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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

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The SDSU APIDA Center stands united with the APIDA community following the mass shootings in Monterey Park, Half Moon Bay, and Oakland. Our hearts go out to all those affected by these senseless acts of violence.

A day of collective celebration has been turned into a day of collective mourning. But still, we fight for our right to celebrate our holidays and culture without fear. On this Lunar New Year day, we wish for everyone to be surrounded by love, safety, and community.

In solidarity with the APIDA community!

This past week, we have suffered tragedy upon tragedy. There were three mass shootings within three days - all in California: Monterey Park (1-21-23), Half Moon Bay (1-23-23), and Oakland (1-23-23). Now, more than ever, we need to stand together as one SDSU community to combat the root causes of these senseless acts of violence.

On January 22, President **Adela de la Torre**, Vice President **J. Luke Wood**, Interim Chief of Police **Gregory Murphy**, and myself sent a [university-wide email](#) responding to this tragedy and offering support. Please give yourself time and space to feel whatever you need to feel. The APIDA Center is here for anyone who needs assistance.

The following are samplings of solidarity statements and media coverage:

- Fox 5 San Diego interviewed me about the shooting: "[San Diego leaders mourn but continue celebrating Lunar New Year after Monterey Park shooting.](#)"
- Dr. **Koko Nishi**, SDSU Counseling & Psychological Services Counselor, was interviewed about the shootings: "[Q&A: How to limit trauma, stress in wake of mass shootings.](#)"
- The following APIDA student orgs and campus partners posted statements about the shootings: [Alpha Psi Rho](#), [Sigma Phi Omega](#), [Undocumented Resource Center](#), and others!

We appreciate all those who have sent words of kindness and solidarity. We are grateful for the love and support. Together, we can be better.

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



APIDA Center celebrates Monterey Park!

In this time of mourning, we reflect and uplift the Asian American community and history of Monterey Park. Monterey Park is a historic ethnoburb located in the San Gabriel Valley near Los Angeles. An "ethnoburb" is a suburb with a high population of immigrants or refugees. In ethnoburbs, businesses, schools, and community spaces address the cultural needs of its residents. Monterey Park is home to a high concentration of Chinese immigrants from Hong Kong, Taiwan, and China. Additionally, Vietnamese, Japanese, Filipinx, and Latinx immigrants add to the vibrant cultural composition of the Monterey Park community. This rich diversity is a result of waves of immigration, decades of activism, and collective fights against assimilation and cultural erasure.

In early U.S. history, exclusion acts barred many Asians from immigrating. The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 revoked decades of exclusion and supported family reunification and skilled labor. Thousands of Asian immigrants arrived in the United States, resulting in the overcrowding of Los Angeles' Chinatown. This led to a population of Chinese residents resettling in Monterey Park.

In the 1970s, Frederic Hseih (1945-1999), a Chinese American realtor and investor, purchased property and referred to Monterey Park as the next, "Chinese Beverly Hills." For awhile, Monterey Park held the nickname "Little Taipei," reflecting the largely Taiwanese population who arrived in the 1970s. In the 1980s, immigrants from Hong Kong and Taiwan bought properties in Monterey Park and developed Chinese restaurants, shops, language schools, and community organizations. (Fun Fact: Boba tea was first brought to the United States in the 1990s by Taiwanese immigrants in the San Gabriel Valley.)

While Asian culture flourished in Monterey Park, tensions heightened regarding the growth Chinese signs displayed across the suburb. White dissenters argued for a ban of non-English signs, education, etc. Lily Lee Chen (born 1936) led the fight against the English-only movement in the city, and in 1983, the city made history by electing her mayor of Monterey Park. (She became the first Chinese American female mayor in the United States.) Following her legacy, Judy Chu (born 1953), a school board member in the 1980s, participated in the "Coalition for Harmony" to promote cross-cultural understanding. Chu became the first Chinese American woman elected to Congress in 2009.

Over time, Non-Asian residents either left the ethnoburb or stayed and developed multi-racial coalitions in solidarity with the APIDA community. Today the population of 60,000 in Monterey Park is two-thirds Asian with 73% of residents speaking a language other than English at home.

On January 21, 2023, a gunman fatally shot 11 people and injured 10 at the Star Ballroom Dance Studio in Monterey Park. We honor the lives of: Xiujuan Yu, Hongying Jian, Lilian Li, Mymy Nhan, Muoi Dai Ung, Diana Man Ling Tom, Wen-Tau Yu, Valentino Marcos Alvero, Ming Wei Ma, Yu-Lun Kao, and Chia Ling Yau.

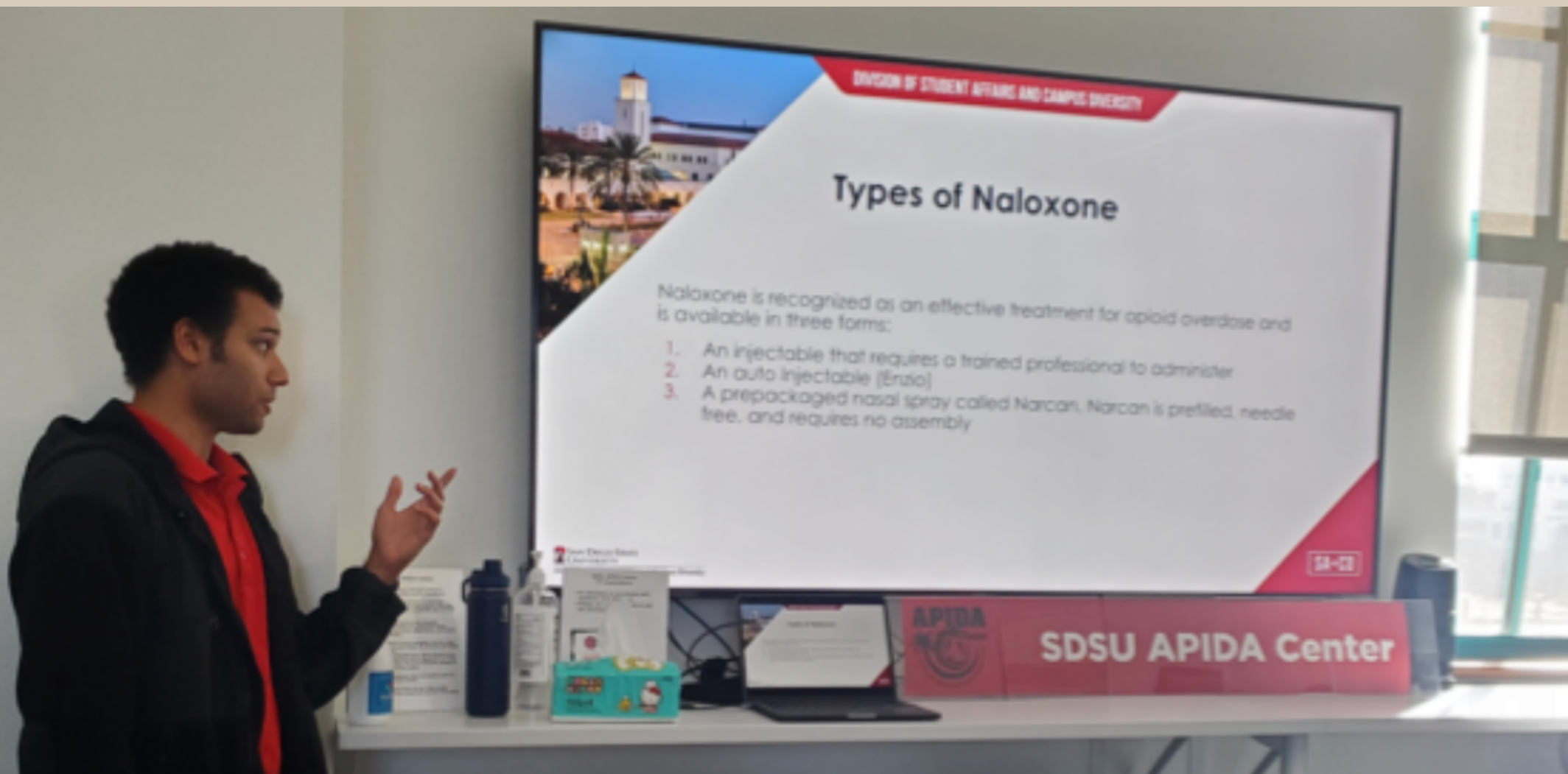
Despite this time of uncertainty and loss of safety, APIDA communities like Monterey Park will continue to love, rise, thrive, support, heal, and build power.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center celebrates Lunar New Year!

[Lunar New Year](#) is the most festive and important holiday in many parts of Asia. It is mainly celebrated by those with East Asian or Southeast Asian heritages. On Monday, January 23rd, the APIDA Center hosted a [lion dance](#) by the Lucky Lion Dancers. Learn more by reading the APIDA Center's social media campaign about [lion dancing](#).



APIDA Center hosts Narcan training!

Did you know that over 150 people die every day from overdoses related to synthetic opioids like fentanyl? Fentanyl is 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. Naloxone or NARCAN is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids, when given in time. The APIDA Center hosted a NARCAN info session and training on Monday, January 23rd. We are grateful to **Aaron Brown** from Well-Being & Health Promotion for providing the training. Participants will get access to NARCAN. We will be hosting more trainings later this semester.



APIDA Center hosts Student Orgs Summit!

On Friday, January 27th, the APIDA Center hosted an APIDA Student Orgs Summit. We convene 2-3 times a year to eat, connect, and share updates. SDSU is home to over 20 APIDA student orgs; these student orgs are the heart of the APIDA community. They offer socials, cultural events, and more. They are an amazing group of student leaders. It's such an honor to work with them.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Brittany Cruz-Fejeran** is a journalism major minoring in history. She serves as the Photo Editor for *The Daily Aztec*. In addition, her photos have been featured in *inewssource*, *CalMatters*, *Voice of San Diego*, and the *San Diego Union Tribune*.
- **Amy Hoang** is a second year majoring in Business Marketing. She took the title of "Rose Queen" at UCI's 22nd Annual Rose Pageant. She has worked really hard since September, driving to Irvine every weekend to practice and train for the pageant. Opportunities like the Rose Pageant allow Vietnamese American women to show off their culture in the SoCal collegiate community.
- **Michael Delarea**, first year A-LIST student, is an aspiring poet/spoken word artist. He is being featured in "Motions and Emotions: Filipino American Stories of Healing." This event will include an art exhibit and performances addressing Fil-Am intergenerational trauma.

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Cultural Education Program: History of Dumplings

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, February 6, 2023 from 4-5pm

APIDA Center is hosting a Cultural Education Program about the History of Dumplings. Let's dish about dumplings! Learn about the historical and cultural significance of dumplings. Attendees will be invited to eat dumplings with the APIDA Center! Celebrate the Lunar New Year Lantern Festival with us!

Spring 2023 Graduation Workshops

Location: Zoom

Date: Various - See below!

January 31 is the last day to apply for graduation. Attend a graduation workshop to help you understand graduation eligibility, apply for graduation, and prepare for the commencement ceremony:

- Mon, Jan 30th from 10-11am
- Tues, Jan 31st from 2-3pm

SAVE THE DATES!

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

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 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. 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 Dr. Loh-Hagan 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**

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [AB Samahan](#) is co-hosting a [Filipino Collegiate Collaborative \(FCC\) Picnic](#) with UCSD, USD, and CSUSM on January 28 from 12-4 pm at NTC park next to Liberty Station.
- [VSA](#) is hosting a [Lunar New Year Festival Social](#) on January 28 from 1-4 pm at Mira Mesa Community Park.
- [APSA](#) is hosting their [25th Annual Fashion Talent Show Auditions](#) on February 17 from 5-8pm at Park Blvd. [Sign up](#) deadline is February 12 at midnight.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Black Resource Center](#) is hosting [Black Excellence Experience SDSU Spring Kickoff Event](#) on January 31 from 3:30-5:30 pm at Tula Community Center.
- The [Pride Center](#) is hosting [Free HIV Testing](#) on January 31 from 11am-5pm at the Pride Center.
- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting a [Spring Mixer](#) on February 1 from 12-2pm at NRC West Commons 115.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) is hosting [Purposeful Vision Boarding](#) on February 1 from 2-4pm at the CIR Living Room.
- SDSU Counseling & Psychological Services, Black Resource Center, and Women's Resource Center are hosting, [Women of Color Empowerment Group](#) starting every Thursday from 5:30-7:00pm starting February 4 at the Black Resource Center.

Campus Partners:

- [Center for Inclusive Excellence](#) is hosting [Intro to Inclusive Communication](#) workshops.
- The International Student Center is hosting [J-1 Exchange Employment Information Session](#) on February 3 from 10:30-11:30 am.
- The Global Education Office is hosting an [Indonesia Fieldwork Experience: Info Session](#) on February 3 from 12-1 pm on Zoom.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- San Diego Chinese Historical Museum is hosting [Crafting Culture: Traditions of the Chinese Lunar New Year](#) on January 28 from 1:00-2:30pm at the College-Rolando branch library.
- [Asian Solidarity Collective](#) is hosting [San Diego Coming Together for Community Care: A Vigil for Unity](#) on January 28 from 4-6 pm at the City Heights Performance Annex.
- [A Reason to Survive \(ARTS\) Gallery](#) is hosting [Portraits of Mosquito Press](#) on February 2 at 5pm.
- [San Diego Queer APIMEDA Coalition](#) is hosting [Mix at Six](#) on February 2, 6pm at Cafe Calabria.
- The 40th annual [San Diego Chinese New Year Fair](#) is on February 4-5 at J Street and Third Avenue in downtown San Diego.

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

Please research criteria and deadlines.

Paid Internships:

- [Qualcomm Technologies Inc.](#) is recruiting paid interns for Summer 2023 (May-September) in [Machine Learning Engineering](#) and [Multimedia Engineering](#). Applicants must be enrolled in computer engineering, computer science, electrical engineering or a related field.
- The [OCA National Center](#) is accepting applications for their paid [Summer Internship Program](#) from June 5-August 11, 2023 in Washington DC. AAPI college students and recent grads can apply by the priority deadline, January 29, 2023.
- The [CAUSE Leadership Academy](#) is a nine week (June-August 2023) paid internship of \$4000 in Los Angeles. Apply by January 29, 2023.
- The [Seeding Change National Fellowship for Asian American Organizing and Civic Engagement](#) is accepting [applications](#) for their summer 2023 cohort. Apply by January 31, 2023.
- 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](#) is a full-time \$20 hr/, 6-week program (June 20-July 28). Interns will be placed at 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 the 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, 2022.
- 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 [Al Young Sports Journalism Scholarship](#) awards \$2000 to an undergraduate pursuing sports journalism. Apply by January 30, 2023.
- The [Jimmie & Suey Gong Yee](#) grant awards \$2000 to those pursuing a career in sports journalism and media. Apply by January 30, 2023.
- The [Vincent Chin Memorial Scholarship](#) awards \$1500 to a student journalist for an insightful essay about Vincent Chin. Apply by January 30, 2023.
- The [Japanese American Citizens League \(JACL\)](#) is offering over 30 awards to entering freshman, undergraduate, graduate, and law students. Deadlines for JACL scholarships are March-April 2023. All applicants must possess a Student/Youth JACL membership (\$30-40), to be eligible to apply.
- 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 [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 social justice work for APIDA, LGBTQ+, and progressive causes.
- 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 [Against the Grain Groundbreaker Leadership Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1500 to Asian American students. Apply by May 31.