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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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

February 10, 2023



## Happy Black History Month!

February is Black History Month, a time to celebrate and acknowledge Black contributions and achievements. Carter G. Woodson (1875-1950) was a historian and scholar who is known as the "father of black history." He said, "If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated."

Learning about our histories and our cultural heritages is extremely important to the APIDA Center. APIDA history is tied to Black history in so many ways; an early example of APIDA-Black solidarity is when Frederick Douglass (1818-1895), an abolitionist, used his large platform to support the migration of Chinese immigrants who had faced many exclusion laws in early U.S. history.

Celebrate Black History Month by connecting with the [Black Resource Center](#). We will also be collaborating with the BRC - Standby for more information!



# A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



## **APIDA Center learns about gentrification in Black and APIDA neighborhoods!**

In 1903, the Bing Tong Kong building was constructed in what is today known as the Gaslamp Quarter in downtown San Diego. It became a site of significance for the APIDA community since it served as both a business site and residence for Japanese and Chinese merchants from the early 1900s-1940s. Today, the Horton Grand Hotel is in its place.

On the corner of Second Avenue and Market Street, there is a commemorative plaque stating, "Former Site, Douglas Hotel, 1924." This hotel was a landmark for the Black community and was considered the "Harlem of the West" as it was a vibrant art and music scene - the Creole Palace nightclub was attached to the building. The Douglas Hotel was famous for housing celebrities like Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, and Billie Holiday. It accommodated Black visitors during segregation and lodged a large African American population. It was destroyed in 1985 for mixed-use residential and commercial development.

Black residents and Asian immigrants were both pushed out as a result of the urban reconstruction of San Diego which took place in the 1950s-1970s. These projects sponsored by the federal government led to the development of residential areas, modern housing structures, and interstate highway systems. However, this urban development came at a cost as it displaced Black, Latinx, and APIDA working class communities. By 1967, 400,000 families, who were considered low-income and minorities, were displaced.

In 1986, San Diego created a list of 369 "historic landmarks." Racial bias was evident as only two Mexican American, one Filipino American, and eight Chinese American structures were named historic landmarks. Black historic sites did not make the list.

APIDA and Black communities fought back. In the 1990s, a historic Chinese mission building, former church, and school was targeted. The San Diego Chinese Historical Society was formed and advocated for the preservation of this multi-purpose building. The building was saved and relocated to J Street and Third Avenue. Similarly, Black organizing formed the Gaslamp Black Historical Society. They pushed for the preservation of the Clermont/Coast Hotel which became the first designated African American site in 2001.

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center celebrates dumplings!

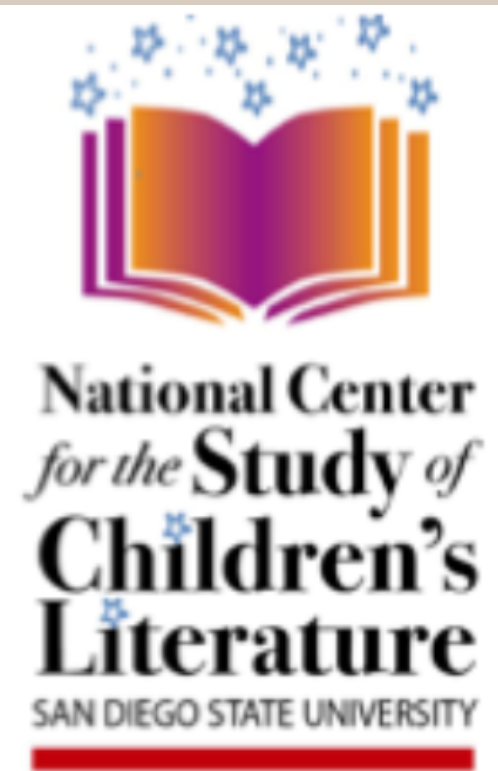
On Monday, February 7th, the APIDA Center hosted a cultural education program on the historical and cultural significance of dumplings. **Angela Subido**, APIDA Center Assistant Coordinator, shared how dumplings originated in China and then spread to other parts of the world via trade routes and migration patterns. She also discussed the significance of dumplings for Lunar New Year and the Lantern Festival. After the presentation, we ate super yummy dumplings from Facing East Noodle & Bar!





## **APIDA Center welcomes CSU Student Trustee!**

On Tuesday, February 7th, the APIDA Center was thrilled to welcome CSU Student Trustee [Maria Linares](#) to our [space](#). It was a nice opportunity to brag about all the wonderful things the APIDA Center is doing and to show off the joy that happens in our space. **Aniesha Mitchell**, Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Campus Diversity, hosted Trustee Linares and took her to all the Community Centers.



## **APIDA Center speaks at ENGL 503 class!**

As part of the APIDA Center's partnership with the [SDSU National Center for the Study of Children's Literature](#) led by Dr. **Lashon Daley**, Dr. **Loh-Hagan** was invited to [speak](#) at the ENGL 503: Topics in Children's Literature class. She spoke about the importance of APIDA representation in children's literature, media, and school curricula.



# News from APIDA ERG



## APIDA ERG discusses MAGIC FISH!

On January 31st, some APIDA ERG members met during lunch to discuss Trung Le Nguyen's *The Magic Fish*. We had a great time chatting and eating. Many thanks to **Reychel Joy Robles**, Research Assistant for the Pre-College Institute, for leading the conversation. This inspired us to host more informal monthly pop culture lunch events.

The [SDSU APIDA Employee Resource Group](#) (ERG) is a network for APIDA faculty and staff members. We are open to all SDSU employees who identify as APIDA and/or who support the APIDA community at SDSU. If you would like to join the APIDA ERG, please contact Dr. Loh-Hagan at [vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu](mailto:vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu).



# APIDA Flex Alerts!



**Krissa Jackson**, first year A-LIST student, attended the Women of Color Roar Breakfast on February 4th. This group is committed to supporting, encouraging, and inspiring young women of color to run for office. Jackson said, "The event helped me to build valuable relationships and expand my professional horizons. It gave me the opportunity to learn about the impact that the recognized women have had and understand the resources and opportunities that enabled them to reach their goals. This gave me valuable insight into how I can make a meaningful mark on the world in the future." A highlight was that Krissa was able to meet and chat with Senate President pro-tempore Toni G. Atkins.

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

**Have a flex to share?**

**Email us at [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).**



## Upcoming APIDA Center Events

### Crafting Night: Valentine Card Marking

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 from 6-8pm**

Get ready for Valentine's Day. Come make cards with us! We'll provide supplies and you provide the creativity.

### California Dream Act Application Workshop

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023 from 1-2pm**

The Undocumented Resource Center and the APIDA Center are collaborating to present an informative workshop about the California Dream Act Application process!

### Free Tickets to Bloodletting Play!

**Location: Main Stage in Drama Building**

**Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 7:30 pm**

Do you want to see the play "Bloodletting" for free? Free to first 50 people! Email [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu) with your firm commitment. Please do not request a ticket unless you can fully commit to attending. This production features an APIDA cast and crew.

### APIDA Poets Society: Japanese Haikus

**Location: APIDA Center Conference Room**

**Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 from 1-2pm**

Calling all poets, dreamers, and word-lovers! Join APIDA Poets Society! We will read poetry by APIDA authors, learn how to write our own poems, and share our stories. Other events in this series:

- March 1: Free Verse by Desi Poets
- April 5: Chinese Odes
- April 19: Spoken Word by Pacific Islanders
- May 3: Writers' Workshop and Rehearsal

### Weekend Trip to Manzanar

**Location: Manzanar National Historic Site**

**Date: March 10 to March 12, 2023 (Overnight Trip)**

Take a weekend trip with us! Come visit Manzanar National Historic Site! Learn about the history and impacts of the Japanese American Incarceration experience. We are paying for lodging, transportation, admission, etc. Spots are limited! Sign up asap! Sign up by 5pm on Feb 15. RSVP here: [bit.ly/APIDAManzanarTrip2023](https://bit.ly/APIDAManzanarTrip2023)

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

- May 3 from 5-8pm: APIDA Graduation
- May 4 from 12-8pm Makers Market

## Opportunities & Events

### **APIDA Student Organizations:**

- [KASA](#) is hosting a [Discord Social](#) on February 10 from 9:30pm - 12:00am.
- [APSA](#) is hosting [FAMBAM](#) on February 11 from 11-4pm at Crown Point Park.
- [JSA](#) is hosting a [Picnic](#) on February 18 from 2-5pm at Kate Sessions Park.
- [PISA](#) is looking for volunteers for their [Malama: High School Conference](#) on March 5. Apply by February 22.
- [Sigma Phi Omega](#) is hosting socials for their [Spring Rush 2023](#).
- [Delta Sigma Psi](#) is hosting socials for their [Spring Rush 2023](#).
- [Alpha Phi Gamma](#) is hosting socials for their [Spring Rush 2023](#).
- [Alpha Psi Rho](#) is hosting socials for their [Spring Rush 2023](#)

### **Cultural Center Partners:**

- The [Women's Resource Center](#) is hosting [Queer Femme Healing Circle](#) on February 13 from 2-3pm at the Pride Center.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) is hosting [Career Services Overview & Resume Basics](#) on February 14 from 12:30-1:30pm at the CIR Living Room.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center](#) is hosting [LinkedIn 101](#) on February 15 from 12-1pm at the URC (AL 202).
- The [Black Resource Center](#) is hosting [Black LGBTQIA+ Film Series](#) on February 15 from 4-6pm at the Love Library The Leon Williams Room 430/431.
- The [PRIDE Center](#) is hosting [TGNC](#) on February 15 from 4-5pm at the PRIDE Center Library.
- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting [NRC Talking Circle](#) on February 16 from 3-5pm at West Commons 115.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#) is hosting [Cuidate en Comunidad: Basic Needs Workshop with the ECRT](#) on February 16 from 12-1pm at the LRC Conference Room (LL182).

### **Campus Partners:**

- The [SDSU Leadership Summit](#) takes place on February 18. Register at [sdsu.edu/leadershipsummit](https://sdsu.edu/leadershipsummit).
- The [Quest for the Best](#) application is open until February 20th. This award recognizes the "best of the best" at SDSU.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

### **Community Partners:**

- The [Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego](#) is hosting [...And Justice For All, A Day of Remembrance](#) on February 25 at 1 pm on Zoom. Register by February 23.

**Do you have an opportunity to share?  
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# Paid Internships & Scholarships

Please research criteria and deadlines.

## Paid Internships:

- [Takeda](#) is seeking interns for their [2023 Summer Internship Microbiome - GIDDU](#). Apply today!
- The SDSU International Affairs Global Education Office is accepting applications for the [Mundt Peace Scholarship](#). This is a fully funded eight week internship program in Cape Town, South Africa from May 15 - July 8. Apply by February 15.
- The [AAJA/ABC News Alexa Valiente Memorial Summer Internship](#) is offering an internship at ABC News for a junior or senior with at least a 3.0 GPA. Apply by February 28, 2023.
- The [AAJA/NBC News Summer Fellowship](#) offers students an opportunity to intern in New York City. Apply by February 28, 2023.
- The [Students for Economic Justice Summer Internship](#) takes place from June 20-July 28. Interns will work with labor unions, community organizations, and advocacy groups to learn more about economic justice. Apply by March 5, 2023.
- Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) is recruiting paid interns for their annual [Emerge Summer Internship Program](#) for college students. This is an eight-week paid summer internship program that takes place in Los Angeles from June 12-August 11, 2023. Apply by March 8, 2023.
- The [Nikkei Community Internship](#) is a paid, full-time internship from June 20-August 11. Interns will learn about issues affecting Japanese Americans. Apply by April 2.

## Scholarships:

- The [Japanese American Citizens League \(JACL\)](#) is offering over 30 awards to entering freshman, undergraduate, graduate, and law students. All applicants must possess a Student/Youth JACL membership (\$30-40). Deadlines are in March-April 2023.
- The [Lotus Scholarship](#) is awarding two \$500 awards to low-income, BIPOC, and single-parent household students. Apply by March 1.
- The [Banatao Family Filipino American Education Fund Scholarship](#) is awarding five \$5000 awards to students of Filipino heritage pursuing careers in engineering, mathematics, or science. Apply by March 6, 2023.
- The Asian Pacific American Coalition is awarding the [Tom Hom Civic Engagement Scholarship](#) to two API college students involved in civic engagement. Apply by March 17, 2023.
- The [Shui Kuen and Allen Chin Scholarship](#) awards \$1000 to students who themselves or their parents were formerly employed at an Asian-owned or Asian cuisine restaurant. Applicants must be interested in doing social justice work for APIDA, LGBTQ+, and progressive causes. Apply by March 24, 2023.
- SDSU International Affairs is accepting applications for the [U.S. Student Fulbright Grants](#) starting March 30, 2023.
- Apply for a [Broadcast News Internship Grant](#) or a [William Woo Print and Online News Internship Grant](#) to win funds that can go toward summer internship expenses. Apply by March 30, 2023.
- The [Hsiao Memorial Social Sciences Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to a graduate student pursuing a career in social sciences or economics. Apply by May 19, 2023.
- The [Against the Grain Groundbreaker Leadership Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1500 to Asian American students. Apply by May 31, 2023.