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SDSU APIDA Resource Center
Cheers to new adventures!

We are celebrating the end of the semester and the end of the school year. It has been quite a year, especially for the APIDA Center. We have built community in our new physical space. We have safely and successfully repopulated our campus. We have met new friends and reconnected with old friends. We have thrived!!

As we move into Commencement weekend (May 13-15), we recognize and celebrate our graduates’ accomplishments and wish them the very best in all of their future endeavors. We are proud of our APIDA graduates and cannot wait to see all that they will do.

On May 8, 2022, we hosted our APIDA Graduation Celebration. There was food, crafting, dancing, and singing. Great fun was had by all. Below is a list of all the graduates who attended our event and who will be proudly wearing our APIDA graduation cord at their ceremony. CONGRATS!

As we close the 2021-22 academic year, please note that the APIDA Center will still be open. We are here for you throughout the summer. Our summer hours (May 16-August 21) will be Monday to Friday from 10:00am to 4:30pm. Come have more APIDA adventures with us and make some APIDA memories!
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APIDA Center celebrates APIDA History and Heritage Month!

This week was the second week of APIDA History and Heritage Month. We hosted great presentations and dialogues with Sefa Aina and Jessica Mercado (SDSU Alum). We also hosted APIDA Community Conversations. Lastly, we hosted our APIDA Student Organizations Summit. Stay connected with us as we have more programs and events this month!

APIDA Center has fun during finals week!

There has been a lot of studying at the APIDA Center this week. Yet, we always find time for fun and super silly antics. We hosted a series of crafting events including making tote bags. We also danced around in a pizza suit and got hungry for pizza, sparking an impromptu pizza party. Our witty Deanna quipped that the "APIDA Center is now A Pizza Center." That's amore, folks! (Only boomers will get that joke.)
• **Kaelan Ganzon** is now the President of the College of Human and Health Services Student Council. Previously, he was the college's A.S. Representative. He said, "As an aspiring physical therapist and as a student in the CHHS, I feel it's my duty to take care of others. My goal is to emphasize taking care of ourselves."

• Dr. **Sureshi Jayawardene** has been selected to serve as the Associate Director for the [Digital Humanities Initiative](https://digitalhumanitiesinitiative.org). She aims to establish new ways of supporting diversity and community.

• Dr. **Minjeong Kim**, Chair of Sociology, was selected as [Amaya M. Childes'](https://www.sdsu.edu) Most Influential Faculty Member. (Amaya was selected as Sociology's Outstanding Graduate.)

• Dr. **Loh-Hagan** has been invited to speak about allyship and about building an APIDA-supportive campus at [Folsom Lake College](https://www.folsomlake.edu) at part of their APIDA History and Heritage Month celebrations.

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**We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!**

**Have a flex to share?**

**Email us at [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).**
Sara Rose Fausto, 3rd year Integrated Marketing Communications major, is recommending TuziNeko. She said, "I discovered TuziNeko at the 626 Night Market. The owners are friendly and talented. I wanted to support Asian-owned, women-owned small businesses. I'm attracted to the cute animals on their products. TuziNeko makes shirts, pins, stickers, and all kinds of fun stuff. I especially love my TuziNeko sweatshirt because it's soft and comfortable; I wear it all the time. In addition, I like the soft pastel blue color. TuziNeko's designs are so cute; it fits my style!" TuziNeko was created by two sisters who were former corporate graphic designers. During the pandemic, they decided to start their own business using their crafty, cosplaying skills. (On their signature designs: Tuzi is a fluffy rabbit that loves eating pastries and Neko is a spunky cat that enjoys gaming.)

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.
Upcoming APIDA Center Events

**Community Art Project: Cross-Stitching**
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Monday, May 16 from 12-2pm
Did you know that cross-stitching is believed to have originated in China during the Tang Dynasty (618-907 AD) and spread to the western world along trade routes via the Silk Road? On Monday, May 16, learn how to cross-stitch then come in all week (May 16-20) to work on your project in community with others. (Sewing circles have historically been centers of community power, especially for women.)

**Cultural Education Program: The Role of Ethnic Enclaves in Building APIDA Communities**
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Tuesday, May 17 from 12:00-1:30pm
Since the 1800s, APIDA communities faced anti-Asian hate and were forced to seek safety in ethnic enclaves. Community leaders provided resources and support services. These ethnic enclaves became centers of political power and cultural pride. Learn more about APIDA ethnic enclaves. Then, watercolor paint a Chinatown scene with us.

**Chinese Paper-Cutting Workshop**
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Wednesday, May 18 from 2-3pm
This event is hosted by the Chinese Cultural Center and the APIDA Center. Chinese paper-cutting originated in ancient ancestor worship activities and is rooted in traditional Chinese culture. Learn about the art of Chinese paper-cutting and then make your own project.

**Community Art Project: Pacita Abad-inspired Art**
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Monday, May 23 from 12-2pm
Pacita Abad (1946-2004) was an Ivatan and Filipina American painter. She became a painter after studying Asian history at USF. She developed a technique of trapunto painting that included stitching and stuffing. She used found objects she collected from around the world to enhance her art. We will create our own paintings inspired by Abad's use of circles, lines, and mixed-media. On Monday, May 23, we'll learn how to paint like Abad and then in all week (May 23-27) to work on your project in community with others.

**Makenzie De Armas: APIDA DnD Game Designer**
Location: Zoom
Date: Friday, May 27 from 1-2pm
We are going to start a DnD campaign about "The Islands of Sina Una," which is inspired by pre-colonial mythology and culture from the Philippines. Come meet the lead writer of Sina Una, Makenzie De Armas. We will discuss APIDA representation in the gaming industry. We will also discuss the importance of APIDA women in this field.

**Dungeons & Dragons Dungeon Master Training Boot Camp**
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Sunday, May 28 from 11-5pm
Gaming is a great way to build community. We are going to start a DnD campaign about "The Islands of Sina Una," which is inspired by pre-colonial mythology and culture from the Philippines. We will discuss cultural authenticity in DnD and teach folks how to be a Dungeon Master. RSVP by emailing Dr. Loh-Hagan at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu. Instructor: Dan Wood, Creators Assemble! Board Member, Librarian, and a DnD expert in San Diego

**APIDA Community Party**
Location: APIDA Center
Date: Tuesday, May 31 from 1-5pm
To celebrate the end of APIA Month, the APIDA Center is hosting an APIDA Community Party at the APIDA Center. We will play mah jong, bāu cua tôm cá, and other games. There will also be movies, karaoke, and snacks!

**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.

**Panel of San Diego APIDA Community Leaders**
Location: Zoom
Date: Wednesday, May 25 from 3-4pm
About 13% of San Diego County identifies as APIA. San Diego boasts several vibrant APIDA communities including areas such as Convoy District, Little Saigon, and Little India & areas in Mira Mesa, Paradise Hills & Bay Terraces, South Bay, and Oceanside. In this panel, we will hear from some APIDA leaders and learn about our community's successes, strengths, and next steps. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done. But, together, we will be better.
Opportunities

• The Office for Graduate Life and Diversity is hosting a panel to help students select a master's or doctoral program. The panel is entitled, "How to Select a Program that Meets your Mental Health Needs." It takes place on May 18 from 12:00-1:30pm at the Gold Auditorium.

• On May 17 from 4-7pm, all SDSU faculty and staff are invited to attend the Employee Resource Group end-of-year celebration and recruitment party. Come learn more about these support groups and/or celebrate with colleagues.

• The Native Resource Center is hiring student workers. Apply at bit.ly/NRCApps

• The Pride Center is hosting a T-shirt design contest for their annual Pride shirt which will be worn by SDSU affiliates in the San Diego Pride Parade on July 16. The winner will receive a prize.

• Shana Zotikos is a doctoral student at Gonzaga University. She is working on her final project. She wants to recruit two undergraduate students (18 years of age or older) to explore their lived experiences regarding sense of belonging and diversity initiatives in higher education. Students who consent to participating in 1-2 interviews will get a $10 giftcard to Starbucks. Email Shana for more details.

Do you have an opportunity to share? Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.
• Apply for SDSU Aztec Scholarships. The general application for 22-23 awards will be open from April 18 to August 5, 2022. The priority deadline is May 13.

• 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-Millner 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.

• NAJA-AAJA Journalism Scholarship helps Pacific Islanders pursue careers in journalism. The goal is to improve Oceania’s representation and storytelling. Up to two scholarships of $4500 each will be awarded. Apply by May 31. Recipients will also receive membership to NAJA or AAJA as well as complimentary registration to the NAJA or AAJA conference.

• 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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