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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



Read all about it!!!

Check your email! Newsletter #79 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 Student Union

Rooms #210A-K (Directly above Starbucks)

Hours:

Mon-Thurs 10-8pm

Friday 10:00-4:30pm

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SDSU APIDA
Resource Center

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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

November 3, 2023



SDSU APIDA's Got Talent!

On Friday, October 27th, we went to go see an amazing play entitled, "[Kagitingan](#)," which is about Filipino/Fil-Am World War II veterans (read more in the next section). We learned a lot about the injustices these soldiers had faced in being denied benefits and citizenship. It was a superb performance combining history, music, movement, storytelling, and more. It was a truly moving experience for all.

Many people were involved in bringing this play to life but a super fun fact is that SDSU totally represented! Several SDSU folks contributed to this play: **Joseph Corrales** (actor), **Desha Crownover** (director), **Dey Illagen** (actor, dramaturg), **Jessica Mercado** (actor), **Jonathan Nagtalon** (actor), **Gabrielle Ocampo** (actor), **Jayden Pagsolingan** (actor), and **Eliza Vedar** (sound designer). So much SDSU pride in the house!

I am always in awe of the abundance of talent that we have among our SDSU APIDA community. Keep shining, everybody!

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about Justice for Fil-Am Veterans!

In honor of Veteran's Day (November 11) next week, we remember the Filipino/Fil-Am veterans who served in the U.S. military during WWII (1939-1945).

From 1898-1946, the Philippines was a U.S. colony. When WWII broke, approximately 260,000 Filipinos and Filipino Americans answered the call to defend the United States. They contributed greatly to the U.S. victory in the Pacific.

The Rescission Act of 1946 retracted the benefits, compensation, and honor promised to Filipino/Fil-Am veterans who served during WWII. Out of the 66 countries allied with the United States, the Filipino/Fil-Am troops were the only group denied compensation and recognition.

As a result, grassroots organizations have advocated for the reinstatement of their promised benefits. Since the 1990s, for over 25 years, the Justice for Filipino American Veterans (JFAV) has advocated for compensation and recognition. For over 15 years, organizers held an annual march in Los Angeles which included Filipinos Americans from across Southern California (and San Diego) into action.

In 2015, student groups from UC Los Angeles such as Samahang Pilipino, Theta Delta Beta, Zeta Phi Rho, and Tinig Choral group united to help plan the march. This event consisted of 600-800 Filipino elders and youth; it was both a display of advocacy and a form of historical preservation of the Filipino/Fil-Am veterans' experiences.

As a result this organizing, the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act was signed into law in 2016. In 2017, 600 Filipino/Fil-Am veterans and their families received their medals. The last documented JFAV March was the 18th Annual March which took place in 2018 where community members gathered at MacArthur Park in Los Angeles. Today, there are still over 10,000 veterans who have yet to be formally recognized. To this day, advocates are still fighting for Congress to repeal the Rescission Act of 1946.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center goes on a FAHM Field Trip!

On Friday, October 27, 2023, the APIDA Center coordinated a FAHM field trip. Curated by **Angela Subido**, we went to the "Filipinos of South Bay" exhibit at the Chula Vista Library, took a tour of historic sites in National City (i.e., Seafood City, Kimball Park/Manila Square, Council of Philippine American Organizations, etc.), and then, we saw the "Kagitingan" play! It was an amazing experience.



APIDA Center learns weaving from Cynthia Alberto!

On Monday, October 30, we zoomed in [Cynthia Alberto](#), a Fil-Am artist known for bridging traditional and modern weaving techniques from around the world. She is also known for weaving with unusual items like human hair, trash, etc. She shared her experiences with us and then led a community weaving project in which we evoked a familiar Filipino childhood memory of weaving on *pamaypay* (Filipino fans). She taught us that anybody can weave and that anything can be woven! She said that weaving is in our DNA. We will continue to weave in November!



APIDA Center hosts Kimi Takesue!

[Kimi Takesue](#) is an award-winning experimental filmmaker and professor at Rutgers University. She is currently serving as the [Arts Alive](#) Fall 2023 Artist in Residence. We were honored to host her on Thursday, November 2nd. We watched her short film about climate change entitled, "That Which Once Was." Then, we engaged in a our own little private Q & A session with her. It was such a treat!

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- **Malia Arpon** is on the [2023 Homecoming Court](#). In addition to being a PISA board member (Academic Coordinator), she is majoring in Applied Communication with a minor in Cell Molecular Biology and hopes to be a veterinarian.
- **Angela Subido** moderated a student panel at Sweetwater Union High School District's 21st annual [Magkaisa Conference](#). The panel was entitled, "[Navigating a College Identity in the Arts](#)." Student panelists included **Michael Delarea, Erica Del Mundo, Jalea-Kiara Villarama, Barry Lomibao, Jr.,** and **Elijah Frias.**



We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

SDSU Food Safety Training

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: Nov 6 from 4-5pm, Nov 7 from 12-1pm, Nov 8 from 1-2pm

Do you plan to serve open food at your public events? If so, SDSU requires Food Safety Training. This training is good for one year. Join us! All are welcome! RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/FoodHandling2023>

Registration Support In-Person Drop-In Hours

Location: Office 210G in the APIDA Center

Dates: Nov 7 from 2-4pm; Nov 9 from 1-3pm; Nov 14 from 2-4pm; Nov 16 from 1-3pm

Need help registering for Spring 2024 courses? The APIDA Center is here for you! We are hosting in-person drop-in hours to provide registration support.

Weave with APIDA: Wall Hangings

Location: APIDA Center

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

Learn about the importance of weaving in indigenous cultures around the world, with a special focus on APIDA heritage cultures. Then make woven wall hangings using popsicle stick looms.

UndocuAPIDA Support Group

Location: APIDA Center Conference Room

Date: Monday, November 13, 2023 from 1-2pm

In collaboration with the Undocumented Resource Center, we are hosting a monthly support group for those who identify as APIDA and Undocumented. The Nov 13th theme is about navigating financial insecurity during the holidays.

Weave with APIDA: Jute Pouches or Coasters

Location: APIDA Center

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

Learn about the importance of jute in India and then weave jute pouches or coasters with us!

APIDA in Education Workshop

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 6-8pm

In collaboration with the APIDA Pre-Teacher Alliance, we are hosting a General Body Meeting from 6-7pm and then a chat with Principal Lora Bumatay from 7-8pm. Get a hiring tips and more!

Weave with APIDA: Placemats

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, November 27, 2023 from 6-8pm

Learn about the importance of weaving in indigenous cultures around the world, with a special focus on APIDA heritage cultures. Then, make placemats with us.

Student-Led Workshops & Student-Created Social Media Campaigns

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. We are interested in any and all APIDA-related topics! If you are interested, email Dr. Loh-Hagan at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu.

Happy Hours at the APIDA Center

The APIDA Center is hosting "Happy Hours" on Mondays through Thursday from 6-8pm. 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. However, there will be times when we host specific activities and when we need to cancel in order to support another program.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [PISA](#) is hosting their [High School Conference Inafa'Maolek: To Make Good for Everyone](#) on November 5 from 9-5pm.
- [HSA](#) is hosting [Baps La Shri Swaminarayan Mandir: Temple Visit](#) on November 5 from 10-4pm.
- [SDSU VSA](#) and [CSUSM VSA](#) are hosting [Ice Skating Fundraiser](#) on November 10 from 7:20-9:20pm at Westfield UTC Ice.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting [events](#) all November for Native American Heritage Month.
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations](#) and the [Women's Resource Center](#) are hosting [Cafe for Women of Color: Gratitude](#) on November 7 from 2:30-3:30pm.
- The [Women's Resource Center](#) is hosting a Women in STEM support group themed [Heart 2 Art Talk](#) on November 8 from 1:00-1:30pm.

Campus Partners:

- [Career Services](#) is hosting an [Imperial Valley Fall Career & Internship Fair](#) on November 9 from 12-3pm in Calexico.
- [Center for Commuter Life](#) is seeking a [Student Assistant](#). Apply on Handshake!
- The [Glazer Center for Leadership and Service](#) is accepting applications for [Aztec Core Leadership Retreat](#). Apply by December 8.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- [San Diego Indian American Society](#) is hosting [Festival of Lights: A Diwali Celebration](#) on November 4 from 5:00-8:30pm.
- [Asian Business Association](#) is hosting a [Women's Leadership Council](#) on November 8 from 5-7pm.
- [Taiwanese American Professionals San Diego](#) is hosting [Taiwanese American Creatives Showcase](#) on November 12 from 4-6pm.
- [VietVote](#) is hiring two positions: [Community Organizer](#) and [Social Media & Communication](#). Apply today!

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

Paid Internships:

- The Office of Assemblymember Ward is seeking a [Paid Student Intern](#). Apply by November 15.
- **NEW!** American Heart Association in La Jolla is seeking a [Community Impact Intern](#). The internship duration is January 16-May 3, 2024. Apply today!
- **NEW!** Nissan Motor Corporation is seeking an [Automotive Design Spring Intern](#). Students pursuing a degree in Transportation, Design, or related fields should apply. Apply today!
- **NEW!** General Dynamics is seeking an [Engineering Intern \(Summer 2024\)](#). Apply today!

Scholarships:

- 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.
- 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 [Live Your Dreams Award](#) is awarding \$1000-\$16,000 to women with financial need. Apply by November 15.
- 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. 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.
- 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.
- 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 [Peter Kong-Ming New Award](#) is awarding \$750-\$3000 to students who submit the best paper on an applied research project in the social/behavioral sciences. Submit by November 30.
- The [Elevate Women in Technology Scholarship](#) is awarding \$500 to one woman who is pursuing a career in technology. Apply by November 30.
- The [Ai Engstrom National Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to students with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Apply by December 1.
- The [Lamber Goodnow Injury Lawyers Education Scholarships](#) is awarding two \$1000 scholarships. Apply by December 1.
- 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.
- **NEW!** The [Whittel & Melton Magna Carta College Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1,215 to one student. Apply by December 15.
- The [Achieve Today Scholarship Fund](#) is awarding one \$1000 scholarship. Apply by December 31.
- **NEW!** The [iVein Health & Wellness Scholarship](#) is awarding \$2,500 to one student. Students must have a minimum 3.7 cumulative GPA. Apply by December 31.
- The [APIA Scholarship](#) is awarding multiple scholarships ranging from \$2,500-\$20,000 to Asian or Pacific Islander undergraduate students. Apply by January 9.
- **NEW!** The [Lotus Scholarship](#) is awarding \$500 to one BIPOC student. Apply by January 29.
- The [Empowering Motherhood Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to a mother who is furthering her education. Apply by February 2.
- The [Donald A. Strauss Scholarship Foundation](#) is awarding \$15,000 annually to college sophomores and juniors. Apply by February 14.