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2nd floor of Student Union
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Hours:
Mon-Thurs 10-8pm
Friday 10:00-4:30pm

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SDSU APIDA Resource Center
First week fun!

The APIDA Center is back in business!!! Our students are here and we are once again poppin'! Our quiet summer days are definitely over. And, we love it!

We started a new academic year with a new check-in system using Presence. We have several devices in our entrance area. Please make sure to check in as it's important for us to gather data about our impact. Last year, we had 9837+ visits to the APIDA Center! Let's beat that number this year! :)

We also have a ton of new signs and we are welcoming back our student assistants: Skye Akimseu-Calderbank, Chloe Verove, Kae Nguyen, and Krissa Jackson. Come visit us at the APIDA Center! We are here for you! Check us out and remember to check in!
The APIDA Center would like to give a huge thank you to Dr. **Rafaela Santa Cruz** for her super generous donation of $5000 in support of APIDA Center initiatives. Dr. Santa Cruz is currently happily retired but she had served in various positions in SDSU’s College of Education: Director of the Joint Doctoral Program in Education (JDP), Director of the San Diego Mathematics Project, Director of the Math Science Teacher Initiative (MSTI), Interim Director of the School of Teacher Education, Associate Professor of Math Education, and much more. She has been a mentor to countless people, including Dr. **Loh-Hagan** whom she had appointed as director of Liberal Studies before she assumed the directorship at the APIDA Center. Dr. Santa Cruz is awesome.
A Moment in APIDA History:
Be informed! Learn about APIDA communities and histories!

APIDA Center learns about water diversion!

This summer, environmental disasters have impacted Pacific Islander communities. In Hawai‘i, the wildfires across Maui were exacerbated by the dry lands and low water supply. This issue of water shortages caused by U.S. imperialism is known as water diversion. Indigenous peoples of the Pacific Islands and in the United States have suffered greatly from capitalist, environmental destruction.

In Hawai‘i, Native Hawaiians have treated water as sacred, nourishing over 26,000 species. However, the U.S. military’s presence on the islands has sparked a severe water crisis. For example, since 2014, the U.S. Navy has caused jet fuel leaks; the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Facility has leaked over 180,000 gallons of jet fuel, contaminating the water supply and limiting safe water available to Native Hawaiians and residents. Further worsening the water crisis is the tourism industry, which diverts the limited clean water to hotels, restaurants, and golf courses. The tourism industry increases energy consumption, waste generation, and water consumption. Meanwhile, many Native Hawaiian communities are subject to water shortages and water regulations which limits water needed for their basic needs like drinking, laundry, and local crop irrigation. Additionally, Native Hawaiians and residents are prohibited from nonessential water activities which is reinforced by a $500 fine, while luxury resorts fill their swimming pools for tourists.

Water diversion is also an issue in California. The cities of San Diego and Los Angeles have struggled to supply clean water to their growing populations. Historically, water is extracted from lush farms and redirected it to urban cities. This has resulted in permanent environmental damage to indigenous lands.

During the 19th century, land was stolen from the indigenous groups by the U.S. government via The Dawes Act of 1887 and The 1939 Lands Exchange Act. Many indigenous people were forced to do low-wage manual labor, which included building the Los Angeles Aqueduct. Between 1907-1913, the Los Angeles Aqueduct would flow water from purchased farms to supply the city of Los Angeles. (Fun Fact: Watch the 1974 movie Chinatown, which is not really about Chinatown.)

During WWII (1939-1945), Manzanar became a site of a Japanese incarceration camp; it is located near the Owens Valley, an area that was drained to supply water to southern California. Japanese American incarcerees built gardens and ponds at Manzanar; they also dug irrigation canals and ditches. They tended to the land and grew fruits, vegetables, and livestock. They witnessed the drying up of their agricultural projects and have extended solidarity to Native American communities that were also impacted by water diversion.
APIDA Center launches third A-LIST cohort!

This year, we welcomed the third cohort of our A-LIST program. A-LIST stands for APIDA Leadership, Identity, Scholarship, and Togetherness. This year, the A-LIST residential learning community is located in University Towers.

In addition to living together in the same wing, the A-LIST students take the A-LIST university seminar on Tuesday nights. This course is also open to commuters and transfers. This year, we have over 80 students enrolled in the course. Taught by Matt Garcia, APIDA Center's Associate Director, the course is designed to support new APIDA students at SDSU.
APIDA Center parties at Aztec Nights Block Party!

On Saturday, August 26th, the APIDA Center participated in Aztec Nights’s Block Party. We met a lot of new students while tabling. We also hosted a midnight show featuring APSA Music and PISA. Both groups gave amazing performances! Many thanks to Helen Ma, General Advisor & Retention Specialist, for her leadership in coordinating this event. It was a great time!

APIDA Center tables at One SDSU Kick-Off!

On Thursday, August 24th, One SDSU hosted a One SDSU Community Kick-Off event. The APIDA Center tabled there and set a record - We interacted with 218 people. This is our highest impact number from tabling. Woohoo! Many thanks to Angela Subido and Matt Garcia for tabling.

The goal of One SDSU is to support intersectional opportunities across campus. They provide funding to support various events and initiatives. The APIDA Center is thrilled to have One SDSU as a partner. Stay tuned to hear about our collaboration for this year!
• **Rodney Speight, Jr.**, a third year physics major and member of the first A-LIST cohort, got accepted to the CAL-Bridge Summer Program, which is designed to mentor exceptional students into pursuing advanced degrees.

• **Reychel Joy Robles**, SDSU Alumna and Pre-College Institute Research Lab Assistant, is the Assistant Event Coordinator for [BTS SD Army - San Diego](http://bts.sdsu.edu). She helped coordinate the 10th BTS Anniversary Cupsleeve weekend this past June.

• **Alfredo Jun Dandan**, a staff member in mail services, was honored with a [Presidential Staff Excellence Award](http://apida.sdsu.edu) for Service to the University.

• **Angela Subido**, APIDA Center Assistant Coordinator, co-facilitated a discussion at the [Seeding Change](http://seedingchange.com) 10-year reunion. She also gave a closing statement and led the Isang Bagsak.

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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).
Justin Pacheco, a fourth year majoring in Theatre, Film, and New Media, is recommending a K-pop song called "Her" by Block B. He said, "Not only is this one of the first K-pop songs I have ever heard, but it is also the walk-up song for Ha-Seong Kim, who is the first Korean-born position player for the San Diego Padres. I'm a huge fan of the Padres and I'm excited to have someone who looks like me on the team. The song is really upbeat and will get you dancing. In general, I love how K-pop has opened doors and shined a spotlight on Asian culture. I'm taking Dr. Chuyun Oh's K-pop dance class, the first of its kind, and I love learning about how K-pop is connecting people all over the world. I also recommend listening to 'Like That' by Psy who is famous for 'Gangnum Style.' Listen to K-pop - you won't regret it!"

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

**APIDA Resource Fair**
**Location:** Student Union Courtyard  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 19 from 5-7pm

The APIDA Center is hosting an APIDA Resource Fair. This is a great opportunity to learn about all the various campus organizations (i.e., departments, centers, student orgs, community partners, etc.) that support APIDA students at SDSU.

_Save the Dates:_

- **Wed, Oct 11 from 11-1pm:** Debut x Quinceanera  
- **Wed, Oct 18 from 1-6pm:** Makers Market

**Student-Led Workshops & Student-Created Social Media Campaigns**
APIDA Center’s Student-Led Workshops and Student-Created Social Media Campaigns are a great opportunity to share your passion and expertise with others. It's also an opportunity to learn how to plan an event or prepare a campaign with our support. We are interested in any and all APIDA-related topics! If you are interested, email Dr. Loh-Hagan at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu.

**Happy Hours at the APIDA Center**
The APIDA Center is hosting "Happy Hours" from 6-8pm. 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. Learn more on Instagram. Also, there may be times we need to cancel to support another program.

Opportunities & Events

**APIDA Student Organizations:**
- **Delta Sigma Psi** is hosting their Fall 2023 Rush from August 28-31 from 10-2pm at the North Library Walkway.  
- **Alpha Phi Gamma** is hosting Totally APHIG Fall 2023 Recruitment from August 28-31 from 10-2pm at the North Library Walkway.

**Cultural Center Partners:**
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) is hosting:
  - [Muslim Student Mixer](#) on August 29 from 3:00-4:30pm.  
  - [SWANA/MENA Student Mixer](#) on August 30 from 3:00-4:30pm.  
- The [Black Resource Center](#) Men of Color Alliance, [Office of Educational Opportunity Programs](#), Office for Restorative Practices, and the [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) are hosting a [Young Men of Color Welcome Luncheon](#) on August 31 from 12-2pm at the Faculty & Staff Lounge.

**Campus Partners:**
- Enroll in the [Arts Alive SDSU Recognition Certificate](#). This certificate is open to students of all majors!  
- [Well-Being & Health Promotion’s One Stop S.H.O.P.](#) is every Tuesday from 11-1pm at the Centennial Walkway South.  
- The [SDSU Basic Needs Center](#) is accepting [August Basic Needs Kits Requests](#).  
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

**Community Partners:**
- [SAMAHAN Filipino American Performing Arts](#) is hosting the [36th Annual Philippine Cultural Arts Festival](#) on August 26 from 10:30-6:00pm at Balboa Park. The event is FREE!  
- [Asian Solidarity Collective](#) and [Pillars of the Community](#) are hosting Freedom & Justice’s *Change for Liberation* on August 26 from 1-4pm at 6443 Imperial Ave.  
- [Asian Business Association](#) is hosting a [Maui Fires Fundraiser](#) on August 31 from 4-7pm at 16990 Via Tazon.  
- [Viet Vote](#) and the [Mingei Museum](#) are hosting [Queering the Table](#) on October 24. Queer Asian artists can submit art by September 8th.

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Paid Internships:

- NBCUniversal is seeking interns for the [San Diego Station (NBC 7) Digital Internship](#) for Fall 2023. Juniors and above may apply.
- The [CalFresh Internship](#) is seeking three interns for a six-month hybrid internship. Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply.
- Fehr & Peers is seeking interns for the [Transportation Internship](#). Civil engineering students are encouraged to apply.
- The City of San Diego is seeking one intern for the [Telecom and Utility Division/Field Inspection Internship](#). Undergraduate students interested in construction and engineering are welcome to apply. Apply before August 30.
- The City of San Diego is seeking one intern for the [Park Ranger Internship](#). Apply before September.

Scholarships:

- The [Dr. Gwen Angelica Agustin-Nodora Scholarship](#) is awarding $2,500-$5,000 to Filipinx students studying Psychology, Child Development, Education, Ethnic Studies, Teaching or Art. Apply by August 28 at 5pm.
- The [Kim Moon Bae Underrepresented Students Scholarship](#) is awarding $1,350 to one BIPOC undergraduate student. Apply by September 1.
- The [Filipino-American Scholarship](#) is awarding three $500 scholarships to Filipinos undergraduate students with a background in community service. Apply by September 2.
- The [Association of Environmental Professionals San Diego Chapter](#) is awarding $2000 scholarships to students pursuing an environmental career. Apply by September 8.
- The [County of San Diego Filipino-American Employees' Association, Larry Itliiong Scholarship Award](#) is awarding $500-$1,000 to students. Apply by September 4.
- The [AAPI Data Design Contest](#) is awarding $500 for a winning entry. Submit by September 15.
- The [Bright Lights Scholarship](#) is awarding $500 to two students who identify as an underrepresented minority or first-generation. Apply by September 15.
- The [Barbara J. DeVaney Memorial Scholarship Fund](#) is awarding six awards of $5000 and six awards of $10,000 to female-identifying women of color, single mothers, widows, immigrants, and first-generation college students. Apply by September 21.
- SDSU International Affairs is accepting applications for the [U.S. Student Fulbright Grants](#). Applications are due in September.
- The [I Can Do Anything Scholarship](#) is awarding two $500 scholarships. Undergraduate and graduate students may apply by October 1.

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