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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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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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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

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Kudos to our Mesa College AANAPISI friends!

On Wednesday, October 4th, I had the pleasure of hanging out with our [Mesa College friends](#). Mesa College's Kapwa Learning Community, APIA Committee, Work-Based Learning, and AANAPISI programs coordinated a panel entitled, "[Careering While Asian](#)." I was honored to be a part of it along with Patrick Ballesteros, **Kirin Macapugay** (SDSU alum and adjunct faculty), and Dr. Miller Tran. We shared our stories of success and struggle and answered audience questions. We also had the pleasure of meeting Mesa College president, Dr. [Ashanti Hands](#) (who is also a SDSU alumna). Big kudos to Mesa College Transfer and SDSU student, **Andrew Arevalo**, for his work in coordinating the event. We are so thrilled to have Mesa College as a community partner.

A Moment in APIDA History:

Learn about APIDA histories and narratives!

Cultural Education Program: The Significance of 1898



APIDA Center learns about the colonial history of the Philippines!

For this [Filipinx American History Month](#) (FAHM), the APIDA Center reflects on the impact that U.S. colonization has made on the educational, social, and economic structure of the Philippines. The Philippines endured 300 years of Spanish colonization (1565-1898) followed by 48 years of U.S. colonization (1898-1946). These periods of occupation led to erasure of traditional, indigenous, Philippine culture. It also contributed to the socio-economic crisis that resulted in the export of Filipino laborers. To understand the present-day experiences of Filipinos in the diaspora, it is important to recognize the significance of 1898 as a transformative historical moment.

This year marks 125 years since the conclusion of the Spanish-American War and the Treaty of Paris (1898). With this treaty, the United States purchased the Philippines from Spain for \$20 million and received the territories of Puerto Rico and Guam. However, this did not occur without a fight. Philippine revolutionaries fought for independence from 1896-1898. Despite the Philippines declaring independence on June 12, 1898, The Treaty of Paris was still signed on December 10, 1898, ignoring the sovereignty of the Filipino people. This transfer of colonial powers undermined Philippine autonomy and created a U.S. narrative of "Benevolent Assimilation" which justified U.S. militarization and the "Americanization" of Philippine society.

These decades of U.S. militarization in the Pacific has led to environmental destruction, loss of cultural artifacts and sites, and displacement of indigenous people. In the 1900s, the English language was formalized throughout the Philippines and academic programs such as the Pensionado program (1903-1943) supported the Americanization of Filipinos by sending students to the United States. Rather than building the Philippine infrastructure to be self-reliant through economic development, the United States carried out foreign policies that increased the Philippines' national debt and opened the land to foreign capitalist exploitation.

Learn more about the long-term impact of 1898 by attending our [Cultural Education Program: The Significance of 1898](#) on October 25 from 2-3pm at the APIDA Center.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center has had an exciting week!

On Friday, September 29th, the APIDA Center hosted an [APIDA Student Organizations Summit and a Moon Festival social](#). Then, on Wednesday, October 4th, we collaborated with the School of Journalism and Media Studies to host [Fumi Abe](#), a Japanese American comedian.



APIDA Center learns about Pacita Abad!

Back by popular demand, the APIDA Center hosted another cultural crafting workshop about [Pacita Abad](#) (1946-2004). We love Abad's multi-media art for its fun and vibrancy. Abad said, "I always see the world through color...I feel like I am an ambassador of colors." We had tons of fun painting, sewing, glueing, stuffing, and more.

All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Kimo Dariano, a 5th year majoring in Electrical Engineering, is recommending a Nintendo 3DS, a foldable handheld game console which can display 3D effects. He said, "I recommend the 3DS because it's a very nostalgic handheld console. It's capable of playing many classic games such as 'Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time.' It's also capable of taking cute photos with friends. Since retro items are making a trend again, it's a perfect item to bring to parties, concerts, and more!" (FYI: Founded in 1889, Nintendo is a Japanese multinational consumer electronics conglomerate, headquartered in Kyoto, Japan.)

Share all things APIDA (i.e., books, movies, food, restaurants, etc.).

Send a picture of you with the product and your glowing review.

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Upcoming APIDA Center Events

API Male Transfer Experience

Location: Mata'yuum

Date: Tuesday, October 10 from 10:15-11:20am

The SDSU APIDA Center and Mesa College AANAPISI are collaborating to present a panel at the 4th annual [CSU Young Males of Color Conference](#). We will be discussing the API male transfer experience.

Cultural Crafting Night: Decorated Wooden Spoons

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, October 9 from 6-8pm

Learn about the historical and cultural significance of the large, decorated wooden spoons that can be found hanging on the walls of some Filipino homes. Then, decorate your own spoons.

Fil-Am TV/Movie Night

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: Wednesdays, October 11, 18, 25 from 6-8pm

During FAHM, we will be watching and discussing various Fil-Am themed shows on Wednesday nights. Starting on October 18th, we will watch Seasons 1+2 of "Out of the Boondocks," a locally produced docuseries celebrating San Diego's Filipino American creative community.

Cultural Education Program: Colonial Roots of the Debut and Quinceañera

Location: Templo Mayor in Student Union

Date: Wednesday, October 11 from 11am-1pm

The APIDA Center, the Latinx Resource Center, and the Women's Resource Center will host a cultural education workshop about the historical and cultural significance of coming-of-age celebrations in Filipinx and Latinx communities. Participants will learn about the colonial roots of debuts and quinceañeras and then practice waltzing and eat traditional foods.

Cultural Education Program: Historical and Cultural Significance of Eskrima

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Friday, October 13 from 1-2pm

SDSU alumna, Jessica Mercado will be sharing their passion for Eskrima, the indigenous fighting arts in the Philippines which has served as a conduit in uncovering the history of their Filipino heritage. They will also teach us some basic moves.

Cultural Crafting Night: Pabalat

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, October 16 from 6-8pm

Learn about the historical significance of pabalat, a form of papercutting originating in the Bulacan province in the Philippines. Then, make our own versions of pabalat.

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Cultural Education Program: Fil-Am & Hmong Hip Hop

Location: Zoom

Date: Tuesday October, 17 from 3-4pm

Sean Slusser, a PhD candidate in History at UC Riverside and an adjunct at CSU Fresno, will share his research about how APIDA youth groups have created hip-hop cultural scenes, examining Filipino hip-hop culture in the 1990s Los Angeles and hip-hop culture in Fresno and the Central Valley, specifically Hmong b-boys.

APIDA Maker's Market

Location: Student Union Courtyard

Date: Wednesday, October 18 from 1-6pm

APIDA Center is hosting our fourth Makers' Market. This is a super popular event. Come out and support your SDSU makers and entrepreneurs.

Maneuvering Queer Asia: Research, Activism, and Identities

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, October 18 from 5-6pm

Dr. Minwoo Jung is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Loyola University of Chicago. In his talk, he will discuss political contexts and cultural norms in relation to queer activism in Asian societies including Taiwan, Singapore, and South Korea. Partners: [Center for Asian and Pacific Studies](#), [Center for Human Rights](#), [Sociology](#), [Political Science](#), [LGBTQ+ Studies](#), [APIDA Center](#), and [Pride Center](#)

Dr. Rey Monzon Data Lecture Cultural Education Program: Dr. Rudy Guevarra

Location: Zoom

Date: Thursday, October 19 from 2-3pm

Dr. Rudy P. Guevarra Jr. is a Professor of Asian Pacific American Studies at Arizona State University. He is the author of *Becoming Mexipino: Multiethnic Identities and Communities in San Diego*. He will share his research and his experience growing up Mexipino in San Diego.

SDSU FAHM Headliner: Ruby Ibarra

Location: Templo Mayor in Student Union

Date: Monday, October 23 from 6-8pm

Ruby Ibarra is a rapper, spoken word artist, and director from the Bay Area, CA. She will be here at SDSU talking about her experiences as a Fil-Am Artist. She will also give a brief performance and answer questions from the live audience.

Cultural Education Program: APIDA Roots Society: Malunggay

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, October 24 from 1-2pm

The APIDA Center is launching an APIDA Roots Society to learn more about Asian heritage plants. For FAHM, learn about Malunggay, a plant native to South and Southeast Asia, which has been used as a form of medicine for centuries. Learn how Malunggay plays a medicinal role in traditional Filipino dishes.

Cultural Education Program: The Significance of 1898

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, October 25 from 2-3pm

The 2023 FAHNS theme is "1898: Recognizing 125 Years of Philippine-American History." This year marks the 125th anniversary of the signing of the 1898 Treaty of Paris, an agreement between Spain and the U.S. that ended the Spanish American War and led to the U.S. annexation of the Philippines. The APIDA Center will examine impacts and effects of 1898 on Filipino and Fil-Am identity, culture, and politics. Asian snacks will be provided!

A-LIST Student-Led Workshops

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, October 26 from 2-3pm and 4-5pm

From 2-3pm, A-LIST students will present a workshop about the poetry of Carlos Bulosan (1913-1936). They will share the impacts of his work and host a writing activity. From 4-5pm, A-LIST Students will present a workshop about the evolution of Taglish (code-switching in the use of Tagalog and English). They will also give us a lesson on common Taglish phrases.

Cultural Crafting Night: Weave w/ Cynthia Alberto

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, October 30 from 6-8pm

Cynthia Alberto is a Fil-Am artist whose work bridges traditional and contemporary weaving techniques. She explores the interactions between weaving, healing, craft, inclusive art, and sustainability. After Alberto shares her work, we will weave together. The APIDA Center will provide supplies but feel free to bring recycled material to weave.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [ABA SDSU](#) is accepting [Mentor and Mentee Applications](#) until October 10 at 11:59pm.
- [APSA](#) is accepting [Night Market Performance Sign-ups](#) for Night Market on October 26 from 4-9pm at the Student Union Courtyard.
- [NSU](#) is starting [Co-Rec Intramural Basketball](#) from October 29-November 17.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Native Resource Center](#), [Project Rebound](#), and Project Rebound Student Alliance are hosting [Empowerment Through Knowledge: Narcan Training](#) on October 9 at 4pm at PSFA100.
- The [Undocumented Resource Center](#) is hosting [Reclaim Your Story](#) every Thursday from October 5 to December 7 from 2:30-3:45pm.

Campus Partners:

- The [Glazer Center for Leadership & Service](#) is hosting [Glazer Gives Back](#) on October 12 from 5-6pm.
- [Counseling & Psychological Services](#) is hosting [Everyday Mindfulness and Meditation](#) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The [San Diego Filipino Film Festival Schedule](#) is from October 4-8.
- The [Model Majority: Asian American Comedians Show](#) is on October 8 at 5:30pm at Mic Drop Comedy.
- The [So Sarap! Philippine Festival](#) is taking place on October 14th. They are seeking [volunteers](#). Sign up today!
- [WhiteRiceSD](#) and [P-Lo](#) are hosting [Very Good Food Tour '23](#) at [White Rice Morena](#) on October 14 from 3-6pm at 5299 Linda Vista Rd. This event is free!

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

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- The National Security Agency is seeking students for their [Non-STEM Summer Internship](#). Applications are due October 15.
- **NEW!** The Employment Development department is seeking a [paid Student Assistant](#) for the Oceanside office. Apply before October 19.
- **NEW!** Trinity Property Consultants is seeking a paid [Real Estate Intern](#). Apply today!
- **NEW!** Encore is seeking a [paid Event Technology Intern](#) for Spring Semester. Students pursuing a degree in hospitality, business, or media production may apply today!

Scholarships:

- The [Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans](#) is awarding up to \$90,000 per fellow. Apply by October 26.
- The [DRIVE an IMPACT Scholarship](#) is awarding one \$1000 award to an underrepresented minority student. Apply by October 31.
- The [Romeo Nursing Scholarship](#) is awarding \$700 to an undergraduate student pursuing a degree in Nursing. Apply by November 1.
- The [Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest](#) is open to all high school, college, and graduate students. Winners may be awarded up to \$10,000. Apply by November 6.
- **NEW!** 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 [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 with who grew up in foster care are eligible to apply. 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.
- **NEW!** 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.
- **NEW!** The [Faatuai and Fatilua Memorial Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to a Pacific Islander student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree. Apply by November 25.
- 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 [APIA Scholarship](#) is awarding multiple scholarships ranging from \$2,500-\$20,000 to Asian or Pacific Islander undergraduate students. Apply by January 9.