

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



Hear ye! Hear ye!

Check your email! Our first newsletter is out!

If you didn't get it, don't miss out -

Join the APIDA Center contact list: <https://bit.ly/SDSUAPIDA>



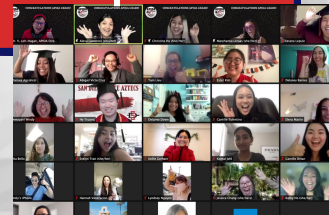
Location:

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



Welcome Back!

Welcome back! The APIDA Center at SDSU is here and ready to serve! As we kick off the 2021-22 school year, I would like to take a minute to acknowledge all we have done this past year. We opened in July 2020 in the middle of the pandemic. Since then, we have produced about 300 programs, addressed anti-Asian hate via our [SDSU APIDA Pledge](#) and [Senate Resolution](#), and made many meaningful connections. Please see our [video](#) for student testimonials!

We are so excited to be back on campus - It's been super fun hanging out with students and connecting with colleagues these past two weeks. Check out our pictures on Instagram [@sdsuapidacenter](#) or [Facebook](#). Come visit us. All are welcome! Let's have another amazing year together!!!! We have a lot of great things in the works!

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



We Have a Home!

We finally have a space on campus! We are located on the second floor of the Aztec Student Union, directly above Starbucks. We're in Rooms 210A-K. Our hours are Mon-Thurs 10am-8pm and Friday 10am-4:30pm. We have been slowly but surely getting the space ready (many thanks to the Student Union team) - We have built a partial doorway, added more electrical sockets, painted all the walls, etc. Due to a worldwide shortage of raw materials, our furniture is delayed for a few months. But, we do have temporary furniture in place. To comply with COVID precautions, we are hosting events online or outdoors until otherwise notified. However, folks are welcome to study, meet, and hang out at the Center as long as they follow our policies. Come through! We want to see you!



Welcome to Kathleen Dang!

Big welcome to [Kathleen Dang](#)! She is our inaugural APIDA Center Program Coordinator! Her first day was July 26th, 2021. She comes to us with a lot of community advocacy experience. Prior to her role here, she was the Director of Development and Engagement of Pacific Arts Movement. Kathleen said, "I am energized and uplifted by the community here at SDSU. I am looking forward to engaging in and creating amazing programs here at the APIDA Center."

APIDA Flex Alerts

- **Guan Liu** is a student at SDSU (Senior, Double Major in Political Science and History) and serves as Chair of the [Cal State Student Association](#), the systemwide organization that serves as the official voice of CSU students.
- **Dr. [Congcong Zheng](#)** has been appointed as the Director of Graduate Programs at Fowler College of Business. She is the first person of East Asian descent to serve in this role.
- **Dr. Amy Wong**, a lecturer in the Department of Sociology, successfully defended her dissertation this summer. The title of her dissertation is "A Narrative Study of Asian American College Students and Suicide Resiliency." Her doctorate is from the University of Southern California.
- Several APIDA ERG members received the [Presidential Staff Excellence Awards](#). Many kudos to [Niko Villa](#) and [Michelle Peterson](#)! In addition, several APIDA ERG members served on the awards committee: **Ed Legaspi** (Chair), **Tam Lieu**, and **Dr. [Virginia Loh-Hagan](#)**.
- Congratulations to the following APIDA ERG Faculty members who were promoted and/or tenured effective August 2021!
 - **Dr. [Brian Hu](#)**, Associate Professor in Theatre, Television, and Film
 - **Dr. [Koko Nishi](#)**, Clinical Psychologist at Counseling & Psychological Services
 - **Dr. [Jillian Wiggins](#)**, Associate Professor in Psychology

Upcoming Events

AZTEC NIGHTS DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY **APIDA**

Aztec Nights x SDSU APIDA Resource Center
FILM SCREENING



save the date

"Raya and the Last Dragon" Film Screening

**Sunday, Sept 5th
10pm to 2am**

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Midnight Movie Fun: Come watch "RAYA AND THE LAST DRAGON" with us!

Sunday, September 5

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM

Aztec Student Union Courtyard

The following groups will be tabling at this event:

APIDA Center, MSTI, AFE, VSA, APSA, CSSA, TSA, PISA, AB Samahan, & NSU

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Tuesday Crunch in the Courtyard

September 7th | 11:30am - 2:00pm
Find us @ Student Union Courtyard - Look for APIDA Center sign.
Connect and crunch with us! Grab your lunch and get to know your APIDA Center community! Open to all who are ready to make new connections on campus.



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Wednesday Walk n' Talk

September 8th | 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Meet @ APIDA Center*



Follow an APIDA Center guide as we explore different parts of our campus. Discover your favorite new study space or your next lunch spot.

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Thursday Start Strong: Student Success Sharing Space

September 9th | 2:00pm - 3:00pm
ZOOM: [www.https://sdsu.zoom.us/j/vloh-hagan](https://sdsu.zoom.us/j/vloh-hagan)



Tough week? Awesome week? Let's talk about it. Share our struggles and our strategies for success! Discuss readjusting to life on campus and in person.

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Friday Sewing Squad Sew-cla!

September 10th | 4:00pm
Meet @ APIDA Center*



Whether you've never sewed before or you're an expert tailor, the APIDA Center wants you! Come sew face masks for our community. Supplies are provided.

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HONORING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Read the texts on the next slide and join our discussion!

**Date: Thursday, September 30
Time: 3:00-4:00pm**

RSVP here for Zoom Link: bit.ly/SeptAPIDAXCIE

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- Hispanic vs. Latino vs. Latinx: A Brief History of How These Words Originated - <https://remezcla.com/features/culture/latino-vs-hispanic-vs-latinx-how-these-words-originated/>
- How to Tame a Wild Tongue - <https://www.everettsd.org/cms/lib07/WA01920133/Centricity/DoMain/965/Anzaldua-Wild-Tongue.pdf>
- Dear Latinx, Let's Check Our Privilege (video) - <https://youtu.be/ddGg1nLQxo>
- Afro-Latinx Experts Talk About Racism Within Our Community (video) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Da13lea8XQ4>

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Opportunities

- Want to be a featured content creator at SDSU? **CampusReel** is a new SDSU initiative that seeks to highlight student storytellers using video production. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/EvERoSqaWez67pid7>
- Give to the APIDA Center and help support our programs directly! Your donation, big or small, makes a huge difference for our center! <http://philanthropy.sdsu.edu/APIDA>





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