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This year's award
recipients are proving that
the future is indeed bright.

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THE 2019 JACL NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The JACL National Scholarship Program has had another fantastic year! In this special issue of the *Pacific Citizen*, the JACL is delighted to announce awards totaling \$66,500 to 26 deserving student scholars. With so many impressive and accomplished students, the future of JACL is bright!

This year, the student applicants were asked to write a statement on the following essay prompt, which was provided by the JACL National Youth/Student Council: "The JACL strives to stand in solidarity with other entities and individuals advocating for marginalized communities. Pick an organization that the JACL could partner with and detail, in whatever framework you see fit, what that collaboration might look like. What might be the benefits and challenges of this collaboration?"

As you read their responses on the following pages, I hope you are as inspired and proud of these young community leaders and scholars as I am. Their vision for the future is

critical to JACL's long-term viability and relevance.

On behalf of National JACL, I would like to express my deepest appreciation for the team of dedicated individuals who ensure the scholarship program continues to be a huge success. First, Regional Director Patty Wada, who serves as the program manager and ensures its successful implementation. She coordinates the two scholarship committees, communicates with the applicants and keeps the program running on track.

I'd also like to thank the two National JACL Scholarship Committees. These committees, each from a distinct JACL district, work diligently to review freshman and undergraduate, graduate, law, arts and student-aid applications. This year's committees come from the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council (NCWNP) and the Midwest District Council (MDC), respectively.

Those dedicated individuals

serving as selection committee members who reviewed and rated the freshman applications are NCWNP members Sharon Uyeda (chair), Darlene Sakata-Bagshaw and Nick Hori.

Those who served on the undergraduate, graduate, law, arts and student-aid selection committee from MDC include Betsy Sato (chair), Judy Tanaka and Kurt Miyazaki.

In addition, David and Carol Kawamoto, who once headed the program, continue to play an integral role in the scholarship application and award process, and I'd also like to acknowledge Membership Assistant Tomiko Ismail, who runs a check on the membership of our applicants.

On behalf of the JACL National Board, we thank these committed individuals on a job well-done.

We are very appreciative of the diligent work and great care that goes into reviewing all of the scholarship applications and the ongoing JACL tradition of acknowledging our young leaders and scholars with financial support for higher education.

I am thrilled that the JACL Scholarship Program continues with a tradition of success and prosperity. We will soon begin the 2020 application process to recognize the next group of outstanding student leaders.

As we wrap up the 2019 scholarship season, please join me in congratulating all of our award recipients.

Respectfully,

Matthew Farrells,
JACL National VP Planning & Development



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By David Inoue,
JACL Executive Director

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACHIEVING THE IMPOSSIBLE EDUCATION

Congratulations to all of our 2019 JACL Scholarship recipients. As I look at the credentials of the current class, I think back to when I applied for a scholarship through the Cincinnati chapter almost 30 years ago and realize that I probably would not be able to get into the school I did then, nor qualify for a JACL scholarship, given the talent of today's youth.

I was fortunate because I was one of the few who won the lottery — I attended Cornell University, an Ivy League school for my undergraduate degree, and Ohio State for medical school before dropping out and completing a master's degree.

Going into Cornell, I thought it was all because of my excellent SAT scores, stellar high school transcript and abundant leadership roles in extracurricular activities. It certainly wasn't because I interviewed directly with the associate dean of admissions during my campus visit.

Obviously, I had the qualities to obtain admission to Cornell, but interviewing as I did gave me an advantage over many other applicants. Impressing the right person set me apart from the many other similarly qualified students who could just as easily have been accepted.

A few years later, I beat even greater odds in getting into medical school with strong, but not stellar, MCATS and a mediocre-formed-school GPA. Again, it was the right interview, yielding the right advocate in the admissions committee's deliberations.

Of course, coming from Cornell didn't hurt and probably boosted the value of my less-than-spectacular GPA. Obviously, medical school didn't pan out, but it does provide some valuable insight to the absurdity that is now college admissions.

Application numbers now far outshadow what they were when I went to school. Acceptance rates for Cornell were double what they are now, and some schools today boast of acceptance rates of five percent.

The reality is that it is nearly impossible to be accepted to the most highly selective colleges. It is because of this near impossibility that some are led to believe that what keeps them out of the school of their choice

is affirmative action.

The distraction of affirmative action draws attention away from admissions considerations such as athletics and legacies, which are given much higher weight than many other admissions criteria.

Even I would not now argue that having a strong hockey team (remember, I was at Cornell in upstate New York) should not be a consideration of the admissions process. Sports are an important part of the college experience, both for students and alumni.

If we can admit that sports are an important consideration of the admissions process, why not also recognize racial and ethnic diversity as equally important?

Many highly competitive schools have adopted holistic admissions policies, where all of the traits of the candidate are looked at and compared to the rest of the potential class. This perspective looks at the needs of the university to create a diverse class, but also meet specific needs, such as the starting quarterback for the football team.

To digest the entire admissions process down to the issue of race is ignoring the full complexity of putting the admissions class together at a highly competitive school with a limited number of seats available.

And yet, we cannot ignore the impact of race. We cannot ignore the impact of generations of discrimination that have segregated entire communities of color into underperforming schools.

Segregation in higher education prevented minorities from enrolling, and those discriminatory policies are carried on through the legacy preferences today. Admissions officers must be able to take these facts into consideration and balance the value of a legacy admission vs. a family's first college attendee.

Holistic admissions takes into consideration these challenges that a person of color has faced that someone else does not. It can also consider a student coming from an urban or rural school with fewer opportunities for extracurriculars or AP classes, or one who works a job at night to help the family finances, or one who cares for a family member at home.

Our own Asian American community is often held up as the model minority and the argument against affirmative action. That ignores the reality that we actually often do benefit from affirmative action and a holistic consideration of the individual applicant.

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By Judd Matsunaga, Esq.

LEGAL-EASE: AN ATTORNEY'S PERSPECTIVE DON'T BE A TARGET FOR SCAMMERS

For the first time, imposter scams topped the list of consumer complaints submitted in 2018 to the Federal Trade Commission's nationwide Consumer Sentinel database, driven in part by a jump in reports about government imposter scams. (Source: Federal Trade Commission, February 28, 2019)

Fraudsters operating government imposter scams falsely claim to be from the Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration or another government agency to get people to turn over money or personal information. Consumers reported losing a total of nearly \$488 million to all types of imposter scams in 2018 — more than any other type of fraud — and reported a median loss of \$500.

Many government imposter scam reports involved fraudsters who falsely claimed to be from the Social Security Administration. These scammers typically tell people that their Social Security number has been suspended, or there is some other problem in an effort to get people to reveal their Social Security number or pay money to "reactivate" it.

In reality, Social Security numbers are never suspended and the Social Security Admini-

nistration will never require you to pay to obtain one.

"If you get a call out of the blue from someone claiming to be from a government agency like the Social Security Administration or IRS asking you for personal information or money, it's a scam," said Andrew Smith, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. "You should hang up immediately and report it to the FTC at [FTC.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint)."

If you are a senior citizen, you need to be especially cautious. According to the National Council on Aging (NCOA), "Financial scams targeting seniors have become so prevalent that they're now considered 'the crime of the 21st century.'" What makes seniors prone to getting scammed?

According to the experts, it's because of personality traits that make you a good person. Based on research conducted at the AARP Fraud Watch Network, here are some characteristics that make seniors vulnerable to fraud (Source: AARP, May 2, 2019):

1. You Respect Authority. Many common scams are perpetrated by crooks impersonating a police officer, an IRS or Social Security agent or a court representative. Always remember this: Government offices rarely call citizens to conduct business — and they never demand quick payment. If that's what the caller wants, put aside your inclination to defer to authority figures. Just hang up.

2. You Like to Please People. One scam we've been seeing hits people at work and plays on your good nature. An email from a boss or coworker asks you to buy some expensive gift cards and take photos of the front and back of the card to get reimbursed. The email is actually from a scammer mimicking the real thing. Once the scammer has the numbers from the gift cards, he/she uses them before the fraud is caught.

3. You Are Cocky. We often hear from victims, "I've never been defrauded. I thought I was too smart." If you believe you are immune to being cheated, think again. Scammers are professionals — and endlessly creative.

4. You Slipped Up Once. Sadly, if you have already been scammed, chances are good that the fraud calls will increase. Thieves put your information on a "victim list" that gets sold to other scammers or criminal rings.

5. You're Friendly. Many victims who call us met their scammer on social media via a friend request. Try to limit social media contact to real friends and family, and turn down requests from people you don't know.

6. You Are Under Stress. We also get lots of calls from people who were tricked into giving away personal info while dealing with an illness or another stressful event.

People who have recently lost a loved one are also vulnerable, especially if the obituary reveals details that a crook can use as bait. Be especially vigilant during times of crisis.

7. You're Lonely. The Fraud Watch Network has found that many scam victims report feeling lonely and isolated from family and friends. That makes them susceptible to the fake friendliness of professional thieves. If you feel lonely or isolated, AARP and AARP Foundation have programs to help you connect with people in your community. Go to connect2affect.org.

AARP's Fraud Watch Network can help you spot and avoid scams. Sign up for free "watchdog alerts," review a scam-tracking map or call a toll-free fraud helpline at (877) 908-3360 if you or a loved one suspect you've been a victim.

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HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL JACL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

By David Kawamoto,
National JACL Scholarship Committee
Chair (2002-14)

The JACL is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year, and the National JACL Scholarship Program is one of its oldest community service programs.

The National JACL Scholarship Program began in 1946 when Haruye Masaoka established two scholarships in memory of her son, Ben Frank Masaoka, who was killed in action while serving with the U.S. Army's 100/442 Regimental Combat Team during World War II.

The two scholarships were for \$200 each. With Masaoka's annual donations, the Ben Frank Masaoka Scholarships were awarded until 1974. Although initially limited to applicants who had served in the military, in 1949, it was opened to any Nisei high school graduate.

By 1966, the National JACL Scholarship Program had 11 awards that were made possible by the generosity of others who followed Masaoka's example.

All JACL scholarships have been named to honor the donor family or in memory of a member of the donor family, or in memory of a prominent JACler. A list of National JACL Scholarships that includes background information on each titular figure can be found in the scholarship brochure on the National JACL website (www.jacl.org).

The total amount awarded in 1966 was \$2,800. During the 1990s, the total number of annual awards had reached more than 35, totaling more than \$70,000. The exact num-

ber of awards varied yearly depending on the earnings of the scholarship endowment fund. The National JACL Scholarship program has even given more than 40 scholarships, with awards totaling \$93,500.

As previously stated, the original JACL scholarships were \$200 grants. In 1974, the JACL National Board and the JACL National Council decided to make the minimum amount of the scholarships \$500. Then in 1990, the National Council passed a resolution making the minimum amount of the scholarships \$1,000. The then-lucrative earnings from the JACL's investments financed the increase. As the earnings from investments decreased, the scholarship program was financed by the National JACL's general funds.

In 1988, JACL Scholarship Chair Hiro Ueyehara developed judging guidelines. Subsequent committee chairs, with some minor modifications, have adopted Ueyehara's judging guidelines. In 2003, JACL membership, which had inconsistently been a requirement of application, was again added as a requirement. In 2004, JACL involvement was added to the judging guidelines.

As of 2002, all of the National JACL scholarships had sufficient earnings with which to make their originally intended award of \$200-\$500. However, with the drop in earnings from JACL's equity investments, beginning in 2002, JACL general funds were no longer used to subsidize the scholarships. The scholarships with accounts having earnings insufficient to finance the minimum \$1,000 amount were

not awarded.

In 2002, I was JACL National VP of General Operations, and I began a review of the scholarship program. I worked with the donors to negotiate means to make all of the National JACL scholarships viable. Since then, some new scholarships are now awarded periodically when the accumulated earnings are at least \$1,000.

Since its beginning in 1946, the National JACL Scholarship Program has provided valuable assistance to college students. It began with \$200 awards and now has several \$5,000 annual awards. The constant in the program has been the quality of the applicants.

Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes recently addressed the JACL National Council during the 2019 JACL National Convention in Salt Lake City, and he commented that he was a recipient of a JACL scholarship. Reyes added that many scholarships require a 3.0 GPA to qualify, but the JACL scholarship needed closer to a "5.0" to qualify. His humorous comment is actually an accurate depiction of the National JACL's Freshman Scholarships.

A look at recent freshman recipients shows that many have grade point averages that are closer to 5.0 than 4.0, and a recent group of freshman recipients had six students who had perfect scores on their SAT tests.



Many JACL Scholarship winners have gone on to become doctors and lawyers or other types of professionals. It is also important to note that the JACL offers scholarships for creative and performing arts. These recipients include authors, playwrights, filmmakers and other artists.

The success of the scholarship recipients is not surprising considering the quality of the applicants. The JACL is proud to have played a part in rewarding our community's students for their accomplishments and enabling and encouraging their continued professional growth.

Congratulations to all of this year's recipients! ■



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Scholarship Chair Gary Jio (left) is pictured with this year's winners (from left) Skyler Santos, Trevor Baba and Kailey Wong. (Not pictured is Maxine Tauzon and Ian Byun.)

SAN JOSE JACL AWARDS HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Five high school seniors recently received scholarships by the San Jose JACL. The top award was given to Trevor Baba, who received the \$10,000 Oyama Family Foundation Scholarship (\$2,500 per year for four years). A recent graduate

of Leland High School in San Jose, Calif., Baba is attending the University of California, Berkeley, as an electrical engineering major.

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ESSAY TOPIC » This year's scholarship recipients were asked to respond to the following question: 'The JACL strives to stand in solidarity with other entities and individuals advocating for marginalized communities. Pick an organization that the JACL could partner with and detail, in whatever framework you see fit, what that collaboration might look like. What might be the benefits and challenges of this collaboration?'

***EDITOR'S NOTE:** All student responses reflect those that were submitted to the P.C. by the respective JACL Scholarship Committees.

Freshman Winners



TREVOR BABA
JACL Chapter: Silicon Valley and San Jose
Recipient of the Takashi & Yuriko Moriuchi Memorial Scholarship
University of California, Berkeley
Notables

A National Merit Commended Scholar, Trevor Baba's linguistic skills shined on the Coast Forensic League Novice Debate team. He also obtained the rank of Eagle Scout at Wesley United Methodist Church. Scoutmaster Larry Inouye noted, "Trevor distinguished himself as a key leader within his troop and earned the respect of fellow scouts and adult leaders." On the Patrol Leader Council, Baba served as Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Scribe and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. All are high-level leadership positions.

Personal Statement

"Boy Scouts of America is an organization that was founded more than a century ago specifically for young boys. Since then, it has made great strides toward closing the inequality gap. JACL has been an avid supporter of this goal and demanded that BSA allow gay leaders and scouts beginning in 2002. Eventually, BSA allowed gay scouts in 2013. Gay leaders were accepted in 2015. In January 2017, BSA accepted transgenders. Starting this year, a new generation of girls are joining Cub Scouts, which necessitated the name change to

Scouts BSA — an organization no longer exclusive to boys.

"Encouragement from JACL and other similar organizations have led to these progressions toward equality and have set BSA in the right direction. Now, I believe we have to take the next step by having JACL partner with BSA. The official mission of Scouts BSA is 'to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and to prepare them to make ethical choices.' I think this mission aligns well with JACL's mission, and a partnership would allow JACL to have a greater outreach to the youth.

"The JACL NY/SC's Youth Leadership Summits are great opportunities for the youth to be more engaged in society and for them to develop confidence as a leader. BSA has a variety of leadership programs, but I feel there is a lack of leadership programs like JACL that encourage the youth to stand up and protect marginalized communities, specifically the Asian American community.

"JACL would help bring in new members to BSA through an initiative that specifically encourages the marginalized youth. In turn, BSA would send scouts to JACL-hosted youth leadership programs that encourage the development of youth to become leaders who create positive social change."



TOMI EIJIMA
JACL Chapter: San Francisco
Recipient of the Patricia & Gail Ishimoto Memorial Scholarship

Occidental College Notables

Tomi Ejima has taken interest in the Granada Relocation Center. She wrote an article in the *Pacific Citizen* on an archaeological study of her grandfather's internment camp. She also publicized the fundraising campaign to repair the hail damage to the Granada Relocation Center National Historic Site structures, as well as the Amache Museum and research facility. In addition, she designed and wrote a children's booklet titled "Amache: Activities for Kids" and authored a book titled "Pioneer Dreams, With Liberty and Justice for All." Ejima's basketball coach describes her as the consummate team player, saying she will sacrifice her individual needs for her team's needs.

Personal Statement

"The JACL and the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity or Im4Human Integrity can work together to protect the rights, dignity and well-being of immigrants. The Interfaith Movement is a statewide California organization of clergy and people of faith working for social justice in the areas of criminal justice and immigration. The group has guided faith communities to provide sanctuary to individuals threatened with deportation and has trained individuals to support detainees and those facing immigration hearings.

"JACL members can bring our collective memory to partner with these efforts. We can mobilize and advocate for fair and compassionate immigration policies. We can nurture leadership of those directly impacted to stand up against discrimination. We can support legal cases targeting immigrants. We can humanize the immigrant narrative. The two organizations can provide human capital.

"While the legality of the provision of sanctuary raises questions, doing nothing is not an option. We

have a social responsibility to advance human rights. This partnership can bring new energy to the JACL, drawing in Sansei, Shin-Nikkei and younger generations. Growing the membership is a good possibility and vital to the organization's future. Together, we can fight the unnecessary border wall and the overreach of executive powers. We must stand up for all humanity.

"I am obligated to uphold the Constitution, particularly for those who are oppressed, scapegoated or otherwise marginalized. We must bridge borders and affirm others 'with liberty and justice for all.' Let us take action so all are seen, heard, celebrated and protected. I will use my platform to serve and contribute to a better society."



NAOMI FURUYA
JACL Chapter: Contra Costa
Recipient of the Paul & Katherine Ohtaki Memorial Scholarship
California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo

Notables

As a varsity cross-country runner, Naomi Furuya averaged more than 30 miles of practice every week. She crossed even more miles between her activities at El Cerrito High School, Berkeley Buddhist Temple and the Contra Costa JACL. Working with J-SEI, Daruma No Gakko, Oakland Unified School District and the Milo Foundation exemplify her love for her community of all ages and includes our four-legged friends as well. Furuya plans to major in graphic communication.

Personal Statement

"I have been involved in projects through J-SEI. During one project called 'Across Generations,' I helped interview those who were in the Japanese internment camps. We transformed these interviews into a video that was displayed at the Asian Art Museum and is also shown on YouTube, allowing future generations to remember what has happened in our history. Keeping the history of Japanese Americans alive is just one of J-SEI's many goals, which are similar to those of JACL and is why having them work together would work well.

"While volunteering, I noticed that my friend and I were the only ones in the younger generation. The seniors seemed to greatly appreciate the company of having teenagers to talk to and treated us as if we were their grandchildren."



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TREVOR BABA
Recipient of the Takashi & Yuriko Moriuchi Memorial Scholarship



Having the two organizations combine would bring in younger people into J-SEI, creating a more enjoyable environment.

"A small dilemma that can be fixed is that there aren't many jobs that younger people could do due to our lack of experience in the facility. To solve this, J-SEI could create new projects to engage the seniors and youth together like the 'Across Generations' project. This project meant a lot to work on, and it had an impact on a lot of people. If more projects like this were to be developed, that would be amazing and would have an incredible effect.

"I believe that this would be a great way to collaborate because JACL members all have ideas of what is important about the Japanese community, as do J-SEI members. Bringing in more ideas and voices is always great to have. No matter how they collaborate, it will have benefits for both sides."



COLE HUSTER

JACL Chapter: Berkeley
Recipient of the Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship
The University of Michigan
Notables

Cole Huster has been a board member of the Berkeley chapter since his junior year in high school. He has volunteered at various events, including crab feeds and Day of Remembrances, and has served on the Civil Rights Committee. After representing his chapter at the JACL National Convention, Huster was motivated to apply to be the NCWNP's District Youth Representative. In his spare time, he operates a small business where he maintains more than 10 beehives, rescues wild swarms of bees and raises the awareness of the role bees play in our food system.

Personal Statement

"As shown as recently as the 2019 Day of Remembrance, the JA community has reached out to the Muslim community to show solidarity and support for their civil and human rights. Of all Americans, we Japanese Americans have the unique moral authority to stand up and say it is wrong to target a disfavored ethnic group based

upon acts committed by those who bear nothing more than a physical resemblance to a bad actor.

"What can we do in the day-to-day to address this problem?"

"One way in which this could be accomplished would be for the JACL to partner with a civil rights advocacy group that works with children. The JACL and a Muslim civil rights organization could prepare and present an educational section for elementary school children on the basic concepts of 'Who is American?' and 'What does it mean to be American?'"

"The program could target young children and be presented by friendly presenters from both the JA and Muslim communities, ideally young people who are friends with each other. In an age-appropriate way, the presenters could highlight that being 'American' does not mean having any one particular look or skin color, rather it is a set of values including equality, freedom and fairness. The two presenters could discuss their own respective heritages, and perhaps share some snack and a simple song from their cultures with the children.

"The benefits of this collaboration would be several. First, it would reach children when they are young and impressionable. I believe there is no overstating the power of early, first-hand, positive contact with other cultures in shaping attitudes. Second, it would be highly unlikely to provoke any controversy, as it would be taught at a very simple and friendly level. Many schools, especially in rural areas, are not diverse, and this kind of program could be the first chance for some children to actually meet a Muslim American or a Japanese American in person.

"On balance, teaming up with

a Muslim civil rights group and reaching out to children could be an important way we can continue to make our message heard that we are ALL equal under the law."



KATE INGE

JACL Chapter: Puyallup Valley
Recipient of the Hanayagi Rokumie Memorial Cultural Scholarship
Gonzaga University
Notables

Kate Inge was the sports editor of her school newspaper, the Talisman. She participated in Ballard's concert and pep bands and ran for Ballard's cross-country and track teams. She was also honored with the "Above and Beyond" award for

completing 240 service hours. For three years, Inge worked on weekends at Caffe Musica. Through the Tacoma Buddhist Temple, she has served as treasurer and president of the Young Buddhist Assn. In addition, Inge has taken traditional Japanese dance from the Fujima School for five years and is one of the instructors for the annual Obon festival.

Personal Statement

"An organization that I would want the JACL to partner with would be the Refugee Woman's Alliance, which focuses on refugee families and women. To work with them, I can envision the JACL showing support through promoting ReWA's services, volunteering or donating to their capital campaign. Immigrant families are one of the biggest marginalized communities, so by helping ReWA, we are bringing the morals of JACL to life.

"A way that I can see us getting involved is providing JACL's Japanese speakers as a resource for learning and translation. By providing immigrants a pathway to our Japanese American com-

munity, we can help support mothers and families get on their feet. Giving donations overall will help show our solidarity with this marginalized group, even when we can't directly help through volunteering. To get donations going, each chapter could run a fundraiser to gain awareness and raise money for ReWA. By donating as an organization, we are showing ReWA that we are their ally, and we support their mission of helping mothers and families.

"With the JACL showing support for one of the Northwest's biggest immigration foundations, it will build community bonds between cultures and a pathway for hope and trust with those that have recently moved. In addition to building community, the support of JACL will show our stance on immigration and what we think should be done about it.

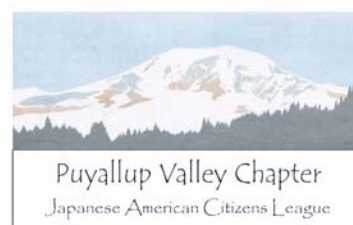
"But the biggest challenge that can come with the support of ReWA could be backlash from JACL members due to political reasons. But the benefits of the JACL's support would amount to



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Emma Inge
and
Kate Inge



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National Recipient, Freshman: Cole Huster



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be much more valuable than disturbing a couple people's opinions. By raising awareness for ReWA, Japanese immigrants will be able to join another community like us or become settled and integrated faster."



CASSANDRA NAKAMURA
JACL Chapter: Mt. Olympus
Recipient of the Sam & Florice
Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship
Brigham Young University
Notables

Cassandra Nakamura has participated in the Mt. Olympus Fundaruma event since 2015 by preparing dorayaki, omanju, as well as building, assisting and managing a variety of children's games. She also has been a member of the Brighton High School Drill Team, serving as a junior representative and officer. Her interest in Japanese culture through cooking and baking has lead Nakamura to learn how to make all sorts of classical Japanese dishes, such as botamochi, inarizushi and pakkai. A project close to Nakamura's heart is that she co-organized a fundraiser for her friend, who has been fighting cancer for several years, to help pay for her cancer treatments. Nakamura organized the event, sold T-shirts and kept track of all financial aspects of the charity event.

Personal Statement

"Days for Girls International is an organization that helps bring a life-changing product into young women's lives. It is a nonprofit organization that delivers DfG Kits. These kits are for girls that need education on menstrual health. Although this can be an uncomfortable topic, it is also one of great importance. These kits are a necessity. Without these toiletries, they may not be able to go to school or work. This is their reality. Girls will miss around a week of school or work every month because of their menstrual cycle. They should not have to live this way.

"If JACL's goal is to help a marginalized community, Days for Girls is the perfect organization. A DfG kit consists of multiple reusable pads, new and clean underwear, a towel and instructions. The pads are made by volunteers and are very simple to make. By

contributing money, materials, volunteer teams and knowledge, as well as distributing them, JACL can help Days for Girls reach more communities all around the world and help these girls get their lives back.

"It would be rewarding to help bring awareness of this problem to those who are in need and assist Days for Girls in their efforts. I hope JACL members would like to be involved in this service. Even though DfG kits seem simple, they can make the biggest impact in a young woman's life."



EMILY OTSUKA
JACL Chapter: San Diego
Recipient of the Paul & Katherine
Ohtaki Memorial Scholarship
University of California,
Los Angeles
Notables

Emily Otsuka's love of the environment is evident through her numerous school activities involving the environment, aquaponics and biology. She is an accomplished field hockey, water polo and lacrosse athlete. Past National JACL President David Kawamoto noted her to be dependable and hard working. In addition to her very full schedule of work with her school and church, Otsuka has also been an active volunteer with the San Diego JACL, working the last couple of years at the chapter's annual gala banquet.

Personal Statement

"Similar to JA's, who were impacted by Executive Order 9066 because of how they were at that time perceived by many Americans, Muslims were impacted by Executive Order 13769 in 2017 by another U.S. president as a means of 'Protecting the Nation.' At that time, the JACL stood in solidarity with Muslim organizations to 'declare our unity of purpose against racism, xenophobia, religious bigotry and hate.' I think JACL has an opportunity to continue and grow its alliance with the Council on American Muslim Relations (CAIR), America's largest Muslim civil liberties organization.

"Similar to JACL, CAIR's vision is to be a leading advocate for justice and mutual understanding. CAIR reminds me of JACL in that it isn't perceived as a radical organization, but one that promotes dialogue and seeks to increase awareness and understanding in positive ways.

"Last year, representatives from CAIR came to Pioneer Ocean View Church of Christ as part of an outreach program and invited church members to in turn visit their local mosque. CAIR has an ally program that encourages leaders and everyday people who are not Muslims to interact with and speak out on behalf of Muslims to help build bridges within diverse communities and help members of those communities promote what they have in common.

"An 'ally' type of collaboration between JACL and CAIR could possibly be formalized at the national level, which would give the partnership greater visibility. And efforts could start at the chapter level to invite members to each other's meetings and events. A collaboration between JACL and CAIR would be a great way for JACL to associate its historical struggle with current relevant situations.

"Partnering with an organization like CAIR may not just be a way to join our voices, but a way to increase them exponentially."



CAMERON SUEOKA
JACL Chapter: Salt Lake City
Recipient of the Takashi and Yuriko
Moriuchi Memorial Scholarship
University of Utah
Notables

Cameron Sueoka has been attending various JACL events for many years. Since he started, he has grown into an active and reliable volunteer, helping out at various events, including Nihon Matsuri, Day of Remembrance and the Nikkei Luncheon. As a three-year member of the Ogden Buddhist Taiko Group, this was Sueoka's debut year performing onstage. To top it off, his taiko talents earned him second place at his high school's talent show, besting near-professional pianists and singers.

Personal Statement

"JACL's long history of coalition work dates back to the civil rights movement and its membership in the Leadership Conference for Civil and Human Rights, the nation's oldest and largest civil and human rights coalition, who believe 'the struggle for civil rights would be won not by one group alone, but through coalition.' These past relationships are beneficial [because] as the JA population becomes less centralized and more diverse, the JACL can lean on these relationships for guidance and support.

"Another example is JACL's membership of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans. This is a coalition of APA organizations that creates a network for APA groups to create a collective voice. Recent press releases from JACL show them teaming up with other national organizations in order to send a stronger more unified message with sign-on letters, legal briefs and other collective actions. JACL's success over time has always been their coalition and alliance with other organizations. JACL's ability to listen to and assist other oppressed groups will allow for more compassionate and realistic resolutions.

"There are many advantages to working collaboratively with other marginalized groups. It enlarges their network of resources and connections,



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Cameron Sueoka -
Recipient of the
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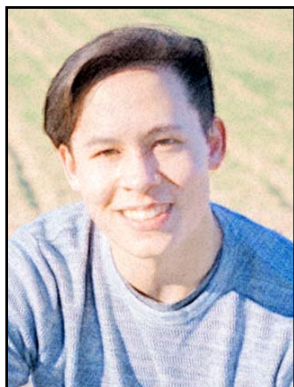
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National Scholarship Recipient:
Emily Otsuka

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it gives them strength in numbers and more can be achieved together than as an individual group. Over the years, JACL has gained vast experience and knowledge in advocacy work to help guide and mentor these other groups. As with any coalition work, compromising, listening and putting ideas into action can be challenging and may come with tension and controversy. Measures can be taken to minimize conflict. Having effective communication between groups, defining member roles, purposes and procedures, flexibility in adapting to the new shared goals and roles and careful recruitment of members will help to avoid controversy and conflict among members.

“Although collaboration with marginalized communities can be complex and hard, the benefits are immeasurable. JACL is the organization to lead the way with inclusivity and compassion to create impactful solutions.”



KIYOTADA TERAMURA
JACL Chapter: Snake River
Recipient of the Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship
Lake Washington Institute of Technology
Notables

Kiyotada Teramura's first introduction to JACL came through his involvement with Kawa Taiki, a performance group sponsored by the JACL Snake River chapter. Through JACL, he expanded his understanding of his Japanese American heritage by attending events such as art and picture exhibits and film screenings. Kiyotada gives back by participating in local cultural events, volunteering at numerous chapter activities and hosting exchange students from Osakasayama, Japan, Ontario's sister city.

Personal Statement

“Japanese Americans have a legacy of overcoming adversity and promoting inclusion. JACL helps me remember that while we all face obstacles in life, each of us also has a responsibility to remove barriers for others where we can. It means valuing the potential in ourselves and others. That is why I think the INCIGHT organization would be a great partner for JACL.

“INCIGHT began in Portland, Ore., over 14 years ago and has the mission

of unlocking the potential of people through education, employment and independence. Initially, it sought to battle the unfair and negative beliefs that society holds toward people with disabilities, but over the years, its founders realized that communities are changed for the better when stigmas are broken down for all people groups.

“The service program that INCIGHT provides, and which I think aligns most closely with the objectives of the JACL, is its Speakers Co-Op. This program provides motivational and educational speakers to interested groups on topics such as diversity and inclusion, development, adversity, corporate culture change, and strengths-based leadership. These speakers inspire equity efforts to unlock people's potential and change our communities for the better.

“I believe JACL could collaborate with this Speakers Co-Op by providing forums for the speakers and sponsoring this service in the communities where JACL is established. It might take on the form of school assemblies, workshops for local businesses or organizations or youth leadership camps. These would be a display of JACL's commitment to civil and human rights for all people and would strengthen its voice in these matters as the two organizations harmonize their shared ideals. The only challenge I see to this collaboration is that the service of the Speakers Co-Op might be limited to one geographic region of the United States if the speakers are unwilling to travel.”



ANNA TSUCHIMOTO
JACL Chapter: Mile High JACL
Recipient of the CWO 4 Mitsugi Murakami Kasai Memorial Scholarship
University of California, Berkeley
Notables

Anna Tsuchimoto was a member of the Tri M Music Honor Society. She was first chair violist in the Castle View Chamber Orchestra for four years. She also played junior varsity and varsity tennis. At the Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple as a member of the Young Buddhist's Assn., Tsuchimoto served as secretary and president. She was also a mentor at Chibi no Gakko. She has a passion for dance, especially nihon buyo.

Placing the needs of her family and friends frequently in front of her own, Tsuchimoto has developed a strong sense of empathy and is given glowing reviews by her peers and loved ones.

Personal Statement

“With progressive movements that fight for social justice continuing to grow, I, along with other high school and college students around the Denver area, sought to create a conference that would motivate and make young adults aware of the judicial issues around them. With the help of the JACL, the (Colorado Asian/Pacific Islander Leadership) Conference could spread past Colorado and be held nationwide.

“Partnering with JACL could motivate members from each chapter to host an event similar to this to advocate for the younger generation to become active in their community in the form of political participation. This would unite different age groups in the Japanese community, with the older generation hosting the event and the younger generation attending the event. This would perhaps even give the older generations some reassurance that the younger generations will become active in their community. It would be difficult to find a date where the largest amount of people can attend and organize the event beforehand. Finding enough volunteers to run the event and enough attendees to participate in the event also may be a challenge, depending on the time of year the event is held or the interest posed by both generations in even holding an event like this.

“Recognizing the importance of youth in the Japanese community is something I really admire about the JACL, and partnering with the founders of the Colorado Asian/Pacific Islander Leadership Conference reflects JACL's mission almost perfectly: ‘to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and prejudice.’”

Undergraduates



JENNA AOKI
JACL Chapter: Clovis

Recipient of the Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship California State University, Fresno Notables

Jenna Aoki will be a senior at California State University, Fresno, majoring in kinesiology-physical education with a 3.6 GPA. She has been active in Girl Scouts, the Young Buddhist Assn. and the National Honor Society. She also has participated in JACL since high school, attending the 2017 National Convention and participating in Kakehashi that year. In addition, Aoki took part in the NY/SC fall and spring retreats in 2018/19 and is the CCDC Youth Representative from 2019-23.

Personal Statement

“I believe that growing up in the Japanese American community instilled in me the importance of community. I know that giving back to the community that helped raise me is a vital component in preserving the Japanese culture of selflessness.

“Growing up, I learned many lessons — most importantly that you should always respect and take care of your elders. In doing so, I learned countless lessons that I would otherwise not [have] learned without them. . . . I learned the art of *gaman*, which is to endure the seemingly unbearable with patience and dignity. . . . If I hadn't learned this fundamental lesson at a young age, I would not have been driven to work hard in everything I do, especially in the face of adversity.

Aoki suggests that JACL should partner with the NAACP because “the organizations share similar goals: ending bigotry and discrimination. Both organization have strong records in the defense of civil rights. Such a partnership could make the impact of the organizations even stronger.”



PAIGE MAWHINNEY
JACL Chapter: Mile High
Recipient of the Shigeru Nakahira Memorial Scholarship
Drake University
Notables

Paige Mawhinney will be a senior at Drake majoring in accounting, information systems and international business. She has been active in the Mile High chapter, volunteering for Aki Matsuri, the Cherry Blossom Festival and Day of Remembrance, as well as the mochitsuki at the Buddhist Temple.

Personal Statement

“The three passions that I have are sustainability, conservation and education. I believe that all three of these concepts can interact with each other while positively impacting each one individually. . . .

“One organization that JACL could partner with is Pennies for the Planet, a nonprofit that raises funds for critical conservation efforts through a nationwide campaign. This organization educates children as well as adults on the state of the environment, ecosystems and wildlife. Through this nonprofit, people are able to learn more about what is happening around us and what the future may look like if we do not make changes.



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The Tsuchimoto Family

Congratulations Paige
on receiving the
Shigeru Nakahira Memorial Scholarship

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Love Mom and Dad



"I am proud to be a member of JACL, which helps create a more-educated community impacting future generations. Both organizations fight for what they believe is right and take a stance against what they believe is wrong. . . . When people are educated through fun and interactive environments, they are more receptive to listen, retain and ultimately act upon the new knowledge. JACL uses these techniques in its various workshops and events.

"Through a partnership with Pennies for the Planet, both organizations will benefit. With greater publicity and awareness, more people will learn about JACL; Pennies for the Planet will also gain more publicity about its mission. . . . In every partnership, there can be challenges both internal and external, but discussion and compromise should work through them. . . . Creating partnerships is a difficult task, but the rewards can be extremely beneficial. A partnership between JACL and Pennies for the Planet would bring greater awareness to both organizations and help extend their missions."



MEGAN PELLEI
JACL Chapter: Washington, D.C.
Recipient of the Alice Yuriko Endo
Memorial Scholarship
University of Virginia
Notables

Megan Pellei will be a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science at the University of Virginia while looking toward a career in education. She spent two summers in Japan, the first visiting family and the second serving as an English-speaking intern at Nihon University in Shizuoka. She also lettered in cross-country all four years in high school and played soccer on the Y team.

Personal Statement

"There is nothing more harmful, alienating and psychologically damaging than sending the message of 'You're not welcome here!' Sadly, that is often the message that marginalized individuals or communities in our society hear today. It isolates individuals, who then lose their sense of being valued as human beings. What if you knew there was a commu-

nity in our world of marginalized people numbering about 200 million? What if you knew most of the world sends them a message of 'You're not welcome here' every single day? Would you be willing to work to change that?

"Some of the most marginalized people in our world today are those that have intellectual disabilities. Intellectual disabilities (ID) happen in all cultures, races and countries. They exist on the fringes of society avoided by the mainstream, Hollywood and the media. The people affected by ID often look 'different,' speak differently and act differently. Sadly, based on these external qualities, they are often avoided, alone and isolated.

"A fantastic organization I have partnered with in the past through volunteering is the Special Olympics. The goal of Special Olympics is to reach out to the almost 200 million people in the world with ID. . . . Through sports, ID athletes are seeing themselves for their abilities and strengths, not disabilities. . . . It gives them a reminder that they are loved and accepted for who they are. After volunteering for Special Olympics, my outlook on life was never the same. . . .

"Collaboration can take place in many forms. The most effective way to make a change in the world is to change attitudes of the young and the future generations to come. . . . The JACL has a history of supporting values of unity, tolerance and respect in a variety of social issues. Supporting people with intellectual disabilities is a great next step to celebrate inclusion. By partnering with Special Olympics, JACL would further promote the universal message: 'You are, in fact, welcome here!'"



IKE TAMANAHA
JACL Chapter: South Bay
(Torrance)
Recipient of the Saburo Kido
Memorial Scholarship
University of Southern California
Notables

Ike Tamanaha is an astronautical engineering major and is on the Dean's List. He is a leader in the USC Nikkei Student Union, working regularly with Los Angeles-area JACL chapters on various projects and the Japanese American National Museum.

Personal Statement

"When faced with threats, minorities can feel alone in their adversity. Muslim Americans may

feel isolated, as a misled American public fears them, and members of government refuse to trust them. To help, the JACL can organize PR programs featuring leaders of both communities. As an example, highly regarded Nikkei leaders such as Frank Abe, George Takei or Ruth Ozeki can converse on life experiences, cultural values and stigmas with an advocate of Islam in the U.S. This will set an example for Japanese Americans to reach out to Muslim Americans, while allowing Muslims to feel welcome to approach Nikkei groups.

"The JA community has made similar campaigns in recent years. Notably, they have spread awareness of past atrocities. Comparisons of Muslim registry to internment and Frank Chi's moving 'Letters From Camp' video personally [come] to mind. To further their aid, the JACL can encourage Japanese Americans to extend a hand.

"Collaborating with any group comes with obstacles, since cultural differences must be carefully navigated. But those obstacles can be made easier through open discus-

sion. Upon comparing narratives, the public figures can ask each other what makes their respective communities feel appreciated. This discourse can immediately clear misunderstandings, allowing Japanese Americans to open widened arms to Muslims. Furthermore, as dialogue has been made public, they will set an example for other social justice and cultural groups with the same moral goals.

"Cross-cultural dialogue can also provide a network when minorities feel rejected by their own communities. John Okada reminds us in 'No-No Boy' that not all Japanese Americans felt supported, as draft resisters faced arrest and backlash not only from the general population but also from among their own. Likewise, Muslim Americans may face tearing moral dilemmas, since America's liberal and democratic ideals can come at odds with their religious values. As conflicted Nikkei would have felt reassured by confidants on the outside, so, too, can they provide the same for marginalized groups torn by opposing demands."



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**KARLIE TERUYA**

JACL Chapter: Diablo Valley
Recipient of the Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Memorial Scholarship
University of Southern California
Notables

Karlie Teruya will be a junior at USC majoring in theater. She wants to tell stories of people with diverse backgrounds, and she feels her Japanese/Jewish heritage will inform her work. Teruya has been active in the Diablo Valley chapter since childhood.

Personal Statement

"Two thousand and eighteen was a landmark year for Asian representation in the arts. Arguably, movies like 'Crazy Rich Asians' and 'To All the Boys I've Loved Before' were not cinematic masterpieces, but for me, it was this exact fact that made them so important. These films were at their core simple romantic comedies that just happened to feature Asian characters.

"Too often, media that features a cast made up primarily of people of color is only successful when it tells a story about the hardships that people of that particular ethnicity have faced. This is not to say that historical fiction pieces are not important, but for me, it was a breath of fresh air to see an Asian lead in a frivolous high school rom-com ('To All the Boys') where her ethnicity plays absolutely no role. Minorities have faced many hardships in the past and continue to today, but we also lead normal lives, and it is important that this fact also be represented in the media that the public consumes.

"The problem with this is that, historically, media that features actors of color is only successful when it also contains a hard-hitting message about the struggles that the character has faced as a person of color. Films like '12 Years a Slave' and 'Joy Luck Club' are important, but it is just as important to see people of color fulfilling roles generally reserved for white performers, not because they are a person of color, but simply because they are the best actor to fit that role. Media should not just tell our history, it should also reflect the lives that regular people lead.

"This is the goal of East West Players, a theater company in Los

Angeles. East West Players is the nation's longest-running theater of color. They focus on producing work that features Asian-American artists, both in roles that focus on Asian American culture and in roles that may otherwise have been performed by white actors. In their vision statement, East West Players states that they strive to continue 'the movement to develop, foster and expand Asian Pacific performance into a major force on the national arts scene,' while also 'introducing audiences to the diverse Asian Pacific experiences.'

"This lines up with JACL's mission to 'promote cultural, educational and social values and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community.' . . . Specifically, JACL and East West Players could work together to create workshops for aspiring writers to create scripts that detail their experiences as young Asian Americans. . . . They could work together to produce and promote works that celebrate Japanese culture and feature Japanese directors, actors and designers."

**YUKINO TORREY**

JACL Chapter: Silicon Valley
Recipient of the Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship
West Valley College
Personal Statement

"Due to being half-Japanese and my mother being first generation from Japan to immigrate to the U.S., I did not grow up with the same story and experience of being Japanese American as most of my peers in the Japantown community. But, I am so supported by the Japanese American community that I want to learn more about their history. I began my time at the Buddhist Temple in seventh grade and since then, I have worked to learn more about the history that my new community went through by pursuing sociology and increasing my involvement in the Japanese American community. I want to show my gratitude for all of the support that they have given and continue to give by telling their stories.

"I have utilized my sociology education through my leadership in the Silicon Valley JACL. I have learned more about current issues facing minorities and lead discus-

sions about them. For instance, after the movie screening of 'For the Sake of the Children,' I was able to highlight the story of a Hapa woman who was part of the story at one of our board meetings. From my experience as a Hapa woman myself, I was able to relate the difficulty that we face in a society where looks are a significant factor in our perceptions of others.

"I use what I learn in my sociological studies in the Japanese American community, and I am able to shed light on minority issues with my fellow SV-JACL members. After representing my generation in my JACL chapter through my active participation, I was recently elected to the board and made Youth Delegate.

I have continued to make more connections with the San Jose Japantown community since becoming a board member and becoming a bilingual docent at the Japanese American History Museum. I have been able to expand on the history that I am teaching others, connecting and shifting perceptions of people from diverse backgrounds. I want to use my understanding of both Japanese and American culture to shape Japan-U.S. relations and tackle Japan's aging problem through effective immigration reform."

Graduates



KATHRYN E. CUNNINGHAM
JACL Chapter: Seattle
Recipient of the Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Whitworth University

Notables

Kathryn E. Cunningham graduated from Whitworth University in 2016 with a 4.0 GPA, where she majored in English literature and writing. Immediately after graduation, she moved to Japan, where she served as an assistant language teacher in the Nobeoka City Schools (Miyazaki Prefecture) until the summer of 2018. After returning to Washington state, she worked as a substitute teacher for the Mukileto School District. During her undergraduate years, she served on the Seattle JACL board, attended the JACL Collegiate Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., in 2013 and the JACL National Convention that the same year. During both visits to D.C., she made visits to her representatives on Capitol Hill.

Personal Statement

"The JACL has always empowered me. As a young girl learning to make *inarizushi* or as a young adult receiving training to lobby on Capitol Hill, the JACL has long-nurtured my identity in the Japanese American community and as an American citizen. It is JACL's focus on advocating for all groups that laid the foundation of my passion for equitable education and English Language Learner instruction. As such, I would love to see the JACL partner with organizations that provide language learning and community services for recently arrived immigrants. . . . There is a real opportunity for JACL to partner with these types of

organizations and reach out to marginalized communities in new and relevant ways."

**LAUREL V. FUJII**

JACL Chapter: Eden Township
Recipient of the Rev. H. John and Asako Yamashita Memorial Scholarship
University of California, Berkeley,
School of Social Welfare
Notables

Laurel V. Fujii is in the second year of her social work program and expects to graduate in May 2020. Her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz, was in American studies. She was active in the Eden JACL youth group during high school.

Personal Statement

"Intergenerational collaboration, not just inclusion, is key in social justice spaces. Connecting across age ranges fosters participation from elders who have lived this experience and the younger generations who will continue to hold and tell their communities these stories in their own voices."



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Yukino Torrey,
Kenneth Fujimoto &
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"I would recommend encouraging our Nisei and Sansei to participate in prison abolition events by speaking about the Japanese American community's experience of incarceration, as it was the definition of prison industrial complex. While our government said that our relocation was for our safety, in actuality, it was a deliberate move that would break down our communities, allow white farmers and businesses to flourish and allow the government to hold us under observation, among other motives."

"However, inviting older adults into activist spaces is a challenge in itself, as many of our Nisei do not want to talk about incarceration or feel they have nothing worth mentioning. Younger generations feel a sense of empowerment when it comes to our collective narrative that is not always shared by our Nisei. It is a complicated balance to encourage an individual to repeat their stories of trauma and shame for the public eye while still respecting their boundaries and privacy."

"Showing up at Critical resistance events, regardless of age, also demonstrates solidarity for the issue of mass incarceration that disproportionately affects Latinx and black communities. The experiences of our Nisei are shared by young brown and black men who are too often criminalized today. . . . If we were able to push for our own reparations, imagine what we could accomplish if we channeled the same energy to the prison abolition movement."



ERIN SAITO
JACL Chapter: Mt. Olympus
Recipient of the Kenji Kajiwara
Memorial Scholarship
Brigham Young University
Notables

Erin Saito is working on her Ph.D.

in developmental biology at BYU with previous work at the University of California, Los Angeles. She has worked as a research assistant in biochemistry and physiology at the two universities as both an undergraduate and graduate student. She also participated in the Kakehashi program in 2016 and the JACL Youth Legacy program in 2017. This year, she volunteered at the JACL National Convention in Salt Lake City. As someone who has multiple sclerosis, she hopes her research can help lead to a cure for herself and others.

Personal Statement

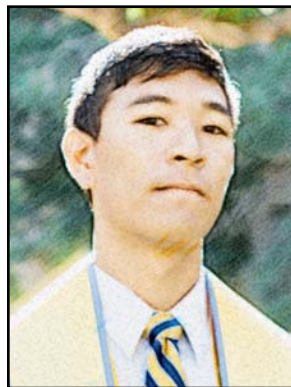
"As a college student with mostly Asian American friends, I have been made keenly aware of the shame that accompanies depression, anxiety and other mental health conditions based on cultural expectations (i.e., academic achievement, the model minority myth, etc.) and the lack of education on the physiological character of mental illness. As such, I feel that this disparity between Asian American college students and other minority groups requires intervention."

"JACL partnering with a nationwide mental health organization could provide a means of disseminating mental illness education, supporting psychological research (especially in Asian American students) and overall combatting the stigma that surrounds mental illness within the Asian American community. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) fits this profile perfectly because NAMI openly acknowledges the fact that there are significant disparities within mental care amongst minorities."

"Given the fact that this stigma is deeply rooted and specific to Asian American culture, I would imagine that future challenges would include difficulty in inducing the necessary paradigm shift to enable widespread awareness, acceptance and treatment of mental illnesses."

"In order to address and overcome such issues, JACL partnering with NAMI would involve reaching out to Asian American clubs and organizations of local colleges and universities to include educational workshops on mental health and existing resources for students, holding similar workshops at local JACL chapters, communicating with local

and national mental health organizations to include Asian Americans on their boards of directors and supporting through fundraising Asian American-specific psychological research to improve means of education and access to mental health care, especially among college students."



JARROD SUDA
JACL Chapter: Japan
Recipient of the Minoru Yasui
Memorial Scholarship
The Graduate Institute of Geneva,
Master of International Affairs
Notables

Jarrod Suda received his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley, in 2016 and served as a JET teacher in Kyoto in 2016-17, where he joined the Japan Chapter of JACL and became part of its leadership. He also spoke to Kakehashi participants and went on the Manzanar Pilgrimage, where he found artifacts from his grandparents' incarceration. In addition, he worked on a Legacy Grant project with the Japan chapter that will focus on Nikkei identity in Japan.

Personal Statement

"As a Yonsei whose family legacy is firmly intertwined with JACL's historic work, I hope to offer a solution to an urgent and severe problem that JACL leadership faces: the stark 20 percent drop in membership numbers from 2012-16. I diagnose this as the organization's failure to orient its focused efforts on the very community that it has historically intended to serve: Japanese Americans."

Suda proposes that JACL find JA small business owners in order to

form mutually beneficial partnerships that will both strengthen the business by directing JA customers their way and encouraging business owners and workers to become members and support JACL.

"To ensure that JACL receives contributions to the endowment fund year after year, participating businesses must be not only financially sound but JACL members must also believe in the products that they are supporting. [For example], if members consistently buy groceries at Tokyo Fish Market, out of enjoyment rather than brief obligation, then Tokyo Fish Market will feel the commercial benefit to donating to the fund. Business will return to contribute because doing so is profitable."



AMANDA WONG
JACL Chapter: South Bay
Recipient of the Dr. Newton K.
Wesley Memorial Scholarship
Western University of Health Sciences
Notables

Amanda Wong graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles, in winter 2017 as a psychobiology major. For the past year, she has been working as a clinical assistant in medical offices while taking courses part-time. She will be studying at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, Calif., to become a nurse practitioner. Wong joined JACL in high school. In 2015, she was part of the Kakehashi program. "Being my first time in Japan, I never realized how disconnected I was from my culture and found this experience life-changing."

This trip helped me gain a stronger understanding of my ancestral past and the origins of customs I practiced at home."

Personal Statement

"To me, JACL's movement to preserve the human rights of communities faced with injustice and bigotry reaches far beyond Asians and Pacific Islanders. JACL supports social justice for all, and so do I. In college I joined UCLA's Youth Empowerment Program, a mentorship program that strives to improve marginalized communities within the L.A. area by building long-term, personal relationships with elementary school students, focusing on low-income, at-risk students who are primarily LatinX. Through mentoring, these children have shown improvement in academic performance and self-esteem and decreases in risky behavior. . . ."

"Volunteers from JACL could connect with LatinX communities about the similarities they have faced with mistreatment and racism. While this partnership could lead to serious but important discussions with children, I believe fun activities should be incorporated as well. This would promote appreciation for cultural diversity and help students understand the importance of building new bridges between communities."

Law & Special Scholarships



COURTNEY CHOY
JACL Chapter: Honolulu
Recipient of the Grace Andow



Congratulations JARROD
on receiving the Minoru Yasui
Memorial Scholarship!

Continue your great work in Geneva!

We are proud of you,
Mom and Dad



Laurel Vivian Fujii

CONGRATULATIONS!
You are doing good and
we are so proud of you.
Our love, Mom and Dad



**Memorial Law Scholarship
University of Hawaii, William S.
Richardson School of Law
Notables**

Courtney Choy graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 2018 with a major in business administration focusing on international business. In summer 2017, she worked in the Ehime Prefecture International Center as an intern, serving as a cultural ambassador for Hawai'i and carrying out cross-cultural seminars on Hawaiian and American culture. She also participated in the Kakehashi program in December 2017.

Personal Statement

A law student, one of Choy's focuses is on civil rights. "As the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the U.S., JACL has continuously sought to be an agent of positive social change for the Asian Pacific American community. Recently, our nation and world have been plagued by a wave of discrimination, inequality and disrespect appearing in the form of hateful words, senseless actions and, in many cases, passivity. Now more than ever, our society needs organizations like JACL who will fight against injustice and advocate for communities who lack the resources to have their voices heard.

"As an aspiring legal professional in Hawai'i, I hope to be this kind of leader in my community and vehemently protect against those who seek to take advantage of our state's most vulnerable populations. . . . The issues facing Native Hawaiians — coral reef damage, water rights, land use regulation in connection with burial sites and endangered species protection — all have a direct effect on the people of Hawai'i as well.

"Therefore, I can envision a partnership between JACL and the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation because both organizations are committed to advancing the rights and interests of communities heavily rooted in their identity and culture. . . . The Japanese American and Native Hawaiian communities have both experienced great injustice, and I can see a partnership between JACL and NHLHC flourishing in the exchange of individual and community goals, ideas and stories of perseverance.

"Most importantly, as we move into an age ubiquitous with technology and media, the JACL and the NHLHC can work together to bridge the disconnect between the past and the present. The abundance of resources we have now can aid in creating visual testimony, audio stories and rich presentation of the past. . . . By utilizing technology even its simplest form,

these communities can connect the past to the present so that future generations have access to a history they may not have learned growing up."



**REBECCA JACKSON
JACL Chapter: Washington, D.C.
Recipient of the Henry and Chiyo
Kuwahara Memorial Creative Arts
Scholarship
Biola University
Notables**

Rebecca Jackson will be a sophomore at Biola University in Law Mirada, Calif., majoring in cinema and media arts. She joined JACL while in high school because her grandmother was an active member of the Boise Valley chapter. Jackson participated in many of the D.C. chapter's activities as well as the Digital Storytelling Project sponsored by the National JA Memorial Foundation.

"I was thrilled to compare my grandmother's story with Roger Shimomura's in my film 'Minidoka: A Portrait of America.' It was humbling to attend the Minidoka Pilgrimage in Idaho, tour the Minidoka site and meet many of the former incarcerated. I was able to preserve a part of my heritage and honor my grandmother, who was and forever will be one of my favorite people ever. I am proud of being able to have this opportunity to keep history alive."

In addition, Jackson was one of five high school students selected for the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs trip to Japan in 2018.

Personal Statement

"If JACL were to partner with any organization, I would choose the American Film Institute. . . . I believe that this is a realistic partnership that could truly make a difference in the world for not only Japanese Americans but also Asian Americans as a whole.

"What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word 'Asian'? If you are not of Asian ethnicity, chances are some stereotypes may pop into your head: a kid with big glasses who is good at math, a karate master or a silly sidekick. A big reason anyone would think of using such characters is due to the film and media industry that has categorized Asian Americans into several different stereotypical boxes. This is a huge issue that is starting

to be recognized by Hollywood but needs vast improvement.

"The AFI has made it their goal to educate the next generation of filmmakers, so what better way to accomplish this than to educate filmmakers on the topic of Asian American representation? Simply put, the Asian American has not had the easiest time in Hollywood. One percent of Hollywood films have Asians in leading roles, and this is especially true for Asian men, as they are viewed as weak and feminine. Asians are commonly displayed as secondary sidekicks lacking depth, except for being on the receiving end of Asian jokes. Asians are laughed at because it is completely normalized at this point. Hollywood needs to stop this right now because they have so much power in how society views and treats Asian Americans.

"If JACL and AFI joined forces, they could educate Asian American filmmakers on how to be effective in Hollywood as Asian Americans as well as filmmakers outside the Asian circle. All filmmakers would learn how to create films that are inclusive, impactful and help the movement of good Asian representation in film."



**MILI NAKAMURA
JACL Chapter: Portland JACL
Recipient of the Aiko Susanna
Tashiro Hiratsuka Memorial
Performing Arts Scholarship
University of California, Berkeley
Notables**

Mili Nakamura is a relatively new member of JACL, but during her school years, she attended the Portland Japanese School, sup-

ported by the Shokookai Japanese Business Assn. There, she volunteered for mochitsuki and Japanese festivals. Nakamura has studied ballet for many years and recently began doing some teaching. She plans to major in business administration and minor in dance.

Personal Statement

"My stereotypical Asian last name: Nakamura. To bring onigiri to lunch. To speak Japanese in front of friends. As a child, I was ashamed of being Japanese. Why? Surrounded by predominately white peers, no one at school shared my characteristics. No one featured in media was Asian. Never did I see anyone in a magazine, on television or a model look like me. The white-washed media made me believe that Caucasians are superior and that they are the beauty standard. I felt different, and it most definitely hindered my confidence and pride in my culture.

"Asian Americans across the nation share the same thoughts. Released in 2018, 'Crazy Rich Asians' made headlines due to Asian representation being so incredibly rare. . . . I was ecstatic to see Asians playing roles other than the stereotypical doctor, lawyer, engineer nerd. . . . Even *Vogue's* recent publication focusing on diversity showcases Caucasian female models in 'yellowface' dressed as a Japanese geisha instead of showcasing an Asian model. In a feature about Japanese culture, shouldn't a Japanese model be featured? Asian underrepresentation in media is a major contemporary issue.

"I believe JACL should work with the Center for Asian American Media to increase Asian representation in media and spread awareness of this issue. CAAM gives opportunities and attracts Asian Americans who wish to share their own stories. . . . Given that JACL already has a strong reach with Asian Americans, partnering with CAAM will greatly benefit the Asian American community. Some specific ideas: 1) Show films by CAAM at major JACL events

such as the National Convention and the Leadership Conference. 2) A JACL scholarship in partnership with CAAM focusing on creative and performing arts. 3) Have JACL and CAAM produce a documentary about the history, importance and work of JACL for showing on Netflix or Hulu.

"As irrelevant as it may seem, representation is valuable. When marginalized groups do not see themselves on media, it takes away confidence and belonging. . . . This makes it hard to envision ourselves in Congress or the White House. We need to build a society that encourages everyone to embrace their background and not focus on blending in or hiding culture for acceptance. This begins in media representation."



**MARCO TORREZ
JACL Chapter: New Mexico
Recipient of the Dr. George Goro
and Nellie Muramoto Memorial
Student Aid Scholarship
University of California, Berkeley,
Graduate School of Journalism
Notables**

Marco Torrez graduated from the University of New Mexico in 2019 with a major in journalism and a minor in Japanese and religious studies. He first got involved with JACL when he was writing a story on the New Mexico Japanese. Torrez created links between NM-JACL and the university's Japanese Club. He soon became a board member of NM-JACL and put together joint programming. He also



**Congratulations to Marco Torrez on receiving the
Dr. George Goro and Nettie Muramoto
Memorial Student Aid Scholarship!**



The New Mexico Chapter is proud of all that Marco has accomplished and excited for what the future holds for him.

Marco is the first New Mexico Chapter recipient of a JACL scholarship.



attended the OCA-JACL Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C., and was a delegate to the 2019 JACL National Convention in Salt Lake City.

Personal Statement

“As someone that has worked alongside the JACL from inside as the NM-JACL Youth Representative and from the outside as the UNM Japanese Club president, I believe that youth organizations are what the JACL should invest a large sum of their time and energy into. I believe that by following the same model that I have demonstrated in New Mexico, other state JACL chapters will be able to effectively create bonds and affiliations with university student-run Japanese clubs and programs.

“A major benefit for JACL would be that they are able to have a much stronger presence on campuses around the country. JACL could then capitalize off of a huge new source of open-minded youths who want to do something good but may not have the tools to do so. JACL could host performances, movie viewings or demonstrative lectures to teach students more about Japanese culture and tie that into the main goals of JACL and its fight for JA and other Asian American civil rights.”



CASEY YAMASAKI
JACL Chapter: Seattle
Recipient of the Thomas T. Hayashi Memorial Law Scholarship
University of Washington Law School

Notables

Casey Yamasaki attended Fordham University in New York studying international relations and graduated from Cornell University with a degree in industrial and labor relations. She is a relative newcomer to JACL, getting involved after she moved home to Seattle after college and began law school. Yamasaki is active in the Seattle chapter.

Personal Statement

One of Yamasaki’s heroes is Sen. Mazie Hirono of Hawaii. She states: “Watching Sen. Hirono argue on the floor for her and Sen. Dean Heller’s All Students Count Amendment on AAPI Data made me realize how important her voice is as an ethnic minority in Congress. . . . A clearer representation of racial and ethnic groups would lead to better data to support students who need it the most.

“As an Asian American whose varied identities fall within the groups that Sen. Hirono was speaking for, I personally understood the amendment’s effect. However, after watching it get voted down, I recognized that representation is imperative in lawmaking, and one Asian American woman [is] not enough in the Senate. Meeting Sen. Hirono and discussing her road to Congress, including the effect of law school on her career, enlivened my desire to use my voice as an Asian American woman to contribute to the law and all its influencers.”

Yamasaki proposes that JACL work with tribal communities that are struggling to be federally recognized.

“Since attending law school, I’ve dedicated time to assist immigrant families in filing U-Visa applications through IFAP and represent tribal criminal defendants through UW’s Tribal Defense Court Clinic. . . . I plan to utilize my professional degree to better serve the Asian American and other minority communities.”

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In addition, scholarships were awarded to Kailey Wong, Skyler Santos, Maxine Tauzon and Ian Byun.

Wong, a recent graduate of Homestead High School in Cupertino, Calif., is the recipient of the \$2,500 George Masunaga Endowment Scholarship and the \$500 San Jose JACL Chapter Award. She is currently majoring in health and exercise science at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif.

Santos and Tauzon each received a \$1,000 Ninja Youth Foundation Scholarship. Santos graduated

from Cupertino High School in Cupertino, Calif., and is attending the University of California, Riverside, as a biology major. Tauzon is a graduate of James Logan High School in Union City, Calif.

And Byun, a graduate of Mountain View High School in Mountain View, Calif., received the \$1,000 Ray and Lucy Matsumoto Business Scholarship. He will spend his first year studying abroad.

Members of this year’s selection committee with Chair Gary Jio, Dr. Mitsu Kumagai, Jo Ann Okabe-Kubo, Joyce Oyama and Sharon Uyeda.

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- Japan Autumn Countryside Holiday Tour (Ernest Hida) Oct 17-28
Tokyo, Sado Island, Kanazawa, Shirakawago, Amanohashidate, Tottori, Matsue, Tamatsukuri Onsen, Kobe.
- Kenya Wildlife Safari Holiday Tour (Carol Hida) **Waitlist** Oct 9-21
Nairobi, Amboseli-Nakuru Lake-Masai Mara National Parks, Mt. Kenya Safari Club, Sweetwaters Tented Camp, Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Sanctuary.
- Kyushu-Shikoku Holiday Tour (Ernest Hida) **Waitlist** Nov 10-22
Fukuoka, Nagasaki, Ibusuki, Kagoshima, Miyazaki, Beppu, Matsuyama, Kochi, Takamatsu, Shodo Island, Tokushima.

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Abashiri, Sounkyo, Sapporo, Otaru, Lake Toya, Tokyo. Hyobaku Ice Festival, Asahikawa Snow Festival, Sapporo Snow Festival, Hyoto Winter Festival.
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Honolulu, Big Island Hawaii, Maui.
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Tokyo, Shimoda, Lake Kawaguchi, Takayama, Kyoto. Geisha Show in Kyoto.
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- CANADIAN ROCKIES-GLACIER NATIONAL PARK TOUR (Carol Hida) . .Jul 28-Aug 3
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Denver, Grand Junction, Bryce-Zion Canyon National Park, Springdale-Utah, Arches-Canyonland-Capitol Reef-Grand Staircase National Parks, Las Vegas
- OKINAWA HOLIDAY TOUR (Ernest Hida) Nov 11-20
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A NATIONAL GUIDE TO NOTABLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

CALENDAR

NCWNP

Growing Up Sansei: A Community Event About Our Uniquely JA Upbringing
Berkeley, CA
Oct. 12; Noon-3 p.m.
University of California, Berkeley
Anna Head Alumnae Hall
2537 Haste St.
Price: \$25 General Admission; Free for UC Berkeley Nikkei Student Union Members

This community event, co-sponsored by the Berkeley chapter of the JACL and the UC Berkeley Nikkei Student Union, will feature a live reading of "Garage Door Opener," Soji Kashiwagi's new comedy/drama about a Sansei brother and sister who are faced with the daunting task of cleaning out their parents' garage and house after they passed away. Following the reading, Satsuki Ina, an expert on JA family dynamics, will facilitate a dialogue about the play with Kashiwagi and answer questions about issues such as camp trauma and its aftereffects on the JA community and subsequent generations.
Info: For reservations, visit <https://growingupsanseiberkeley.brownpapertickets.com>. For questions, email berkeleyjaci@gmail.com

Japanese Shibori Dyeing With John Marshall
Sacramento, CA
Oct. 12; 1-3 p.m.
ACC Senior Services
7334 Park City Dr.
Price: \$5 Donation at the Door
 The Jan Ken Po Cultural Assn. presents this afternoon event featuring John Marshall, an internationally renowned natural dye and fiber textile artist and fashion designer who will be speaking about the process of shibori dyeing. Available for show and purchase will also be a range of shibori hand-dyed clothing and fabric pieces from Japan.
Info: Call (916) 427-2841 or email jkpca21@yahoo.com.

Big Steps for Little Friends 5K Run/Walk
San Francisco, CA
Oct. 13; 9-11 a.m. (Registration Begins at 8 a.m.)
Lindley Meadows in Golden Gate Park
1000 John F. Kennedy Dr.
Price: \$35 Day of Event; \$10 for Children (17 years and under)
 This event will benefit the children's programs of Nihonmachi Little Friends, a nonprofit community-based organization providing Japanese bilingual and multicultural preschool and K-5th grade afterschool programs in the heart of San Francisco. Following the run-walk, participants can enjoy breakfast/brunch refreshments, participate in Zumba and take the time to meet with friends. There will also be a drawing for great prizes.
Info: Email nlfchildcare@gmail.com or call (415) 922-8898.

Otsukimi/Moon Viewing Festival
Oakland, CA
Oct. 13; 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Ave.
Price: Free Admission/Parking \$5
 Join the Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Assn. for an evening of Japanese food, entertainment and moon viewing at its 53rd anniversary event. The bonsai garden will be open until 6:30 p.m., and there will be a taiko performance by Diablo Taiko and performances by the student delegates of the Asian Pacific Children's Convention and Summer High School Exchange at 6:30 p.m. as well.
Info: Visit www.oakland-fukuoka.org.

The Life and Career of Kaneji Domoto Exhibition
Berkeley, CA
Thru Dec. 16
University of California, Berkeley
Environmental Design Library,
Wurster Hall
Room 210
 Renowned Nisei landscape architect Kaneji Domoto's life and work is the focus of this retrospective exhibit that pulls from original correspondence, photographs and drawings from the Domoto Collection. The exhibit will also survey Domoto's life, including his apprenticeship and architectural work at Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin studio in Wisconsin, pre-war, and his architectural achievements at Wright's Usonian Community in New York, postwar.
Info: Call (510) 642-5124 or email designarchives@berkeley.edu.

PSW

Kokoro Craft Boutique
Los Angeles, CA
Oct. 6; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
JANM
100 N. Central Ave.
Price: Free
 The 11th annual boutique returns featuring 50 vendors selling unique jewelry, kimono fabric fashions, Giant Robot merchandise, handbags, ceramics, glass art, pet accessories and much more. In addition, performances by harpist Audrey Kato and Yuuju Daiko will also take place. All proceeds will benefit JANM's education programs. Those who make a boutique purchase of \$25 or more will receive a free same-day admission to the museum.
Info: Visit janm.org/events or call (213) 830-1883.

Poston Pilgrimage
Parker, AZ
Oct. 11-12
Blue Water Casino and Various Poston locations on the Colorado River Tribes Reservation
11300 Resort Dr.
Price: \$195, Adults; \$165 (Students 12-17); \$50, Child (5-11); Free, Children Under 5
 The Poston Community Alliance is planning educational workshops,

entertainment, exhibits and a banquet for this year's Poston Pilgrimage. Please visit social media for updates on this event: www.facebook.com/postonpreservation and www.instagram.com/postonpreservation.
Info: Please email postonalliance1@gmail.com.

OC Japan Fair Day & Night Market
Costa Mesa, CA
Oct. 18, 5-11 p.m.; Oct. 19, Noon-10 p.m.; Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
OC Fair and Event Center
88 Fair Dr.
Price: Admission, \$8; Parking, \$9
 This year's event will feature family activities, sake tastings, cosplay, live music including special guest singer-songwriter Yuna Ito, singer-songwriter Misono and Japanese entertainer Ai Haruna, as well as a beer garden and plenty of delicious Japanese food offerings. This is one of the largest Japanese cultural festivals in Southern California.
Info: Visit www.oc-japanfair.com.

Concert at the Ace Hotel Featuring Ryuichi Sakamoto
Los Angeles, CA
Oct. 18; 8 p.m.
The Theatre at Ace Hotel
929 S. Broadway
Price: \$20-\$150 Tickets
 The Ace Hotel is marking its 20th anniversary as a cultural institution in Downtown Los Angeles and to celebrate this milestone, a special concert and dance party is being held featuring legendary Japanese artist Ryuichi Sakamoto, known for his globally inspired rock albums, classical compositions and more than 30 musical scores. Joining Sakamoto are musicians Zola Jesus and serpentwithfeet.
Info: For tickets, visit <https://www.axs.com/events/380058/ace-20-year-celebration-tickets>.

'Within These Lines' Talk by Author Stephanie Morrill
Independence, CA
Oct. 20; 11 a.m.-Noon
Manzanar National Historic Site
Manzanar Visitor Center's West Theater
5001 Hwy. 395
Price: Free
 Author Stephanie Morrill will hold a book talk, Q & A and signing of her new book "Within These Lines," a young adult historical fiction novel that explores the World War II-era relationship between an Italian American girl and a Japanese American boy as they exchange letters to one another during the war.
Info: Visit www.nps.gov/manz or call (760) 878-2194, ext. 3310.

PNW

Walk to Feed the Hungry
Portland, OR
Oct. 19; Noon-3 p.m.
Oregon Buddhist Temple
Portland Friends of the Dharma
1404 S.E. 25th Ave.

Price: Donations

This annual walk supports the many projects of Buddhist Global Relief, mainly helping people throughout the world escape chronic hunger and malnutrition. Fundraising happens through the First Giving website, individually or part of a team. To donate as part of the Oregon Buddhist Temple team, visit <https://www.firstgiving.com/event/BuddhistGlobalRelief/2019-Portland-OR-Walk-to-Feed-the-Hungry/teams>.
Info: Contact Robbi Ando at rchando@comcast.net.

'Shining Through: Reflections of an Oceanic Future' Exhibit
Seattle, WA
Thru Nov. 10
Wing Luke Museum
719 S. King St.
Price: Included With Museum Entrance Fee

In this exhibit, five Pacific Islander artists look forward into the unknown, drawing upon stories, myths and personal experiences to imagine the future. Using photography, poetry, illustration, sculpture, sound and film, the artists transform the gallery space into a vision of the past, present and beyond.
Info: Visit www.wingluke.org.

CCDC

Grateful Crane Ensemble: 'Just Like Old Times — A Special Concert for Nisei and Sansei'
Clovis, CA
Nov. 9; 2-4 p.m.
United Japanese Christian Church
136 N. Villa Ave.
Price: Free
 "Just Like Old Times" is the Grateful Crane Ensemble's nostalgic journey back to some of your favorite Japanese and American songs of all time. The concert is co-sponsored in part by the Central California District Council of the JACL. Refreshments will be served.
Info: Visit ujcclife.com or email Debbie Ikeda at deborahikeda@att.net.

Boy Scout Troop 199 16th Annual Crab Feed
Clovis, CA
Nov. 2; 5 p.m.
United Japanese Christian Church
136 N. Villa Ave.
Price: \$50
 Join the community at this all-you-can-eat crab dinner benefiting Boy Scout Troop 199. Each ticket comes with crab, salad, pasta and dessert. There will also be a fun 50-50 raffle, in addition to a silent raffle and a dessert raffle. Presale tickets are available through the Boy Scout troop.
Info: Visit ujcclife.com.

MDC

Twin Cities JACL Chrysanthemum Banquet
Bloomington, MN
Nov. 9; 11 a.m. Silent Auction; Noon Banquet Program
Normandale Hylands Methodist Church

9920 Normandale Blvd.

Price: TBA Soon

Please join the TC JACL at its annual banquet. This year's guest speaker is Marsha Aizumi, a regular contributor to the Pacific Citizen and author of the book "Two Spirits, One Heart: A Mother, Her Transgender Son and Their Journey to Love and Acceptance."

Info: Please call (612) 338-8405 or email Amy Dickerson at adickerson323@gmail.com to RSVP.

Crystal City Pilgrimage
Crystal City, TX
Oct. 31-Nov. 3

98 Popeye Lane

Survivors and descendants of this incarceration camp, along with their friends and family, will be making the pilgrimage to Crystal City. During the three-day event, there will be a meet and greet mixer, opening remarks and educational workshops, the pilgrimage and a "Stop Repeating History: Immigrant Support Rally and Vigil," followed by closing remarks.
Info: Visit https://www.facebook.com/pg/CrystalCityPilgrimageCo/events/?ref=page_internal for more information.

EDC

Yayoi Kusama: Love Is Calling
Boston, MA
Thru Feb. 7, 2021
Institute for Contemporary Art
25 Harbor Shore Dr.

An icon of contemporary art, Yayoi Kusama has interwoven ideas of pop art, minimalism and psychedelia throughout her work in paintings, performances, room-size presentations, outdoor sculptural installations, literary works and more during her influential career. This exhibit is the most immersive and kaleidoscopic of the artist's Infinity Mirror Rooms. For the 90-year-old artist, this exhibit represents the culmination of her artistic achievements.
Info: Visit <https://www.icaboston.org/exhibition/yayoi-kusama-love-calling>.

En/trance
New York, NY
Through 2020
New York Japan Society Gallery
333 E. 47th St.

This exhibit features a series of art projects aimed at bringing visual art and interactive experiences into the institution's public spaces. Artist Yoshitomo Nara launches the series with new works he created in Shigaraki, one of Japan's oldest areas for pottery making.
Info: Visit <https://www.japansociety.org/page/programs/gallery/entrance>.

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MEMORIAM

Akioka, Jim, 89, Culver City, CA, Aug. 2; a Korean War veteran, he is survived by his wife, June; children, Gary and Linda Akioka; siblings, Sam (Aiko) and Ken Akioka; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.



Eto, Kazuo, 83, Los Angeles, CA, July 5; he is survived by his wife, Toshiko; children, Takeshi Kurt (Emily), Atsushi Eric (Kiyoka) and Yuki Eto; sister, Fusae Kobayashi; gc: 2.

Fox, Hideko, 89, Laurel, MD, Aug. 29; she was predeceased by her daughter, Karen M. Fox; she is survived by her husband, Eugene.



Hiroo, Edward Mikiharu (Lumberjack), 83, Burien, WA, July 29; during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Minidoka WRA Center in ID; he was predeceased by his Alice and sister-in-law Yoshie Hiroo; he is survived by his siblings, Mickey Hiroo, Robert Hiroo (Connie) and Dolly Tokunaga (Tosh); 4 nieces, a nephew and 1 grandniece.

Honda Jr., Henry 69, San Jose, CA, June 18; he was predeceased by his father, Henry T. Honda, and brother, Steve; he is survived by his children, Timothy and Jacob Honda; mother, Elsie; 4 siblings; gc: 5.

Inouye, Grace, 96, San Jose, CA, July 24; she was predeceased by 4 siblings; she is survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Ishibashi, William, 84, Los Angeles, CA, Aug. 3; he is survived by his wife, Emiko; sons, Robert, David (Susie) and Joey Ishibashi; siblings, Michiko Nakadiara, Shigeo (Eiko) Ishibashi and Chizuko (Richard) Murakami; sisters-in-law, Michiko Ohye and Betty Yoshimura; gc: 7.

Iwaki, Ted Tachi, 103, and **Mary Yoshiki, 95**, Burbank, CA, July 5

and July 1; they are survived by their children, Jimmy (Judy) Iwaki, Peggy (Gregory) Sugioka, Joanne (Robert) Masuda, Joyce (Robert) Shatsky and Steve (Catherine) Iwaki; gc: 9.



Kan, Yoji, 69, Seattle, WA, June 16; he is survived by his partner, Sachiko Naka; children, Sophia Kan, Yoko Kan and James Kan; mother, Fumiko (Noguchi) Kan; siblings, Kazuo Kan and Midori Fukuda; gc: 3.

Katsuyoshi, Eiichi, 81, San Jose, CA, Aug. 8; he is survived by his wife, Iyoko; daughters, Tracey (Shawn), Denise (Jeff) and Korene (Allen); gc: 5.

Kiyohara, Isao 'Lefty,' 92, Los Angeles, CA, July 30; he was predeceased by his brothers, Takeshi, Akira and Ronnie Kiyohara; he is survived by his sister, Mary (Lucky) Yamaga; sisters-in-law, Aiko and Ruby Kiyohara; he is also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Loaiza, Toshiko, 95, La Mirada, CA, May 18; she is survived by her sons, Bruce and Alan Shigyo; sister, Suzume Yoshida; brother-in-law, Toshikazu Miyata; nieces and a nephew; she is also survived by a grandniece, grandnephews and many other relatives.

Matsumoto, Wakaye, 99, Pasadena, CA, Aug. 5; she was predeceased by her husband, Sho Matsumoto, and brothers Ryo "Joe" and Kazuma Hatashita; she is survived by her children, Aiko, Naomi and Bob Matsumoto; sisters, Rits Matsumoto and Sadie Hatashita; she is also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mikuriya, Kay Kiyomi, 95, Monterey Park, CA, July 4; she is survived by her sons, Kelvin (Lee) Mikuriya and Randy (Wendy) Mikuriya; daughter-in-law, Michiko Mikuriya; siblings, Michi Aono and Isa Miyashiro; gc: 1.

Mui, Toshiro Parker, 77, Long Beach, CA, July 20; during WWII, he was born at the Poston WRA Center in AZ; he is survived by his children, Steven, PJ (Sherri), Doug (Jessica) and Jennifer; siblings, Kenny (Priscilla), Nancy Conniff (John); gc: 10.

Nakamura, Gary Satoshi, 70, Citrus Heights, CA, July 18; he is survived by his wife, Kim; daughters, Terry (Chip) and Amy (Jason); sister, Cindy; gc: 4.

Nakamura, Masao, 95, Prosper, TX, Aug. 14; he is survived by his daughter, Terrie (Mark) Okamura; sister-in-law, Jean Nakamura; gc: 1.

Narimatsu, Masawo 'Masa,' 92, Pahala, HI, Aug. 17.

Nii, Kiyoko Kay, 98, Monterey Park, CA, Aug. 2; she is survived by her daughter, Shirley Toshie Nii; gc: 3; ggc: 9.

Nobuhara, Elaine, 85, Gardena, CA, June 20; she was predeceased by her husband, Henry Nobuhara; she is survived by her children, Thad (Evelyn) Nobuhara, Cathy (Bruce) Ioki and Keith (Mary Ellen) Nobuhara; 6 siblings; gc: 7.



Nomura, Anna, San Francisco, CA, June 26; she is survived by her husband, Harry; children, Claire (Steve), Judy, Ellen (Jared) and Gary (Hiromi); gc: 3.

Noritake, Sue Yetsuko, 89, Los Angeles, CA, Aug. 16; she is survived by her children, Sharon Powell, Nancy (Paul) Martinez and Dr. Dean (Lynn) Noritake; siblings, Yuwko Sakamoto, Setsuko Hodges, Eiji (Misako) Ikeda and Mamoru (Chiyoko) Ikeda; gc: 8; ggc: 5.

Sasaki, Annette, 61, Torrance, CA, June 18; she was predeceased by her father, Harumi Sasaki; she is survived by her mother, Emiko Sasaki; siblings, Emily Sasaki, Dorothy (Kamal) Mansour and Dexter (Jean) Sasaki; she is also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives.

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Shigaki, Doris, 87, Los Angeles, CA, July 19; she was predeceased by her husband, Alfred; she is survived by her daughters, Susan (Edmond) Young and Janice (Andrew Shiozaki) Shigaki; sisters, Hideko Inouye, Mary (Tadayuki) Tanaka and Elaine (Harry) Higa; siblings-in-law, Minako Nishihira, Sumiko Ikegami, Betty Muramaru and Don (Anna) Shigaki; gc: 3.

Shohara, Yasuko, 88, Malibu, CA, June 30; she is survived by her husband, Sei; children Nori, Sumi (Joseph Costarella) and Craig (Kim Austin) Shohara; siblings, Teruyo (Katsumi) Tanino and Kiyoto (Jeanette) Arakawa; siblings-in-law, Janet, Aki (Yoko) and Jessie Shohara; gc: 4.



Sugata, Shigeko, 81, Los Angeles, CA, July 24; she is survived by her son, John Tsuyoshi (Yim Tam) Sugata; 1 nephew; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Sugiyama, Anne, 97, and **Sugiyama, Tad, 98**, Los Angeles, CA, Aug. 21; they met during WWII while incarcerated in the Gila River WRA Center in AZ; Tad served in the Army's MIS; they are survived by their daughters, Judy (Calvin) Sugiyama/Crutchfield and Karen (Mark) Albitz; sister-in-law, Ruby Watanabe; gc: 2; ggc.

Suwa, Merle Katsuko, 75, Monterey Park, CA, July 6; she was predeceased by her husband, Hitose; she is survived by her children, Dwayne Suwa and Deanne (Toby) Kahaulopua; she is also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Tanisaki, Marie, 98, Los Angeles, CA, July 8; she is survived by her children, Dana Yoko (Roy) Rico and Jun Tanisaki; gc: 5; ggc: 1.

Teragawa, Natsuko, 98, Los Angeles, CA, July 5; she is survived by her children, Carolyn (Peter), Wil-

liam and Jonathan (Laura); gc: 6.

Terui, John, 92, Los Angeles, CA, July 27; he was predeceased by his wife, Sumiye; he is survived by his children, Steven (Evelyn) Terui and Sandra (Chuck) Law; sister, Ruth Mochinaga; gc: 4.

Tokiwa, Mae, 95, San Jose, CA, Aug. 9; during WWII, she was incarcerated at the Poston WRA Center in AZ, where she met her future husband, Toshio "Duke" Tokiwa, who served in the Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team; she was predeceased by her husband and siblings, Doris Shintani, Dick, Shig, Bill and George Hirano; she is survived by her children, Ronald, Bruce (Kim), Bonnie (Tom) Savage and Connie (Peter) Decena; gc: 4.

Urata, Helen, 94, San Bernardino, CA, July 27; during WWII, she was incarcerated at the Poston WRA Center in AZ; she was predeceased by her husband, James, and sister Kikuye Koga; she is survived by her children, Phyllis Hiura, Emily (David) Kemper and Douglas (Alice) Urata; gc: 5; ggc: 12.

Uyemura, George, 89, Costa Mesa, CA, July 2; he was predeceased by his wife, Ann Ayako; he is survived by his children, Gary (Amy), Wayne and Phyllis Uyemura; brother Jimmie Uyemura; gc: 3.

Wong, Hiroko Aizawa, 84, Bonita, CA, Aug. 22.



Yamashita, Etsuko, 93, Gardena, CA, July 15.

Yoneyama, George, 89, Los Angeles, CA, Aug. 12; he was predeceased by his wife, Shuko Yoneyama; siblings, Sam Yoneyama and Kay (Mike) Naples; he is survived by his children, Craig Yoneyama and Lynne (David) Corapi; sister-in-law, Mollie Yoneyama; gc: 2.

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By Scott Tanaka, MSW

REIMAGINE EVERYTHING

HEALING IN THE JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY



Scott Tanaka (left) and Ron Mori also represented AARP at the JACL National Convention in August.

This year's JACL National Convention in Salt Lake City was the third one I have attended since I joined the JACL in 2017. This year was unique in that I attended as a panelist, representing AARP, and first-time delegate, representing JACL's Washington, D.C., chapter. It was an honor to be a delegate, and I was grateful to be given the opportunity to learn more about how positions and decisions are made from the National JACL, as well as actively participate in that decision-making process.

One of the resolutions, one in recognition and apology to Tule Lake Resisters, was difficult for the National Council to vote on. A statement following the convention by the National JACL on its website stated, "Over the course of numerous days of JACL, members participated in spirited dialogue, late-night conversations, educational workshops and a lively debate on the convention floor — all of which culminated into the JACL's National Council voting to approve this historic resolution."

The spirited dialogues and late-night conversations reveal the commitment of JACL's National Council, National Board and members to the organization's mission to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and bigotry. The passing of this resolution does not fix all wounds, but it is a step in the right direction toward healing and reconciliation.

In addition to the spirited dialogue, there were several powerful and informative panels and workshops. My workshop on family caregiving included panelist Tomoko Tsukamoto, a registered nurse from the Salt Lake City area. We were able to share insights and resources from AARP for family caregivers,

as well as our experiences: Tomoko's as a nurse and mine as a social worker, in working with family caregivers.

One workshop that was particularly meaningful for me was titled "Multigenerational Trauma Discussion on the Japanese American Incarceration." Shirley Higuchi, Karen Cone-Uemura, Lisa Nakamura and Satsuki Ina facilitated this panel. The workshop explored the cross-generational impact of the Japanese American incarceration experience and included panelists who lived through incarceration during WWII.

This workshop was impactful for a number of reasons: first, seeing three Japanese American psychologists/mental health therapists all in one room was inspiring, and second, this was the first time that I saw, in person, people who lived through incarceration talking openly about their experiences.

As a Japanese American who studied social work and mental health, I felt so empowered! Seeing Nikkei, second-generation Japanese Americans, break down in tears shows us the lasting impact, even decades later.

I think about my grandmother, Amy Tanaka, who recently passed away and was at Manzanar. I never talked to my grandmother about Manzanar, and part of me regrets not doing so. Even though she was very young during her time there, it does not mean it didn't have an impact on her.

It certainly had an impact on my great-grandparents, who had to "gaman," or hold

it together, as they were forcibly removed from their home. I think about the fear they must have felt and the impact that had on their health and well-being. I think about how that stress must have impacted my grandmother, even if she may not have completely understood what was going on.

Hearing those talk openly about their experiences during the workshops, with all of the raw emotions, shows us that healing is still needed, and that it is possible. It is possible because people are willing to share their stories, and in doing so, the community is able to come around and support them.

This work is a major motivation for why I focused my studies on both mental health and gerontology. A former supervisor of

mine once described the honor we have as mental health clinicians working with older adults. She said that we have the honor of walking alongside our older adults, often in their most vulnerable time, to help them come to terms with the life they have lived and be at peace with it.

Mental health is not often talked about in the Japanese American community and the Asian American Pacific Islander Community in general, but seeing it being discussed at the JACL National Convention gives me hope that things are changing.

We need to continue having these conversations for those who have been living with the experiences of the American concentration camps and other experiences of trauma, as well as for the generations that follow. The title of this workshop, "Multigenerational Trauma Discussion on the Japanese American Incarceration," includes the term *multigenerational*, and it makes me wonder about how, as a Yonsei, a fourth-generation Japanese American, it impacts me.

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Contrary to a presidential candidate's comments, we are not all good at math and don't always know a lot of doctors. Our own community's diversity needs to be put forth to the admissions committees as something to be valued on campus and necessary to the vitality of the student body.

There are many qualities that individuals bring forth for the admissions committee's consideration. Yes, race is one of those qualities, but it is not the only one.

Admissions today is much more challenging than it was when I applied. I applaud the students who are successful in getting into the most highly selective schools and have been selected for this year's scholarships.

However, as an alumnus of both one highly selective school and one of the largest

schools in the country, I can attest that you can and will get an excellent education anywhere. It is not necessary to attend an Ivy League school to be successful beyond school.

It is up to you to find the right fit for the path you are choosing to follow in your life. Don't pick the school because of its name — choose it because of who you are and who you want to be.

Finally, I would like to offer an apology to Mitch Maki for butchering the title of his seminal work "Achieving the Impossible Dream."

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