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### SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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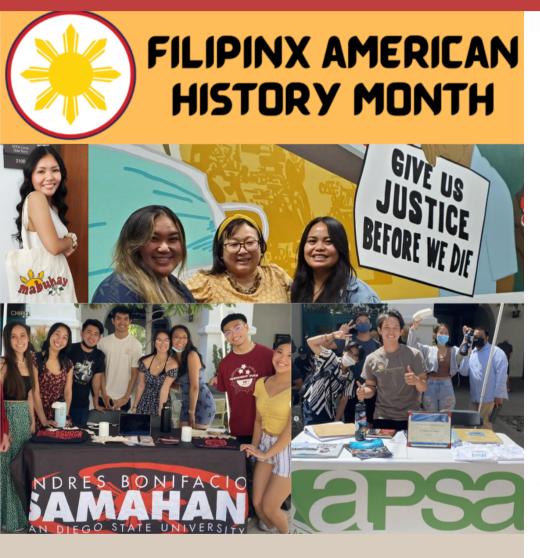
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# **Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan**

### September 30, 2022



#### Happy Filipinx American History Month!

Celebrate Filipinx American History Month (FAHM) with us! In solidarity with the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS), the APIDA Center will be adopting the theme: "Celebrating Our History and Legacies." There's certainly much to celebrate as this year marks the following:

- 50 years of Filipino American Studies (with the first classes being initiated at multiple institutions such as UCLA and UC Davis in 1972)
- 40 years of FANHS (which was founded in 1982 and now is the oldest Filipino American organization with 42 chapters across the U.S., including one in San Diego)
- 30 years of FAHM (which is celebrated in October commemorating the arrival of the first Filipino sailors who landed in Morro Bay, CA in 1587 and the birth month of labor activist, Larry Itliong)
- 50 years of <u>AB Samahan</u> and 50 years of <u>APSA</u> student organizations committed to serving SDSU Fil-Am students.

The establishment of FAS, FANHS, FAHM, and student orgs such as AB Samahan and APSA ensure that the histories, narratives, and legacies of the Filipinx American community will be acknowledged, amplified, and applauded.

I challenge you to do the following during FAHM:

- Attend FAHM programming Events will be released on our <u>Instagram</u> this weekend!
- Go to Love Library and view the student mural entitled "<u>1587</u>" which is a "visual history of the relationship between the United States, Filipinos, and Filipino Americans."

# **A Moment in APIDA History:**

### **Know our histories to Know ourselves!**



First Filipinos in San Diego by Alexa Lawrence

Did you know the first Filipinos in San Diego were pensionados? Pensionados were government-sponsored Filipinos, mostly wealthy males from elite classes, who were sent to the U.S. to study. They received funding for tuition and lodging; many lived with American families. The first Filipino pensionados in San Diego arrived in 1903. They attended San Diego Normal School (now SDSU), National City High, Russ High (now San Diego High), and others. A group of Filipinos aged 16-25 enrolled at SDSU. They stayed for one year and studied algebra, drawing, botany, English, and music. Nineteen pensionados formed a Filipino Students' Club in San Diego in 1903.

How and why did this program originate? On December 10, 1898, the U.S. and Spain signed the Treaty of Paris, which formally ended the Spanish–American War. Spain ceded the Philippine archipelago to the U.S. On June 2, 1899, the Philippine people sought independence from all imperial powers. The First Philippine Republic was formed and officially declared war. Following victory, the U.S. sought to build a new government for a sovereign Philippines. This lead to the creation of the Pensionado Act. In July 1902, the Philippine Organic Act stated that once peace times were reached, the U.S. would form a legislative government (made up of popularly elected Filipinos) and an upper house (appointed by the U.S. President). The goal was to help prepare Philippines for selfgovernance. On August 26, 1903, the Pensionado Act was passed. Students were sent to the U.S. to learn about U.S. governance among other topics. These efforts were rooted in an attempt to pacify the Philippines and create stability in the territory. The program provided a U.S. education to around 500 students from 1903 to the start of World War II. Students mainly earned degrees in government and administration since the idea of the program was to educate the students about the U.S. government. These students would go on to be influential members of the Philippine society. Many alumni worked for the Philippine government. This was the largest American international scholarship program until the Fulbright program was established in 1948.

Upon returning to the Philippines, pensionados were often called "American boys" and faced discrimination from other Filipinos. Many Filipinos believed that the returning pensionados were associated with American power over their newly formed government. Some of the returning pensionados would go on to help in the development of Filipino nationalism, supporting an independent Philippines.

The success of returning pensionados enticed others to immigrate to the U.S. This included non-pensionados who self-financed their own higher education. By the 1920s, these self-financed students outnumbered the pensionados. Aspiration of education advancement became a dominant theme for those Filipinos coming to the U.S. They were known as "fountain pen boys." Betweem 1910 and 1938, about 14,000 non-sponsored Filipinos studied in the U.S. Many went to school while working in the fields to pay for tuition. By 1930, Filipinos were the third largest population of students from outside of the continental U.S.

# **APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!**



#### **APIDA Center hosts APIDA Student Orgs Summit!**

On Friday, September 23rd, we hosted an APIDA student orgs summit to welcome our new and returning student org leaders. Over lunch, we shared updates and goals. These summits are hosted three times a year in September, December, and April.

In addition, **Minh Pham** hosted the first meeting of the APIDA Council of Student Orgs (ACSO) on Wednesday, September 28th with the goals of increasing communication and collaboration. Representatives from various student orgs will meet about once every three months.



#### **APIDA Center hosts A-LIST social!**

On Friday, September 23rd, the APIDA Center hosted our first social for our current A-LIST cohort. As a reminder, A-LIST stands for APIDA Leadership, Identity, Scholarship, and Togetherness; it is the name of our APIDA residential learning community and university seminar.



#### **APIDA Center made bookmarks!**

On Monday, September 26th, during our Craft Night, we made popsicle stick bookmarks and origami corner bookmarks. Our Craft Nights are a great way to be creative while being in community. So much magic can happen from a little glue, scissors, paper...and a lot of heart and big brains! During October, our Craft Nights will focus on Filipino arts and crafts.

# **APIDA Flex Alerts!**

- Erin Vedar, SDSU alumna and student affairs professional, is featured in <u>episode 2</u> of the AMPed Life: Mentoring, Momentum, Milestones podcast. The podcast focuses on the impact of mentorship on one's career paths.
- Dr. Loh-Hagan was invited to attend The Asian American Foundation summit in San Francisco on September 29th. She met many APIDA powerhouses including Jerry Yang, Helen Zia, and others. She was inspired by the APIDA success stories.

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community! Have a flex to share? Email us at <u>apida@sdsu.edu</u>.

### **All Things APIDA: Recommendations**



Angela Subido, APIDA Center Assistant Coordinator, is a proud National City local. She is recommending Tita's Kitchenette. She said, "National City is home to over 10,000 Filipino Americans and many frequent Tita's Kitchenette since it's nestled between Valerio's Bakery and Island Pacific Grocery Store. This makes it a one-stop shop for all your Filipino needs. Go early since parking may be difficult on weekends - the line to Tita's spills outside the restaurant but it is definitely worth the wait. Tita's Kitchenette is turo-turo or pointpoint style, which means you can point at freshly prepared dishes warmed on a steaming table, and the servers fill up containers, cafeteriastyle. The portions are enough to feed a family of 3-4 so come hungry or bring your friends. Tita's Kitchenette also offers free, warm sabaw (soup), usually sinigang na baboy. My family favorites are pork sisig and chicken bbq. Sisig is a popular pork dish prepared with onions, chilis, and calamansi. On TikTok, there are recipes for bangus (fish) sisig or tofu sisig for plantbased Fil-Ams. Celebrate your Philippine heritage this month by sharing a meal from Tita's with loved ones!"

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 <u>apida@sdsu.edu</u>.

### **Upcoming APIDA Center Events**

#### **\*\*\*\*\*Stay tuned for FAHM programming!!!**

#### Mix and Mingle with Chitra Divakaruni

Location: APIDA Center

#### Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 3:30-4:30pm

Chitra Divarkaruni is an award-winning author, activist, and teacher. During this event, participants will have an opportunity to chat with Chitra in an intimate setting. APIDA Center will provide Indian snacks!

#### Author Talk: Chitra Divakaruni

#### Location: SSW 1560

#### Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 5:00-6:30pm

Chitra Divarkaruni's talk is entitled, "Unsilenced: Women's Voices in Indian and Diasporic Literature." She will discuss her female protagonists, ranging from contemporary South Asian/South Asian American women to hsitorical and mythological heroines. She will discuss how she has placed them center-stage in her books and why such an enterpirse is relevant in the United States today.

#### **One SDSU x APIDA Center Makers' Market**

#### Location: Student Union Courtyard

#### Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022 from 1-6pm

Back by popular demand! Calling all Makers, D.I.Y.ers, entrepreneurs, and singer-songwriters! Sign up to sell your homemade products and/or sign up to perform your original songs on stage. We are paying vendor fees for students. Sign up here: <u>https://tinyurl.com/</u>SDSUMakersOct2022.

#### 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 <u>vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu</u>.

#### Happy Hours at the APIDA Center

The APIDA Center is hosting "Happy Hours" at the APIDA Center! On Mondays through Thursday from 6-8pm, we will be hanging out in the lounge. Come on over and play with us. Craft with us on Mondays. Make music with us on Tuesdays. Watch TV with us on Wednesdays. Play games with us on Thursdays. Open to all while supplies last and while space is available. Most nights will be unstructured and free. However, there will be times when we host specific activities. Keep up with us on Instagram to learn more. Also, there may be times when we need to cancel our Happy Hour to support another program. There's always something fun going on at the APIDA Center!

### **Opportunities & Events**

#### **APIDA Student Organizations:**

- APSA hosts weekly <u>auxiliaries</u>: Dance (Mondays at 4:30pm), Music (Tuesdays at 3:30pm), Fits (Wednesdays - biweekly - at 5pm), and Media (Fridays at 1pm).
- KASA is launching a Korean Fan Dance group. Complete an <u>interest</u> <u>form</u> to learn more.
- Sanskriti is hosting their <u>Garba Night</u> on October 9th from 5:30-9:00pm at Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center.

#### **Cultural Center Partners:**

• The Women's Resource Center is hosting a <u>Women in STEM support</u> <u>group</u> on Thursday, October 6 from 4-5pm at the WRC library.

#### **Campus Partners:**

- Counseling and Psychological Services will host a <u>Boundaries and</u> <u>Self-Care Workshop</u> on October 6 from 3:00-4:15pm at the Calpulli Center.
- The International Student Center is hosting a <u>Social/Cultural Hour</u> on October 7 from 12-1pm.
- The <u>Math Science Teacher Initiative</u> is hiring <u>tutors</u>. Undergraduate SDSU students with coursework in math and science who are interested in tutoring at local middle and high schools should apply.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with <u>Economic Crisis Response Team</u>.

#### **Community Partners:**

- "Lumpia with a Vengeance" is making a national return to theaters starting on September 30 at Regal Edwards Mira Mesa and on October 7 at Regal Rancho Del Rey Chula Vista.
- On October 1 at 6pm, the USD FUSO and API Initiative are hosting the Inaugural Filipino American History Gala at USD.
- The "Filipinos of South Bay Exhibit" is on display at the Civic Center Branch Library. The <u>ribbon cutting ceremony</u> takes place on October 2 from 1-3pm.

Do you have an opportunity to share? Email us at <u>apida@sdsu.edu</u>.

### **Scholarships**

#### Please research criteria and deadlines.

- The <u>Annual Prevounce Preventative Health Scholarship Program</u> is offering one \$1000 scholarship for an undergraduate and one \$1500 for a graduate student pursuing a healthcare career. Apply by October 15, 2022.
- Scholarship America has established a <u>Dream Award</u> which offers \$5000-\$15,000 to awardees. Apply by October 15, 2022.
- The <u>Ruthie Brown Scholarship</u> is offering one \$5000 scholarship to a BIPOC student who is working full or part time and who has a disability or is a non-traditional study. Apply by November 1, 2022.
- The <u>Sikora Drake STEM Scholarship</u> supports minority students so they can pursue higher education in STEM. Any first-generation, BIPOC, female identifying, and/or LGBTQ+ student who is pursuing a degree in STEM may apply for this scholarship. Apply by November 1, 2022.
- Pacific Coast Medical Billing & Coding is offering a <u>Female</u> <u>Empowerment Scholarship</u> which awards \$1500 to a BIPOC, female student. Apply by November 1, 2022.
- The <u>Small Seed Big Flower Scholarship</u> awards \$1015 to one firstgeneration BIPOC undergraduate student. Apply by November 15. 2022.
- LEAD Filipino is hosting the Mama Verang and Lola Remi Scholarship Fund (Lola Scholarship Fund). They are awarding three scholarships ranging from \$990-1020 for Filipino American undergraduate and graduate students. Apply by December 1, 2022.
- The <u>APIA Scholars Scholarship</u> is open to APIDA undergraduates. Amounts range from \$2500-\$20,000. Applications are available between September 7 to January 19, 2023.

#### Do you have a scholarship opportunity to share? Email us at <u>apida@sdsu.edu</u>.

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# **MAKERS' MARKET**





# Thursday, Oct 20th from 1-6pm

**Location: Student Union Courtyard** 

Calling all Makers, D.I.Y.ers, entrepreneurs, and singersongwriters! Sign up to sell your homemade products and/or sign up to sing an original song on stage.

Sign up by Oct 10 to secure your spot