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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

March 3, 2023



Marching into March!

March is a busy month! We have a ton of events planned for this month. First, it's Mes CHamoru, which is a time to intentionally celebrate [Guam history and CHamoru heritage](#). The APIDA Center is hosting a [CHamoru luncheon](#) on Monday, March 6th. (Smack'n Guamanian Grill, owned by a SDSU APIDA alum, will be supplying the food.)

Second, March 8th is [Holi Festival](#), the Hindu festival of colors. The APIDA Center is hosting a [Bollywood dance workshop](#), a [D.I.Y. Chai Tea workshop](#), a [Bollywood movie night](#), and a [Palm Reading workshop](#). We will also be eating traditional Indian snacks all day. (Fun Fact: San Diego has several Indian grocery stores. The largest is Miramar Cash & Carry, which is where I went!) To learn more about Holi, check out our social media campaign from last year: [Happy Holi!](#)

Third, March is Women's History Month. The [Women's Resource Center](#) has a fabulous line-up of events. In addition, the APIDA Center is hosting several events celebrating APIDA women artists: [Mary J. Pritchard](#), [Ruth Asawa](#), [Zarina Hashmi](#), and Gisela McDaniel.

Lastly, March is also Jewish History Month and Disability Pride Month. Check us out on [Instagram](#) as we will be sharing more events and amplifying other events! Come join us! We have all the things happening!

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



APIDA Center learns about the CHamoru community in San Diego!

Did you know San Diego County has close to 20,000 CHamoru residents? CHamoru refers to the indigenous people of the Mariana Islands including Guam. (CHamoru is the preferred term used by the Indigenous people of Guam; Chamorro is the more conventional spelling.)

CHamoru migration to the United States is tied to a long history of colonization. Before Guam became a U.S territory, it underwent a period of Spanish colonization (1521-1898) and Japanese occupation (1941-1944), similar to the colonizing history of the Philippines. On December 10, 1898 the Treaty of Paris, which ended the Spanish-American War, was signed. This was a historic turning point marking the decline of Spanish socio-political dominance in the western hemisphere and the rise of the United States as an imperial power in the Pacific. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Japan interrupted U.S. rule by seizing Guam on December 10, 1941. These imperialist wars endangered Pacific Islander history, culture, and population. Today, Guam is still considered a U.S. territory due to The Organic Guam Act of 1950. Guam secured the United States' strategic military and economic position in the Pacific.

The people of Guam were granted U.S. citizenship as a result of the Nationality Act of 1952. This created a path of migration for the CHamoru people, who settled and formed communities in the continental United States. In San Diego, the Sons & Daughters of Guam club held the first Liberation Coronation Ball in 1953 establishing the "Guam Liberation Queen Campaign." This was a fundraising competition where the Pacific Islander queen contestants raised money for the CHamoru community. The significant accumulation of funds gave the Sons & Daughters of Guam the opportunity to acquire land and build a gathering space in 1973.

On August 20, 2022, the Chamorro community in San Diego celebrated the official opening of the House of Chamorros in Balboa Park, an initiative that started in 2016. CHamoru arts, language, and veteran organizations have hosted annual festivals that showcase traditional Pacific Islander food, dances, and activities. The CHamoru community in San Diego is strong and thriving.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center welcomes our new student staff members!

The APIDA Center is thrilled to announce the newest members of our team! Please welcome: **Skye Akimseu-Calderbank, Krissa Jackson, Kaelyn Nguyen, and Chloe Verove**. They are all first year students and are members of our A-LIST community. As a reminder, A-LIST stands for APIDA Leadership, Identity, Scholarship, and Togetherness. They live together in the A-LIST residential hall and had taken the A-LIST university seminar. These students have actively attended our events and are passionate about advancing the APIDA community here at SDSU. Lucky for us - **Gi Gonzales** is our returning Graduate Assistant. She has been with us since the APIDA Center opened. YAY, Team APIDA! (If you are interested in working at the APIDA Center, please attend our events and send your resume and cover letter to Dr. **Loh-Hagan** for consideration.)



APIDA Center makes D.I.Y. picture frames!

On Monday, February 27, the APIDA Center hosted a craft night. We made our own D.I.Y. picture frames. We combined two of our favorite things: popsicle sticks and puzzle pieces. We continue to prove that there are endless uses for popsicle sticks and that puzzles bring tons of fun!



APIDA Center hosts APIDA Poets Society!

On March 1, the APIDA Center hosted our second meeting of the APIDA Poets Society. This meeting was focused on Desi Free Verse. We read poems by Prageeta Sharma, Tishani Doshi, Aimee Nezhukumatathil, and ALOK Vaid Menon. Led by **Angela Subido**, the APIDA Poets Society is a space for APIDA students and allies to read APIDA poetry and communicate their own experiences through writing. We will read poetry by APIDA writers, analyze themes across poems, and create our own poetry.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Keiko Vleming**, a first year Psychology major and an A-LIST member, recently showcased her artwork at the **Doodle Art Event** hosted by Redbull and **Kolorhouse SDSU**. The event was held last Friday, February 24th at the Hillel SDSU Center and included an art show, a DJ, and free food.
- **Vanessa Chan**, a first year Psychology major and an A-LIST member, joined the KCR Radio team and has collaborated with her co-host **Olivia Averill**, a second year Psychology Major, to launch their podcast "**Follow the Sound**"! The podcast is focused on the local music scene in San Diego.

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Chloe Verove is a first-year student majoring in Speech Language and Hearing Sciences. She's part of our A-LIST cohort. She's recommending S&B Golden Curry. One block consists of curry powder, flour, spices and seasoning; when mixed with hot water, it quickly transforms into a fine curry stew. Chloe said, "The Japanese curry mix is my personal favorite. It is absolutely perfect for dinner! My mother used to make it for my sister and me, so it is easily a comfort meal for me here in college. In addition it is pretty simple to make in the dorms!" Yum!!

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

Chamorro Luncheon

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 from 12-2pm

March 6, 2023 is nationally recognized as Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day. Join us to learn about some traditional Chamorro dishes and then eat with us! Food from [Smack'n Guamanian Grill](#).

Craft Night: Mary J. Pritchard-Inspired Siapo

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 from 6-8pm

Mary J. Pritchard, born and raised in American Samoa, was an artist and an advocate for the rebirth of siapo, a Samoan cultural art form. We will learn about siapo and Pritchard's role in preserving the art form. Then, we will create our own versions of siapo!

Holi Festival: Bollywood Dance Workshop

Location: Aztec Student Union Courtyard

Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 from 3-4pm

Holi Festival is a time of lights, color, and joy. Come Bollywood dance with us! Also, we will be providing traditional Indian snacks!

Holi Festival: D.I.Y Chai Tea

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 from 5-6pm

Chai is the Hindi word for tea. Learn about the history of Chai and make your own tea mix!

Holi Festival: Bollywood Movie Night

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 from 6-8pm

Watch a Bollywood-Holi Festival-themed movie with us and eat Indian snacks!

APIDA Mystic Society: Indian Palm Reading

Location: APIDA Center Conference Room

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 from 4-5pm

Join our APIDA Mystic Society! This semester, we will learn the history of traditional Asian methods of fortune telling. Connect with your spirituality through activities that reveal what 2023 could have in store for you! Other APIDA Mystic Society events are:

- April 6: Chinese Tea Leaves
- April 27: Hawaiian Birth Signs

Craft Night: Ruth Asawa-Inspired Sculptures

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 from 6-8pm

Ruth Asawa is a Japanese American multimedia artist from California. After being incarcerated at the Rowher War Relocation Center during World War II, Asawa advocated for arts education. We will learn about Asawa and then create our own wire sculptures inspired by her work.

pacificReview Workshop

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 from 1-2pm

Get to know pacificReview, a literary journal published through SDSU Press. Learn how to submit your comix, poetry, or graphic narrative to the 2023 publication. Participate in an activity to unleash your inner creative!

Mes CHamoru: Dr. Olivia Quintanilla Lecture

Location: TBD

Date: Thursday, March 16 from 2-3pm

Dr. Olivia Quintanilla, a SDSU alumna and CHamorro scholar, will discuss her research about the unique histories and futures of the Pacific Islands. (More info coming soon!)

APIDA Catan Society

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Friday, March 17, 2023 1-3pm

Do you like playing Catan? Want to learn Catan at a deeper level? Join us to learn more about Catan and then play Catan with us! On March 17th, we will be playing the base Catan game with APIDA house rules. Meetings take place on the following dates from 1-3pm at the APIDA Center. Other events in this series:

- March 27: Decolonizing Catan - First Nations of Catan
- April 3: Stand Alone Variation - Game of Thrones Catan
- April 21: Catan Expansion - Starfarers

Craft Night: Zarina Hashmi-Inspired Geometric Art

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, March 20, 2023 from 6-8pm

Zarina Hashmi is an Indian American print-artist. She is known for her use of geometry. Her art chronicles her life and features recurring themes of home, displacement, borders, journey, and memory. We will learn about Hashmi and then create our own geometric art inspired by her work.

Mes CHamoru: SPAM in Guam

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, March 21 from 4-6pm

Did you know the islanders of Guam are the world's largest consumers of SPAM? Join us to learn more about the historical and cultural significance of SPAM in Guam. Then, participate in a SPAM-tasting event and a recycled SPAM can art project. (More info coming soon!)

Mes CHamoru: Therapeutic Art inspired by CHamoru artist, Gisela McDaniel

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, March 22 from 4-6pm

Learn about Gisela McDaniel, a CHamoru artist who uses art to disrupt and to heal. As a survivor of sexual violence, she is committed to using art as a space for empowerment and healing. We will create a project inspired by her work. (More info coming soon!)

APIDA Poets Society: Chinese Odes

Location: APIDA Center Conference Room

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 from 1-2pm

Calling all poets, dreamers, and word-lovers! Join APIDA Poets Society! We will read poetry by APIDA authors, learn how to write our own poems, and share our stories. Other events in this series:

- April 19: Spoken Word by Pacific Islanders
- May 3: Writers' Workshop and Rehearsal

Join Phi Beta Delta!

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Induction on April 21 from 4-6pm

Are you interested in international education, global affairs, and/or ethnic studies? Do you want to be in an international honor society? Do you want a resume booster? Do you want swag? Join Phi Beta Delta! Phi Beta Delta is an international honor society. Special deal this semester: SDSU Chapter is paying for new member fees (\$50). Deadline to join and pay \$10 chapter fee is Monday, March 13th by 8pm. [Sign up today!](#) Information sessions will be held on March 6 from 5-6pm or March 9 from 2-3pm.

SAVE THE DATES!

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

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [APSA Mentor and Mentee Sign Ups](#) closes on March 10. [Apply](#) today!
- [VSA](#) is hosting [Soaring Into High School Conference](#) on March 11 from 11-4pm.
- [PISA](#) and [KASA](#) are hosting a [Cherry Blossom Social](#) on March 12 from 10-5pm.
- [JSA](#) is hosting an [Ice Skating Social](#) on March 12.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) is hosting [CIR Midterm Fuel Stations](#) March 6-10 from 12-4pm.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center](#) is hosting [Resume Building](#) on March 8 from 12-1pm.
- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting [Love Ethic](#) on March 10 from 3:00-4:30pm.

Campus Partners:

- [SDSU EOP Learning Support Center](#) is offering [Free Tutoring](#) to students participating in a Cultural Center mentorship program.
- The Fowler College of Business hosting the [SDSU Women in Leadership Conference](#) on March 9 from 12-4pm.
- The [SDSU Pacific Review Literary Journal](#) is accepting art, prose, and poetry [submissions](#) for their Annual Review.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- [L.E.A.D Filipino](#) is hosting the [2023 Fil-Am Policy Symposium: Transforming Fil-Am Power in CA](#) is on March 4 from 9-12pm. [Register](#) to attend online.
- The [Asian Mental Health Project](#) in relationship with Brave Conversation Series is virtually hosting [Sharing Resentment When You're Conflict-Avoidment](#) on March 7 starting at 5:30pm.
- [Viet Vote](#), [Asian Solidarity Collective](#), [Karen Organization of San Diego](#), and [PANA](#) are hosting [Sharing Our Roots: Intergenerational Healing through Asian-American Storytelling](#) on March 13 from 6-9pm at the Mingei Museum.
- The University of La Verne is conducting a [survey](#) on dating experiences of Asian American Queer Women.

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

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Please research criteria and deadlines.

Paid Internships:

- The [Forbes Editorial Design Internship](#) is accepting Summer 2023 interns. The remote paid internship program is from June 12 - August 18. Apply today!
- The [Students for Economic Justice Summer Internship](#) takes place from June 20-July 28. Interns will work with 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 their 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 30, 2023.
- The [Asian Pacific American Coalition](#) is accepting Summer 2023 interns from June-August. The internship connects students with elected officials or community based organizations. [Contact APAC](#) for the application. Apply by March 31, 2023.
- 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.
- The [Sherwin-Williams Management and Sales Summer Internship](#) is hosting a 10-12 week paid internship over the summer. Apply by April 3, 2023.

Scholarships:

- The [Japanese American Citizens League \(JACL\)](#) is offering over 30 awards to entering freshman, undergraduate, graduate, and law students. All applicants must possess a Student/Youth JACL membership (\$30-40). Deadlines are in March-April 2023.
- The [Banatao Family Filipino American Education Fund Scholarship](#) is awarding five \$5000 awards to students of Filipino heritage pursuing careers in science, engineering, or math. Apply by March 6, 2023.
- [PFLAG San Diego County](#) is awarding [18 scholarships](#) with a minimum of \$2000 awarded to LGBTQIA+ students. Apply by March 15, 2023.
- The [Asian Pacific American Coalition](#) is awarding the [Tom Hom Civic Engagement Scholarship](#) to two API college students involved in civic engagement. Apply by March 17, 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 doing social justice work for APIDA, LGBTQ+, and progressive causes. Apply by March 24, 2023.
- 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 [Yan Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to an undergraduate student who identifies as female and an immigrant. Apply by April 1, 2023.
- The [Matt Fong Asian Americans in Public Finance Scholarship](#) is awarding two \$5000 scholarships to students studying social science, accounting, or business administration. Apply by April 3, 2023.
- The [Saswati Gupta Cancer Research Scholarship](#) is awarding two \$1000 scholarships to undergraduate or graduate students pursuing biology or medicine. Apply by April 6, 2023.
- The [Hsiao Memorial Social Sciences Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to a graduate student pursuing a career in social sciences or economics. Apply by May 19, 2023.
- The [Against the Grain Groundbreaker Leadership Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1500 to Asian American students. Apply by May 31, 2023.
- SDSU International Affairs is accepting applications for the [U.S. Student Fulbright Grants](#). Applications open on March 30, 2023 and they're due in September.