition, several student orgs will be tabling including Asian American Journalists Association, AB Samahan, Alpha Psi Rho, APSA, KASA, PISA, VSA, and others.

Healing Through Crafts: Journaling Through Shame
Location: Women's Resource Center Library
Date: Tuesday, April 26 from 4:00-5:30pm
The APIDA Center is teaming up with the Women's Resource Center to personalize, journal, and discuss the topics of colorism, menstrual health, and sexualization of APIDA women. (Co-hosted by Gi Gonzalez)

APIDA Conference
Register for Zoom Link: bit.ly/2022APIDAConference
Dates: Saturday, April 30 from 9-4pm
Join for our 2nd annual APIDA Conference. This year's theme is "Unity in Community: How Communities Work Together to Solve Problems." We will be hearing from several APIDA organizations and experts who are doing amazing things for our communities. Speakers include: Stop AAPI Hate, Cut Fruit Collective, Friends of Tonga, National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance, Dr. Amrit Deol, United Cambodian Coalition, and The Asian American Education Project. Thanks to generous funding from Student Success Fee programs. (Hosted by Gi Gonzalez)

GameCon
Location: APIDA Center
Dates: Sunday, May 1 from 11-7pm
With generous funding from Student Success Fee Programs, we will be hosting a Game Conference. This will be the first of many events for SDSU gaming enthusiasts. We will be discussing the benefits of playing tabletop games, video games, and role-playing games. We will also play games! Settlers of Catan, Dungeons & Dragons, mah jong...we got it all! (Hosted by Krishna Ramamoorthy and Alexa Lawrence)

AFE 101: Teaching Tough Topics
Location: Virtual (Standby for zoom and RSVP)
Dates: Saturday, May 7 from 10-4pm
With generous funding from Student Success Fee Programs, Allies for Education and the APIDA Center will be hosting our third annual AFE 101 professional development conference. This conference is developed by teachers for teachers! (Hosted by Nadia Hernandez Ruelas and Alexa Lawrence)

APIDA Graduation Celebration and End-of-Year Party
Location: Scripps Cottage
Dates: Sunday, May 8 from 5-8pm
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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 vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu.
Opportunities

- Geico is hiring for several positions in San Diego: Business Leadership Summer Intern, Management Development Program - Claims, Customer Service Representative, and Insurance Claims Specialist.
- On April 28th from 4-6pm, the SDSU LGBTQ+ Studies Program, the SDSU LGBTQ Research Consortium, and the College of Arts and Letters Dean's Office is hosting a virtual panel entitled, "Queer Spaces, Queer Faces: Unpacking Philippine LGBTQ+ Culture, History, and Politics." RSVP with this link.
- Are you a STEM student? Are you passionate about research and interested in graduate school? SDSU's Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) program can support you in achieving your goals.
- RSO Presidents and Treasurers: The RSO Renewal Symposia takes place on May 1, 2022. This is a one day event where student org leaders can complete all the required training and renew their applications for the 22-23 school year.

Do you have an opportunity to share?
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Scholarships

- The Hsiao Memorial Social Sciences Scholarship is a $1000 scholarship for a student to pursue graduate level studies in the social sciences/economics. Apply by May 16.
- The Slater-Miller Scholars Fund provides need-based scholarships to BIPOC rising college sophomores majoring in pre-medicine with a demonstrated interest in providing healthcare to underserved communities. Selected recipients will receive $2500 in the sophomore year, $5000 in the junior year, and $7500 in the senior year. Apply by May 19.
- The Groundbreaker Leadership Scholarship provides financial assistance to APIDA college seniors and graduate students who have exhibited exemplary leadership, vision, and passion for blazing trails for the APIDA community. The award is for $1500. Apply by May 31.
- The Western Regional Chapter of the Korean American Scholarship Foundation is offering $5000 scholarships for students of Korean heritage studying in the western region (which includes California). Apply by June 30, 2022.

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