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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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Rooms #210A-K (Directly above Starbucks)

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Friday 10am-4:30pm

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# Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

OCTOBER 7, 2022



## Get an APIDA Center T-shirt!

We got that drip! [Translation for Boomers: We look good; we're dripping in style.] And, you can look as awesome as we do! Attend five APIDA Center events and get a shirt (while supplies last).

Lucky for you, we have many [Filipinx American History Month](#) events scheduled for October. There are so many opportunities to celebrate Fil-Am pride, to learn about Fil-Am history, and to earn that APIDA shirt! (You know you want a shirt!)

# A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to Know ourselves!



## APIDA Center celebrates Fil-Am hometown hero, Telesforo Trinidad!

In October 2021, the APIDA Center hosted a cultural educational program about the bravery and legacy of U.S Navy fireman, Telesforo Trinidad (1890-1968). We chatted with Rene Trinidad, Trinidad's grandson, and Cecilia I. Gaerlan, founding board member of the USS Telesforo Trinidad Campaign (USSTC).

Trinidad (1890-1968) was the first and only Filipino American to receive the Medal of Honor for "extraordinary heroism." While serving on the U.S.S. San Diego during World War II, he rescued fellow sailors from two boiler explosions.

This year marked a Fil-Am milestone: Trinidad became the first enlisted sailor and the first Filipino American to have a combat ship named after him. In May 2022 during APIDA History and Heritage Month, Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy, announced the naming of the future Arleigh-Burke class guided-missile destroyer as the USS Telesforo Trinidad.

Not only does this naming commemorate Telesforo's heroism, but it is also a symbol of the sacrifice and courage displayed by the tens of thousands of Filipinos who have served in the U.S Navy since 1901, which is the year the Philippines became a U.S territory.

During Filipinx American History Month (FAHM), celebrate and share the stories of our local and historic heroes. Filipinx Americans have had a rich history of defending and serving their communities; they continue to carry their ancestors' fighting spirit.

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center hosts first week of FAHM!

For [FAHM](#), each Sunday, the APIDA Center will share a social media campaign to learn more about the Fil-Am experience in San Diego. This week, we posted about [Filipinx migration to San Diego](#). Fun fact: The first Filipinos in San Diego were probably sailors who came during the 1769 Portola expedition; but, the first major documentation of Filipinos arriving in San Diego was in 1903 when Filipino students studied at SDSU.

On Monday, October 3, we learned about how Filipino food culture was colonized resulting in the use of cutlery and the emergence of the tradition of hanging decorated wooden spoons. Then, we decorated our own [wooden spoons](#)!

On Tuesday, October 4, we hosted a workshop entitled "[Ampify Filipinx during FAHM](#)" in partnership with the Center for Inclusive Excellence.

On Wednesday, October 5, we watched the first three episodes of "[Out of the Boondocks](#)," which is a docuseries about Fil-Am creativity in San Diego.

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## **APIDA Center partners with SDSU's National Center for the Study of Children's Literature!**

The [APIDA Center](#) values our campus partnerships. We are so excited to be partnering with SDSU's College of Arts and Letters' [National Center for the Study of Children's Literature](#) (NCSCL)! Dr. Loh-Hagan, who writes and researches children's books, is listed in "Our Affiliate Faculty" and the APIDA Center is listed as a campus partner in the "Outreach" section.

SDSU was one of the first universities in the country to offer Children's Literature as a course in an English Department when classes were taught in the late 1970s. Developed in tandem with the Children's Literature Program, the NCSCL is a growing hub for undergraduate and graduate research about children's literature. NCSCL centers scholarship as a core value while also providing opportunities for academics and creatives within the industry of children's literature to converge. The Center's work ranges from writing book reviews about the latest releases in children's literature to working with educators to organizing panels and events centered on children's literature. The Center strives to promote the active study of children's literature in academia and beyond.

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Jalea Villarama**, third year Computer Science major, is performing at the [San Diego Loyal](#) vs New Mexico United soccer game on October 9th. This is San Diego Loyal's first annual Filipino American Heritage Night.
- **Alvin Pham**, fourth year Kinesiology major, is featured as a model for [@sdsu bookstore](#). He said, "It was a great experience because it was something out of my comfort zone. Also, I was able to keep the shirt which made it worth it."
- **Katelyn Factoran**, first year graduate student, is the National West Coast Senator for [Alpha Phi Gamma National Sorority, Inc.](#)
- *The Daily Aztec* wrote an article entitled, "[SDSU community protests the Philippine government on the 50th anniversary of martial law](#)." The article quotes SDSU students, **Celine Milla** and **Michael Vargas**. It also quotes SDSU alumna, **Eliana Allize**.
- **Matt Garcia**, Associate Director for the APIDA Center, is a huge women's soccer fan, especially of the [San Diego Wave](#). He was interviewed and featured on their Instagram story.

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

**Have a flex to share?**

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# All Things APIDA: Recommendations



**Minh-Huy Pham**, fourth year Computer Engineering major and leader of our APIDA Council of Student Orgs (ACSO), is recommending Ba Le French Sandwich Shop. He said, "Whenever I'm hungry, I'm always craving a nice bánh mì and my go-to spot would have to be Ba Le French Sandwich Shop. Not to be confused by the name, it is a small place with many options for authentic Vietnamese bánh mì ranging from \$5 to \$6.50 per sandwich. This 'French Sandwich' comes from the influence of the French baguette in the Vietnamese bánh mì. My favorite is the Bánh mì đặc biệt - this 'special Vietnamese sandwich' consists of several Vietnamese cold cuts, liver paste, cilantro, cucumbers, and pickled carrots and radish. If you're feeling hungry and also on a budget, Ba Le is the perfect place to stop by and grab a delicious bánh mì on University Ave."

**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

## **Craft Night: Pacit Abad-inspired Art**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, October 10 from 6-8pm**

Pacita Abad (1946-2004) was an Ivatan and Filipina American painter. She studied Asian history at USF. She created over 4500 artworks. 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.

## **Dr. Rey Monzon Data Lecture: Shannon Cristobal**

**Location: Zoom**

**Date: Wednesday, October 12 from 2-3pm**

Shannon Cristobal is a Ph.D. candidate at University of Hawai'i, Manoa. Her research explores how Filipino food and foodways are a means of grappling with the complexities of Fil-Am history, identity, and culture in Hawai'i.

## **FAHM TV Night: "Out of the Boondocks"**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, October 12 from 6-8pm**

"Out of the Boondocks" is a docuseries that sheds light on Filipino culture and creativity through the lens of San Diego's Filipino artists and innovators.

## **Panel: Black-Filipinx American Student Experience at SDSU**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Thursday, October 13 from 2-3pm**

Learn about the Black-Filipinx American student experience at SDSU! Student panelists include **Caili Anderson**, **Ellyse Brimmo**, and **Rodney Speight**. This event is in partnership with the [Black Resource Center](#).

## **Mix and Mingle with Chitra Divakaruni**

**Location: APIDA Center**

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

Chitra Divakaruni 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 Divakaruni'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 historical and mythological heroines. She will discuss how she has placed them center-stage in her books and why such an enterprise is relevant in the United States today.

## **Andres Bonifacio Samahan x APIDA Center Social**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Friday, October 14 from 4-8pm**

Join us for a fun FAHM social. We'll provide snacks, movies, games, etc. Wear your pajamas and bring the fun! We're here for the community!

## **Craft Night: Pabitin**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, October 17 from 6-8pm**

Pabitin translates to "rack of goodies" and is a game played on birthdays. It is essentially a Filipino piñata. The objective of the game is for kids to grab as many treats and toys as possible while it is being lowered and lifted. The colorful banderitas (flags/paper strips) provide both decoration and obstacles. Learn more about pabatin and make your own rack of goodies!

## **Speaker: Dr. Oliver Wang - "Mix Masters: Fil-Am DJ Scene"**

**Location: Zoom**

**Date: Tuesday, October 18 from 1-2pm**

Dr. Oliver Wang is a professor of sociology at CSU-Long Beach and the author of *Legions of Boom: Filipino American Mobile DJ Crews of the San Francisco Bay Area* (Duke Univ. Press, 2015). He will be sharing his research on the Bay Area's Fil-Am mobile DJ scene, which began in the late 1970s and lasted through the early 1990s.

## **Chat with Rio Villa and Jay Jay Maniquis**

**Location: Zoom**

**Date: Wednesday, October 19 from 6-7pm**

Engage in a chat with Rio Villa and Jay Jay Maniquis who are the co-creators and co-hosts of "Out of the Boondocks," a 6-part KPCS docuseries about San Diego Filipino creativity.

## **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: <https://tinyurl.com/SDSUMakersOct2022>.

## **APIDA-Pop Expo**

**Location: Tula Community Center**

**Date: Friday, October 21, 2022 from 10pm-1am**

POP on over to the APIDA-POP Expo!! [Aztec Nights](#) and the APIDA Center are hosting a fun-filled night of APIDA popular culture to include K-Pop, J-Pop, P-Pop, and Bollywood dancing. Celebrate all things APIDA-pop! There will be Asian snacks, spam musubi, anime drawing demos, Bollywood dance workshop, K-pop random dance play hosted by [KASA](#), cosplay contests, and more. Join Aztec Nights, the APIDA Center, and APIDA student orgs for a poppin' night!

## **Craft Night: Okir**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, October 24 from 6-8pm**

Okir is the term for rectilinear and curvilinear plant-based designs and folk motifs that can be usually found among people of the Southern Philippines. Learn more about Okir and then practice drawing your own Okir designs.

## **Speaker: Dr. Arnel Calvario - Fil-Am HipHop Dance Scene**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Tuesday, October 18 from 1-2pm**

Dr. Arnel Calvario will share his experience in the Fil-Am dance community. He founded UC Irvine's Kaba Modern and serves as the Board President of Culture Shock International and as an active member of the KINJAZ. He managed Kaba Modern, Fanny Pak, the Beat Freaks, & Kinjaz during their runs on MTV's hit show "America's Best Dance Crew." He also helped manage Kinjaz on NBC's "World of Dance." In addition, he is a judge at the Hip Hop International (HHI) World Dance Championships and is the Co-Coordinator for the annual HHI World Battles.

## **Cultural Education Program: Ube**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, October 31 from 2-3pm**

Ube means tuber in Tagalog; it is a purple yam originally from the Philippines. Come learn about the historical and cultural significance of ube and sample some ube snacks.

## **Craft Night: Capiz Shells**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, October 31 from 6-8pm**

Capiz shells are named after a Philippines province; the Philippines are known to be the primary exporter of Capiz shells crafts. Capiz shells are used to make curtains, chandeliers, lanterns, jewelry, and more. Learn more about the historical and cultural significance of Capiz shells and make your own craft!



# Opportunities & Events

## APIDA Student Organizations:

- [Asian Pacific Islander Social Work Association](#) is actively seeking board members and active members.
- [Andres Bonifacio Samahan](#) is hosting a [FCC Bonfire](#) on October 8 from 4-9pm at La Jolla Shores.
- [APSA](#) is hosting its 9th annual Night Market on October 26 from 4-9pm. This event is in collaboration with other APIDA student organizations: [Andres Bonifacio Samahan](#), [Japanese Student Association](#) (JSA), [Korean American Student Association](#) (KASA), [Pacific Islander Student Association](#) (PISA), and [Vietnamese Student Association](#) (VSA).

## Cultural Center Partners:

- The Native Resource Center is celebrating [Indigenous Peoples' Day: Week of Action](#). They have events for every day of the week.
- The Latinx Resource Center is hosting a [Pachanga](#) on October 13 from 5-8pm in the Student Union Courtyard. This community celebration is the culmination of the LRC's Latinx Heritage Month.
- The Center for Intercultural Relations is hosting a discussion about [Cancel and Woke Culture](#) on October 13 from 4-5pm.

## Campus Partners:

- Aztec Nights is hosting [Screen on the Green](#) event from 10pm-2am at the Aztec Green. The movie is "Thor: Love and Thunder."
- SDSU and UCI Joint Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Computational Science is hosting a virtual information session on October 13 from 2:00-3:30pm. [Register](#) today!
- The [Math Science Teacher Initiative](#) is hiring [tutors](#). 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 [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- The [San Diego API Coalition](#) is excited to announce their first San Diego Asian Pacific Islander Empowerment Grant. Available funding is up to \$2500. [Apply](#) by November 4.
- [Karen Organization of San Diego](#) is looking for volunteers to serve as after-school program tutors.
- The [San Diego Asian Film Festival](#) runs from November 3-12.

## Scholarships

Please research criteria and deadlines.

- The [Annual Prevounce Preventative Health Scholarship Program](#) 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 [Dream Award](#) which offers \$5000-\$15,000 to awardees. Apply by October 15, 2022.
- The [Ruthie Brown Scholarship](#) 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 student. Apply by November 1, 2022.
- The [Sikora Drake STEM Scholarship](#) 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 [Female Empowerment Scholarship](#) which awards \$1500 to a BIPOC, female student. Apply by November 1, 2022.
- The [Small Seed Big Flower Scholarship](#) awards \$1015 to one first-generation 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 [APIA Scholars Scholarship](#) is open to APIDA undergraduates. Amounts range from \$2500-\$20,000. Applications are available between September 7 to January 19, 2023.

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## Paid Internships

- Asian Americans Advancing Justice works to advance human and civil rights for APIDA communities. They are seeking [student interns](#) interested in gaining firsthand experience in civil rights advocacy. Interns are expected to commit to 16-20 hours per week during the 2022 winter or 2021 spring semesters. Specific start and end dates are flexible. Summer internships are full-time (40 hours per week) over a ten-week period. Internships are virtual. Applicants are eligible to apply for a modest stipend based upon demonstrated financial need.
- [Apply](#) to be an intern this spring with Representative Scott Peters. The deadline is December 13. Interns will be paid \$15 per hour and work 20 hours per week for 10-12 weeks. Interns may be asked to do a variety of things, including day-to-day office work such as answering phones, writing letters, and responding to constituent inquiries. They may also be asked to assist with constituent casework and District-based projects of importance, with plenty of opportunities for community outreach and engagement.

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