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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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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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Resource Center

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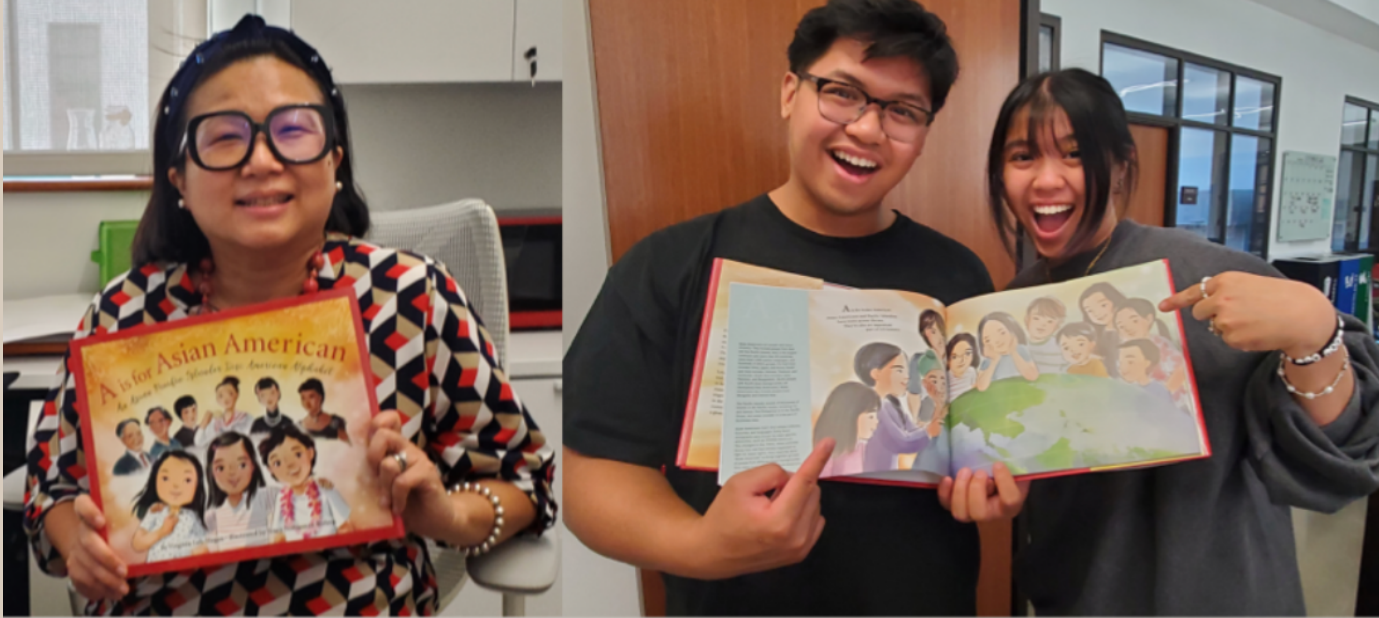
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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

September 16, 2022



This book is dedicated to all the students, faculty, staff, and community members who have supported SDSU's APIDA Center.

New book dedicated to APIDA Center!

I spend most of my time hanging out with our students and trying to keep up with their lingo - It's rough out here but it be like that sometimes, frfr 🤪 [Translation for boomers: It's really hard but that's the way it is. For real, for real. Skull emoji means that this is so funny that I'm dead; also, ending with an emoji means no period is necessary.]

When I'm not trying to be cool or trying to learn how to take 0.5 selfies, I'm busy writing books - Fun Fact: I am an author of children's books with over 400 titles. Many of my books address APIDA topics. My newest picture book is *[A IS FOR ASIAN AMERICAN](#)* (Sleeping Bear Press, 2022). Released on September 15, it is "hot off the press"! (Available where all books are sold.)

I started working on this book at the same time I assumed the directorship of the APIDA Center so it seemed appropriate to dedicate this book to the APIDA Center! (The dedication page is the last page of the book.)

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to Know ourselves!



APIDA Center remembers Latinx x APIDA solidarity!

[Latinx Heritage Month](#) is September 15 to October 15. This year's theme is Autonomy Without Borders/Autonomia Sin Fronteras. In this issue, we wanted to highlight Latinx and APIDA solidarity.

In Oxnard, California (a city in Ventura County), Latinx and Japanese farmworkers refused to be pitted against each other; they united in struggle against the American Beet Sugar Company's unjust practices. They were denied a living wage, workplace safety, and protections. In 1903, they formed the Japanese-Mexican Labor Association (JMLA), one of the U.S.'s first multiracial labor unions. Overcoming language barriers, they joined forces to host strikes and boycotts; they were successful in their organizing efforts.

When the JMLA tried to join the American Federation of Labor (AFL), the Japanese farmworkers were denied admission due to AFL's anti-Asian sentiments. The Mexican farmworkers of JMLA responded: "We are going to stand by men who stood by us in the long, hard fight which ended in a victory over the enemy. We therefore respectfully petition the AFL to grant us a charter under which we can unite all the Sugar Beet & Field Laborers of Oxnard, without regard to their color or race. We will refuse any other kind of charter, except one which will wipe out race prejudices and recognize our fellow workers as being as good as ourselves."

Decades later, descendants of incarcerated Japanese Americans protested the detainment and family separation of Latinx American migrants at the border. Their message to the government was "never again." Solidarity.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosted a Moon Festival party!

On Monday, September 12, the APIDA Center hosted our Mid-Autumn/Moon Festival. We learned about this special holiday which is a combination of Valentine's Day (love story between Hou Yi and Chang'e), Thanksgiving (reunion and feasts), and Easter (Jade Rabbit). We made paper lanterns and sampled various kinds of mooncakes. We also watched "Over the Moon."

Jhonus Fernandez, a third year General Business major, said, "I really enjoyed learning about the festival especially the part about love!!! I celebrated by looking up at the moon, reaching my hand out, and hoping one day to find my own moon goddess." **Matthew Pimental**, a third year Computer Science major, said, "I love the idea about family coming together and the various traditions that can be seen throughout Asia." **Clarissa Punzal** is a fourth year Public Health major. She said, "There's nothing I love more than love and people so I loved learning that the origins of the Mid-Autumn/Moon Festival were romantic. I loved sharing the experience of trying mooncakes with new friends...lovely, lovely, lovely!" Clarissa even rated the event with a "10/10! Would do it again!"



APIDA Center hosted food safety training!

Did you know that more than 200 diseases are spread through food? Food safety is important for all event planners. Since food is such an important part of APIDA cultures, we try to have food at our events. As such, the university requires us to get trained on how to handle food to avoid any health risks. Many thanks to **Anh Tran**, Environmental Health Specialist and VSA Staff Advisor, and **Claire Norberg**, Administrative Analyst Specialist for the College of Health and Human Sciences, for hosting these trainings. We still have spots available; please contact Dr. Loh-Hagan if you want to get trained. The APIDA Center will organize these food safety trainings every September.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- The **SDSU United Sorority and Fraternity Council** (Multicultural Greek Council) hosted a successful community event on Thursday, September 15. There were great performances from our APIDA sororities and fraternities: Alpha Psi Rho, Alpha Phi Gamma, Delta Sigma Psi, and Sigma Phi Omega.
- Dr. **Loh-Hagan** was the first speaker of Escondido Public Library's "Around the World In Many Ways" program, which is funded by the California Humanities Library Innovation Lab Grant. She did a presentation about the Moon Festival and read-aloud one of her books.

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Niveditha Ramadoss, a doctoral student in the Joint Doctoral Program of Evolutionary Biology, is recommending "*Bahubali*." She said, "A South Indian blockbuster, it is a historical fiction of an ancient Indian Kingdom. Inspired by the epic Mahabharata, it has two parts. I love that it involves a mix of genres like drama, love, action, war, and adventure. I also like the movie for its visual treats in terms of locations and computer graphics which portray the beauty and richness of Indian kingdoms before colonization. I watched Part 1 at a theater in India with my family and it's such a sweet memory because all my family members had a great time watching it together. When I am too busy to rewatch it, I just play it in the background for the amazing background music and musical numbers. Both movies are on Netflix with English subtitles."

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

Mix and Mingle with Chitra Divakaruni

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 3:30-4:30pm

Chitra Divakaruni is an award-winning author, activist, and teacher. During this event, participants will have an opportunity to chat with Chitra in an intimate setting. APIDA Center will provide Indian snacks!

Author Talk: Chitra Divakaruni

Location: SSW 1560

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 5:00-6:30pm

Chitra Divakaruni's talk is entitled, "Unsilenced: Women's Voices in Indian and Diasporic Literature." She will discuss her female protagonists, ranging from contemporary South Asian/South Asian American women to historical and mythological heroines. She will discuss how she has placed them center-stage in her books and why such an enterprise is relevant in the United States today.

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.

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!

**MONDAYS
from 6-8pm**

**CRAFT
NIGHT**

**TUESDAYS
from 6-8pm**

**MUSIC
NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAYS
from 6-8pm**

**TV
NIGHT**

**THURSDAYS
from 6-8pm**

**GAME
NIGHT**

SAVE THE DATE: Back by popular demand! Because of the success of last semester's Makers' Market, we are hosting another event this Fall! There will be a call for makers and songwriters soon. In the meantime, start creating and making!



MAKERS' MARKET

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, October 20, 2022

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [VSA](#) is accepting applications for their Anh Chi Em (ACE) mentorships program. Registration closes on September 21.
- [KASA](#) is hosting their first social of the semester at Kate Sessions on September 23.
- [APSA](#) is hosting FamBam 2022 on September 24 from 11-4pm.

Cultural Center Partners:

- Krip Hop is a worldwide association of artists with disability. The [Black Resource Center](#) and [Student Ability Success Center](#) are hosting Kriphop and Conversations on September 22 from 3:30-5:00pm in the Legacy Suite.
- The [Native Resource Center](#) will host California Native American Day on Friday, September 23 from 12:00-2:00pm.

Campus Partners:

- [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) is hosting a zoom event entitled, "Reclaiming Your Story: Overcoming Imposter Syndrome" on Thursday, September 22 from 4-5pm.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- [Asian Solidarity Collective](#), Asian Pacific Islander Community Actions (APICA), and the San Diego Public Library is hosting "[Mental Health and the Impact of Hate: A Forum on the AAPI Experience during COVID](#)" on Saturday, September 17 from 11-1pm at the Skyline Hills Branch Library.
- The [Lao Community Cultural Center](#) is hosting a Lao Boat Racing Festival on September 17 at Mission Bay from 8-5pm.
- [Viet Vote](#) is hiring two part-time staff member positions for social media/communication and for community outreach.

Do you have an opportunity to share?
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Scholarships

Please research criteria and deadlines.

- Scholarship America has established a [Dream Award](#) which offers \$5000-\$15,000 to awardees. Apply by October 15, 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. Applications are due November 1, 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.

**Do you have a scholarship opportunity to share?
Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.**

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