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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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# Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

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## Celebrate APIDA joy!

It's official - The APIDA Center knows how to party! We hosted an amazing [APIDA-Pop Expo](#) on October 21 in partnership with [Aztec Nights](#). It was most definitely a poppin' night with over 600 students in attendance! We had tons of Asian snacks, [Mochinut Convoy](#) mochinuts, and [L&L](#) spam musubi. We also had cosplay contests, Asian-themed video and board games, anime/manga stickers and sticker-making table, anime/manga coloring books, anime/manga drawing demonstrations by [Egg Drop Ramen Studio](#) (Vince Alvendia), Bollywood dance workshop by Anar Mehta, and Random Dance Play hosted by the super awesome [Korean American Student Association \(KASA\)](#). (Our students are soooooo talented! OMG! KASA rocked the house!) In addition, the following student organizations tabled at the event: [Asian Pacific Student Alliance \(APSA\)](#), [Korean American Student Association \(KASA\)](#), [SDSU Anime and Manga Club](#), and [Vietnamese Student Association \(VSA\)](#).

It was such an energizing experience. We had a spectacular turnout as over 600 students showed up and enjoyed all things APIDA pop culture! I love our students so much!! What a super fun nights! Events like these are testaments to APIDA joy. There is so much to celebrate! (Check out the event pics on our [Instagram](#) and the "[Daily Aztec](#)" article about our event. Warning: You will definitely get FOMO if you didn't go.)

Many thanks to our campus partners: **Amaris Gonzales** and **Zach McDaniel**; also, special shout-out to APIDA ERG member, **Jasleen Aguilar**, for her assistance.



# A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



## **APIDA Center learns about Filipinx Americans in Imperial Valley!**

Did you know that San Diego State University has an Imperial Valley campus (est. 1959) in Calexico? Furthermore, there is Filipinx American history in the Imperial Valley.

Early Filipinos in Imperial Valley arrived as part of the Manong (first generation of Filipino male immigrants to arrive in the United States) and Sakada (migrant farm workers in and from the Philippines) migration movements of the 1910-1930s. The Filipino Manongs of Imperial Valley formed a provincial group called Sons of Batac. Sons of Batac fought for access to insurance and medical assistance. They would also convene in El Centro to discuss culture and food, highlighting the importance of cultural preservation. Along with other social groups such as the Caballeros de Dimas Alang and the Legionarios de Trabajo Inc., they hosted large-scale community events in the 1920s-1950s. They used union halls to host dances, to network to find employment, and to gather as a community.

Many Fil-Am migrants were recruited to harvest lettuce in Imperial Valley. They were subjected to low wages and harsh working conditions. Beginning on January 1, 1930, Filipino and Mexican lettuce farmworkers walked off their jobs. This became known as the Imperial Valley lettuce strike of 1930. The strike was called off in three weeks due to the power of the landowners and divisions within the organization.

These Fil-Am farm laborers traveled together to harvest lettuce in the Imperial Valley; they faced racism as well. For example, on December 8, 1930, a bomb was thrown into a barn where they were all staying; this bombing injured many and killed one.

In the 1950s, the United States began importing cheap raw materials from countries, deepening their reliance on Mexico for the importation of crops such as tomatoes. In addition, legislation that reduced the price of crops was enacted. This forced many Filipino Americans to leave the Imperial Valley for better work opportunities in places like Delano. In fact, it was in Delano that Filipino American farmworkers built solidarity with the Mexican American farmworkers under the leadership of Larry Itliong, Philip Vera Cruz, and Cesar Chavez.

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center hosted fourth week of FAHM!

For [FAHM](#), each Sunday, the APIDA Center will share a social media campaign. This week, we focused on the [history of Fil-Am dance in San Diego](#) in order to prepare for our FAHM guest speaker, Dr. [Arnel Calvario](#). Dr. Calvario was amazing! On Tuesday, October 25th, he shared his experiences as a pioneer in the the Fil-Am hip-hop dance scene. He also taught us about the history of Filipino Americans in the hip-hop industry.

On October 24th, the APIDA Center hosted a cultural crafting workshop about [Okir](#), which refers to rectilinear and curvilinear nature-based designs and folks motifs found among the Moro and Lumad people of Southern Philippines. We also learned about the Muslim communities in the Philippines and how art has survived oppression and imperialism. Then, we made our own [Okir-inspired designs](#).



## **APIDA Center celebrated Diwali!**

Diwali is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. Known as the Festival of Lights, it is a time to celebrate the triumph of light over darkness. It is also a time to honor Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and good fortune. As such, playing cards (and gambling) has become a popular pastime of Diwali festivities. On October 26, the fifth and last day of the Diwali 2022 celebration, the APIDA Center hosted a mini-film festival and discussions about Diwali. Then, we played card games! We were all feeling pretty lucky!



## **APIDA Center co-hosted a FAHM dinner at The Garden!**

On October 27th, the [APIDA Center](#) rolled on over to [The Garden](#) for a super yummy [FAHM dinner](#). In celebration of FAHM, the fabulous The Garden chefs and SDSU dining put together a terrific menu of Filipino-inspired cuisine. Dishes included lumpia, turon, chicken adobo, sisig, lapu-lapu, pinakbet, pancit, halo-halo, and more. The APIDA Center hosted a table there and created a social media campaign to learn more about the [dishes](#).

# APIDA Flex Alerts!

- "The Daily Aztec" wrote a great article about the [Makers' Market](#), which was hosted by the APIDA Center and One SDSU.
- For FAHM, Associated Students is spotlighting Filipinx American student leaders. Check out the postings about [Joshua Dumaua](#) and [Lexi Bautista Maxion](#).
- [APSA](#), in collaboration with [AB Samahan](#), [JSA](#), [KASA](#), [PISA](#), and [VSA](#), hosted its 9th annual [Night Market](#) on October 26. With yummy food booths and talented performances, this event was a huge success!
- **Matt Garcia**, APIDA Center Associate Director, was interviewed for the Native Resource Center's Indigeneyes Podcast titled, "[No-Appropriation Halloween](#)."
- On October 27th, Dr. **Chyun Oh's**, Associate Professor of Dance Theory at SDSU, lecture about "[K-Pop Fandom](#)" was recorded for an Amazon Prime series. The lecture took place in the Smith Recital Hall; the audience in attendance was included in the footage.
- **Christy Quiogue**, SDSU alumna and former staff member, wrote an Op-Ed for the San Diego Union Tribune entitled, "[San Diego is facing a talent shortage. We must incentivize college graduates to stay.](#)"

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

**Have a flex to share?**

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# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## **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!

## **Lecture: K-Pop Dance and Social Media**

**Location: Digital Humanities Center (Dome LA 61)**

**Date: Thursday, November 10 at 12pm**

Dr. **Chuyun Oh**, a Fulbright scholar and Associate Professor of Dance Theory at SDSU will discuss her book, *K-Pop Dance: Fandoming Yourself on Social Media* (Routledge 2022). Her award-winning scholarship has appeared in global media, top-tier journals, and anthologies. As a graduate of Kirov Ballet Academy, Dr. Oh received international dance competition awards and performed worldwide as a professional ballet/modern dancer before entering academia.

## **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](mailto:vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu).

## **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:

- [VSA](#) is hosting "[VSA and the Bee](#)" at Montezuma Hall on November 11 from 5:00-7:30pm. Sign up to compete or attend by November 4.
- [APSA](#) is hosting [Sports Day](#) at Crown Point Park on November 5 from 12-4pm.
- [Sanskriti](#) is hosting [Diwali](#) celebration at Montezuma Hall on November 6 at 4:30pm.
- [JSA](#) is hosting [Friendsgiving](#) at William R. Mason Park on November 11 from 12-5pm.

## Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting events throughout November for [Native American Heritage Month](#).
- The Center for Intercultural Relations is hosting [National First-Gen Day](#) at Centennial Walkway on November 3 from 2:00-3:30pm.
- The Center for Intercultural Relations, Latinx Resource Center, and Native Resource Center are hosting "[Ancestor Altars 101: Veneration of the Dead](#)" at the CIR (Student Union 250) on November 7 from 4-5pm.

## Campus Partners:

- Counseling & Psychological Services is hosting "[International Circle Feeling Family Pressure? What Next?](#)" at the International Student Center Lounge on November 1 from 3:00-4:15pm.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

## Community Partners:

- On October 29, Asian Solidarity Collective is hosting "[Healing x Art = Heart](#)" [Poetry and Mixed Media Workshop](#) at the Skyline Hills Library. [Email](#) by October 28th to RSVP.
- The [San Diego Asian Film Festival](#) is taking place from November 3-12.
- On November 3, the Strategic Alliance of Ethnic Chambers is hosting a "[Community Mixer](#)". Network with members of Asian Business Association San Diego, County of San Diego Black Chamber of Commerce, and San Diego County Imperial Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
- On November 5, Samahan Arts is performing "[Sining Samahan 45th Annual Concert of Philippine Music & Dance](#)" at the Joan Kroc Theatre.

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## Paid Internships

- Asian Americans Advancing Justice works to advance human and civil rights for APIDA communities. [Student 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.
- The City of San Diego's Economic Development department is seeking one [Small Business Engagement Team Intern](#). Apply by November 30, 2022.
- Hydralyte is seeking a Marketing Intern for a 6-month paid internship located at UTC, San Diego. [Apply via LinkedIn](#).
- [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.

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## Scholarships

Please research criteria and deadlines.

- 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.
- The [Minority/Women in STEM Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to five students who identify as a first-gen/low-income BIPOC and/or female student. Apply by November 19, 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 [EmPowered Women Scholarship](#) is awarding \$750 to a first-gen, female, BIPOC student. Applicants must be pursuing a career in Accounting/Finance and have non-profit or volunteering experience. Apply by December 15, 2022.
- The [Manuela Calles Scholarship for Women](#) is awarding one \$500 scholarship to a female student who is pursuing a career that improves the mental health field. Apply by December 20, 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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