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Location:
2nd floor of Student Union
Rooms #210A-K (Directly above Starbucks)

Hours:
Mon-Thurs 10-8pm
Friday 10:00-4:30pm

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Get APIDA Swag!

We just launched the coolest club in the world: the APIDA V.I.P. Swag Club! For every FIVE APIDA Center educational events you attend, you can earn an APIDA Center swag item. Our APIDA swag store is pretty awesome! You can choose among shirts, keychains, tote bags, hats, tumblers, luggage tags, pencil pouches, stickers, and more. Some items are limited so hurry! Folks can collect all the items and win a special prize! (Plus, we will be adding more swag each year.)

Anyone (i.e., students, faculty, staff, alumni, etc.) can join and everyone has the opportunity to win, win, win! Here are the rules:

- Attend five APIDA Center events with an educational component (i.e., cultural education programs, lectures, workshops, support groups, guest speakers, etc.) Socials do not count.
- Attend the event in its entirety, from beginning to end - no arriving late or leaving early.
- Fully engage in the event (i.e., no phones, laptops, sleeping, etc.)

The APIDA Center offers a ton of programming and has a commitment to amplify our experiences, histories, and narratives. Join us! Learn with us!

Special shout-out to our first APIDA V.I.P. swag members: Aiden Baldoz, Chloe Verove, and Hanna Sapida. (Join them in the race to collect all items!)
A Moment in APIDA History:
Learn about APIDA histories and narratives!

APIDA Center learns about WWII Chinese American Veterans!

Veterans Day is November 11th and the campus is closed on November 10th. In last week’s newsletter, we learned about Fil-Am veterans. This week, we posted about the history of the Philippine Scouts.

Did you know that Chinese Americans served in all U.S. service branches and fought in every theater of war during World War II (1939-45)? Chinese Americans contributed notably to the victory of the Allied powers (i.e., United States, Great Britain, and Soviet Union). The 14th Air Force Chinese American Composite Wing was an American Volunteer Group (AVG) known as the “Flying Tigers.” This bomber and fighter group was created during WWII and was composed of U.S. and Chinese pilots deployed in the Pacific Theater. The Women’s Army Corps (WAC) had notable Chinese American female pilots, such as Hazel Ying Lee and Maggie Gee, who translated documents and ferried planes to military bases.

Despite exclusionary immigration laws and anti-Asian sentiments, Chinese American servicemen and women volunteered or were drafted in WWII. Over 20,000 Chinese Americans had served. In addition, approximately 40% of these Chinese American military personnel were denied citizenship due to systemic discrimination. Note that this number does not account for the “Paper Son” immigrants who migrated under false names.

After the war, Chinese American veterans did not receive military benefits until 1977 when they were granted veteran status through the GI Improvement Act. In 2016, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) organized a national campaign named the Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project. In 2018, the Chinese American WWII Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Bill passed; this bill also created a database to collect records of Chinese American veterans. The San Diego Chinese Historical Museum contributed to the project by submitting names.

WWII activists have campaigned for the Congressional Gold Medal Award to be granted to other unrecognized WWII personnel such as the 500+ Native American code talkers and 250,000+ Fil-Am veterans. U.S. government recognition of the service of APIDA military personnel is a long and complicated history.
**APIDA Center and ABA SDSU Social host a social!**

On Friday, November 3rd, the [Asian Business Association of SDSU](https://www.sdsu.edu/) and the APIDA Center teamed up to host a social. Although we advertised an arts and crafts event, we ended up playing card games. We're all about serving clients and giving customers what they want; a good businessperson knows when to pivot! A fun time was had by all!

The Asian Business Association of SDSU is committed to empowering business-minded members of the SDSU APIDA community. Their General Body Meetings are on Wednesdays from 7-8pm in LH443.

**APIDA Center learns about looms, warps, and wefts!**

Since November is Native American History Month, the APIDA Center's cultural crafting nights will have a special focus on weaving. Weaving is an essential skill and practice for indigenous cultures as it provides food (i.e., fish netting, baskets), warmth (i.e., clothes), cultural preservation (i.e., textiles, fashion), and more.

On Monday, November 6th, the APIDA Center hosted a weaving craft night in which we learned about the historical and cultural significance of weaving in indigenous cultures and then, we practiced plain-weave techniques using twine warps, multi-media wefts, and popsicle stick looms. It's always amazing to see what our talented students can do with bits of materials and lots of grit!
APIDA ERG and Bayanihan will host a social!

The APIDA ERG and Bayanihan are teaming up to host a social on Thursday, November 16th from 12-1pm at the APIDA Center. We will be providing fun desserts. Feel free to bring your own lunch or a dish to share. This social is open to APIDA-identifying faculty and professional staff.

The [SDSU APIDA Employee Resource Group](mailto:ERG) (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).

The [SDSU Bayanihan (ERG)](mailto:Bayanihan_ERG) is a network for Filipino-American faculty and staff members. The mission of the Bayanihan ERG is to increase awareness, education, and promotion of Filipino-American culture at SDSU. If you would like to join the Bayanihan ERG, please contact [ERG-FilAm@sdzu.edu](mailto:ERG-FilAm@sdzu.edu). Follow the [Bayanihan ERG](mailto:Bayanihan_ERG) to learn more about upcoming socials and FAHM events!
• **Lola Fregoso**, who is majoring in Asian Studies with an emphasis in Chinese Studies & Language, has been selected as the Student Assistant for the Center for Asian & Pacific Studies.

• **Felicity Desuasido** wrote an article for *The Daily Aztec* entitled, "*Blindspot Collective's 'Kagitingan' sheds light on the unsung heroes of World War II.*" (Reminder: We wrote about this play in last week's issue!) Desuasido quoted SDSU community members: **Dey Ilagan, Gabrielle Ocampo, Jayden Pagsolingan**, and **Taryn Morales**.

• **Dr. Giang Pham**, Professor and Associate Dean for Research in CHHS, is the keynote speaker for the *Asia Pacific Society of Speech, Language and Hearing*'s annual conference. She will be traveling to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

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

**Have a flex to share?**

Email us at **apida@sdsu.edu**.
Upcoming APIDA Center Events

**UndocuAPIDA Support Group**
**Location:** APIDA Center Conference Room  
**Date:** Monday, November 13, 2023 from 1-2pm  
In collaboration with the Undocumented Resource Center, we are hosting a monthly support group for those who identify as APIDA and Undocumented. The Nov 13th theme is about navigating financial insecurity during the holidays.

**Celebrate Diwali! Jute Pouches or Coasters**  
**Location:** APIDA Center  
**Date:** Monday, November 13, 2023 from 6-8pm  
In honor of Native American Heritage Month and Diwali, weave with us. Learn about the importance of jute in India and then weave jute pouches or coasters with us!

**Registration Support In-Person Drop-In Hours**  
**Location:** Office 210G in the APIDA Center  
**Dates:** Nov 14 from 2-4pm; Nov 16 from 1-3pm  
Need help registering for Spring 2024 courses? The APIDA Center is here for you! We are hosting in-person drop-in hours to provide registration support.

**Celebrate Diwali! Diwali & Toran Craft**  
**Location:** APIDA Center  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 14 from 4-5pm  
Learn about Diwali and the significance of torans, which are used to decorate the main entrance of a home in order to attract the goddess of wealth, Lakshmi. Then, make your own toran!

**Celebrate Diwali! D.I.Y. Chai Tea**  
**Location:** APIDA Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 15 from 2-3pm  
Learn about Diwali and the history of Chai Tea and then make your own mix!

**Celebrate Diwali! Poker Night at the APIDA Center**  
**Location:** APIDA Center  
**Date:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 6-8pm  
Did you know that card-playing is a big part of the Diwali celebrations? It invokes Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth, who showers blessings on the players’ households for the rest of the year. Play poker with us! No experience needed!

**APIDA in Education Workshop: Chat with Principal Bumatay**  
**Location:** APIDA Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 15, 2023 from 6-8pm  
In collaboration with the APIDA Pre-Teacher Alliance, we are hosting a General Body Meeting from 6-7pm and then a chat with Principal Lora Bumatay from 7-8pm. Get a hiring tips and more!

**Weave with APIDA: Placemats**  
**Location:** APIDA Center  
**Date:** Monday, November 27, 2023 from 6-8pm  
Learn about the importance of weaving in indigenous cultures around the world, with a special focus on APIDA heritage cultures. Then, make placemats with us.

**Meet Your Counselors!**  
**Location:** APIDA Center  
**Date:** December 7, January 25, February 22, March 7 from 2-3pm  
Meet APIDA-identifying counselors (Dr. Mary Joyce Juan, Yu-An Chien, Dr. Koko Nishi, Dr. Tri Nguyen, Dr. Mike Juan) from Counseling & Psychological Services. Connect with them and learn about their areas of expertise, hobbies, and more. They are here to help!

**Student-Led Workshops & Student-Created Social Media Campaigns**  
APIDA Center is hosting Student-Led Workshops and Student-Created Social Media Campaigns. This is a great opportunity to share your passion 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" on Mondays through Thursday 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. However, there will be times when we host specific activities and when we need to cancel in order to support another program.
Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- **AB Samahan** is hosting **FCC Picnic** on November 12 from 2-5pm at NTC Park.
- **Sanskriti** is hosting **Diwali Night** on November 12 at 5:30pm in Montezuma Hall.
- **NSU** is participating in **UCI Tomo No Kai Ballin @ the ARC Basketball Tournament** from January 27-28 at UCI. Sign up by November 17.
- **JSA** is hosting a **Paint Session** on November 17 from 2-5pm at Kate Sessions Park.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The **Women's Resource Center** is hosting **Rising from the Ground: Decolonizing the Body from Within** on November 13 at 2pm.
- The **Black Resource Center** and the **PRIDE Center** are hosting **Black Gay PRIDE Week** from November 13-17.
- The **PRIDE Center** and the **College of Arts and Letters LGBTQ+ Studies** are hosting a **Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil** on November 14 from 4:30-6:30pm at Scripps Cottage.
- The **Black Resource Center, East African Student Association, Center for Intercultural Relations, Afrikan Student Union**, and **Muslim Student Association** are hosting **Rooted in Faith: Black Spirituality and Identity** on November 16 from 2-4pm at Pride Suite.

Campus Partners:

- **Jessica Arguelles** is seeking participants who identify as Asian American between the ages of 18-25 years old for a **Study on Asian American Beauty Influencer Ads**.
- The **Basic Needs Center** is hosting **Basic Needs Resource Week** from November 12-16.
- One SDSU and the International Student Center are hosting an **International Peace Village** as part of International Education Week on November 16 from 11-2pm in the Student Union Courtyard.
- The **Glazer Center of Leadership and Service** is hosting an **Out of State: Home Away from Home Recognition Ceremony** on November 16 from 12:30-3:00pm at Aztec Lanes.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with **Economic Crisis Response Team**.

Community Partners:

- The **World Naan Festival** is on November 11 from 11-6pm at the World Beat Cultural Center.
- **Taiwanese American Professionals San Diego** is hosting **Taiwanese American Creatives Showcase** on November 12 from 4-6pm.

Do you have an opportunity to share? Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.
Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- NEW! Power Engineers is seeking a Civil/Structuring Engineering Intern (OH T-Lines). Apply today!
- NEW! Hensel Phelps is seeking an Operations Intern. Apply today!
- The Office of Assemblymember Ward is seeking a Paid Student Intern. Apply by November 15.
- NEW! The White House is seeking one-year, full-time, paid Fellows to senior White House Staff, Cabinet Secretaries, and other top-ranking government officials. Apply by January 5.

Scholarships:

- NEW! The Goldman Sachs MBA Fellowship application is open. Fellows will receive a $35,000 award and Summer Associate Salary. Apply today!
- The Doña Lupita Immigrant Scholarship is awarding $2000 to one student who is a single immigrant mother or raised by a single immigrant mother. Apply by November 12.
- The Live Your Dreams Award is awarding $1000-$16,000 to women with financial need. Apply by November 15.
- The Ahmadi Family Scholarship is awarding four $500 scholarships to first-generation students who are the child of immigrant parents. Apply by November 15.
- The Healing Self and Community Scholarship is awarding two $500 scholarships to BIPOC students interested in art and health promotion. Apply by November 15.
- The Clevenger Women in Foster Care Scholarships is awarding two $500 scholarships. Students who identify as female or single mothers who grew up in foster care are eligible. Apply by November 15.
- The Minority/Women in STEM Scholarship is awarding five $500 scholarships to BIPOC, women, low-income, or first-generation students in STEM. Apply by November 15.
- The American Association of University Women Select Professions Fellowship is awarding a $20,000 fellowship to a woman pursuing select professions in a graduate program. Apply by November 15.
- The Revolutionizing Robotics and Computer Sciences Scholarship is awarding three scholarships of $1500 to undergraduate students studying robotics, engineering, or computer science. Apply by November 20.
- The Faatui and Fatilua Memorial Scholarship is awarding $1000 to a Pacific Islander student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree. Apply by November 25.
- The Peter Kong-Ming New Award is awarding $750-$3000 to students who submit the best paper on an applied research project in the social/behavioral sciences. Submit by November 30.
- The Elevate Women in Technology Scholarship is awarding $500 to one woman who is pursuing a career in technology. Apply by November 30.
- The Ai Engstrom National Scholarship is awarding $1000 to students with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Apply by December 1.
- The Lamber Goodnow Injury Lawyers Education Scholarships is awarding two $1000 scholarships. Apply by December 1.
- The Brandon Tyler Castinado Memorial Scholarship is awarding $500 to an undergraduate or graduate nursing student. Military professionals and LGBTQIA+ students are encouraged to apply by December 20.
- The West Family Scholarship is awarding $500 to one BIPOC student active in athletics, drama, or band, with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Apply by December 12.
- The Whittel & Melton Magna Carta College Scholarship is awarding $1,215 to one student. Apply by December 15.
- The Achieve Today Scholarship Fund is awarding one $1000 scholarship. Apply by December 31.
- The IVein Health & Wellness Scholarship is awarding $2,500 to one student. Students must have a minimum 3.7 cumulative GPA. Apply by December 31.
- NEW! The Gilman-McCain Scholarship is awarding $5000 to students participating in study abroad or international internship programs. Undergraduate students with good academic standing who are dependents of U.S. military personnel are eligible. Apply by January 4.
- The APIA Scholarship is awarding multiple scholarships ranging from $2,500-$20,000 to Asian or Pacific Islander undergraduate students. Apply by January 9.
- The Lotus Scholarship is awarding $500 to one BIPOC student. Apply by January 29.
- The Empowering Motherhood Scholarship is awarding $1000 to a mother who is furthering her education. Apply by February 2.
- The Donald A. Strauss Scholarship Foundation is awarding $15,000 annually to college sophomores and juniors. Apply by February 14.
- NEW! The Equal Opportunity Scholarship is awarding $500 to two students. Apply by March 30.