



Greater Los Angeles Chapter Japanese American Citizens League

Newsletter 454 August 2023

GLA JACL is inviting you to:

Topic: GLA JACL Scholarship Program and Meeting

5 of 8 scholarship recipients attended the dance. 3 were unable to attend.

The 3 will be attending the virtual meeting.

Time: Aug 13, 2023 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82524403500?pwd=WkZSRnlzUU1VMVM5WDFjdmhvTjVKdz09>

Meeting ID: 825 2440 3500

Passcode: 440684

Five of eight of GLA's 2023 scholarship recipients attended the Greater Los Angeles JACL "Let's Dance" Scholarship and Chapter Fundraiser Mini-Dinner/Dance. July 29, 2023



From left: Andrew Gruhn, Vice President - Young Adults Group, Layne Sakamoto - Treasurer and Scholarship Chair, Jade Shimamoto, Taylor Jo-Gibson, Mia Hennequin, Satoru Eto, Winston Clark, Miyako Kadogawa - Co-President and Mitchell Matsumura - Co-President.

GLA's 2023 Scholarship Recipients



Jade Shimamoto



Taylor Jo-Gibson



Mia Hennequin



Satoru Eto



Winston Clark

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Asian Persuasion vocal group



Line dancing

Greater Los Angeles JACL 2023 Scholarship Recipients

Caitlyn Chailitlerd of South Pasadena High School will study Graphic Communication with a concentration in UX/UI Design at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. She has been involved with SkillsUSA all throughout high school. Caitlyn competed in 3D Visualization and Animation in the SkillsUSA Regional conference and earned a Silver medal at the State conference as well.

Winston Clark of Glendale High School will study Literary Studies with a minor in Writing at New School. At Glendale High School, he was varsity captain of the lacrosse team and played all four years there. He has been very involved with Little Tokyo volunteering for the Little Tokyo Service Center as well as interning there where he is involved in an oral history project documenting oral histories of first-generation Japanese immigrants.

Satoru Eto of Downtown Magnets High School in Los Angeles will attend Drexel University. He has played ice hockey competitively since the age of twelve. In high school, he participated as an assistant coach for the Little Kings Learn to Play program teaching ice hockey skills to 5-9 year old first-timers. Satoru plans on playing for Drexel's ice hockey team while pursuing his studies.

Mia Hennequin of Northwood High School in Irvine will study Civil Engineering at Irvine Valley Community College. She is in the honors program and has held various leadership roles in different clubs at Northwood. Some roles she has held are Class Representative of the Youth Action Team and Vice President of the National Organization of Women. She has also been a volunteer for the LPGA and PGA for several years.

Kristi Ikemoto of Yorba Linda High School will study Neuroscience at UCLA. She has been involved as a cabinet member of the Orange County Buddhist Church Junior Youth Buddhist Association for several years, serving most recently as President. Kristi is also involved with the Southeast Japanese School and Community Center and has volunteered as an assistant teacher at the summer youth camp, Camp Hanabi.

Taylor Jo-Gibson of South Pasadena High School will study Education at UC Irvine. She has worked for the South Pasadena Education Foundation during the summer offering a dance class for students ages 4-15. During the pandemic, Taylor created a business called Made by Tay selling baked goods to honor her late father and gives proceeds monthly to organizations to support their advocacy work. Taylor has participated in every Nisei week parade since 2014 with the same Awa Odori dance group.

Jade Shimamoto of South Pasadena High School will study Psychology at California State University, Long Beach. She is interested in becoming a psychologist that specializes in Asian American culture. Jade has interned at the Center for Japanese Mental Health and hopes to be the bridge between Japanese and American culture. She has also volunteered at the Huntington Hospital and is an AP scholar.

Shieru Wada of San Pedro Senior High School will study Civil Engineering at UC Berkeley. She has been on the Varsity tennis team since her freshman year and has completed the LA Marathon. Shieru has held multiple roles in The San Pedro Boys & Girls Club of Los Angeles Harbor. She co-founded Homeless Not Helpless and was co-president where they eventually used their resources to help out in Cebu, Philippines with the support of their local church.

Louise Sakamoto received a special award at the Greater Los Angeles JACL "Let's Dance" Scholarship and Chapter Fundraiser Mini-Dinner/Dance. July 29, 2023



In appreciation for your dedication to the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the JACL For 39 Years of Service. July 29, 2023.

Sansei Legacy is supporting The Last CA 101 Juried Exhibition at the old historic Redondo Beach Library, Opening Reception is August 25, 2023. Meet in front of this artwork at 6pm. Free admission. 309 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, CA, 90277.



SANSEI LEGACY

Steven Toll Okazaki is an American documentary filmmaker known for his raw, cinema vérité-style documentaries that frequently show ordinary people dealing with extraordinary circumstances. He has received a Peabody Award, a Primetime Emmy and has been nominated for four Academy Awards, winning an Oscar for the documentary short subject, Days of Waiting: The Life & Art of Estelle Ishigo. Pilgrimage to Concentration Camp Where Our Parents Were Imprisoned During WWII 2023 40"x60"x1.5" Oil on Canvas Copyright Eileen Oda All Rights Reserved.

REPORT FOR GLA JAACL SCHOLARSHIP AND CHAPTER FUNDRAISER DANCE

This year Co-President Mitchell Matsumura took charge of the planning of the dance. It was different this year. Mitchell got the band Asian Persuasion and got Toru Nagao to teach line dancing. Mitchell and Raye Shibasaki passed out flyers and talked to people about the dance. The dance was a success with 130+ attendees. Many Orange County Sansei Singles (OCSS) members attended.

Thank you to the following who helped at the dance:

Joyce Inouye, for sitting at sign-in table all evening and checking people in.

Thank you for making lemon bars for dessert.

Gail Matsumura, for making tea cakes and mini chocolate bundt cakes for dessert.

Thank you for making pots of tea, regular and decaffeinated coffee and helping in the kitchen.

Junko Ikeda, for banana cake for dessert and for helping in the kitchen.

Miyako Kadogawa, for passing out pickled cucumber slices, purchasing 12 extra containers of sushi, packs of soft drinks.

Helen Sakamoto, Layne's mother, for helping in the kitchen.

Louise Sakamoto, for mochi doughnuts and watermelon.

Mitchell Matsumura and Andrew Gruhn, for bags of ice.

Miyako, Mitchell, Andrew, Louise, Layne Sakamoto and Mas Oshiro for cases of water.

MONETARY DONORS:

\$500 Louise Sakamoto**

\$250 Miyako Kadogawa, Monty Yamaga

\$200 Doug Ikemi

\$100 Joyce Inouye, Grace Masuda, Mitchell & Gail Matsumura, Aya Okada,
Layne Sakamoto, Ron Wakabayashi

\$ 50 Chester Hashizume, Betty Kobata, Shirley Shishido, Mary Yamabe

\$ 35 Yoshie Sakai*

\$ 25 Barbara Takumi

*Yoshie Sakai wanted to donate though she is not a GLA member and did not attend the dance.

**Louise made the decision to have bento instead of a table of donated food.

Donation is to offset cost of bento.

Treasurer's Report: Total income \$5,569 (admission \$3,395; water & soda \$114; donations \$2060)
Minus expenses (Nakaoka rental \$527.75, Painter's Tape bento \$1,267.88, band \$300, printing \$69.55)
Net income: \$3,404 Scholarship expenses of \$5,000 deducted from Scholarship Fund.
Taylor Jo-Gibson \$1,000, Shieru Wada \$1,000. Six received \$500 Caitlyn Chailitlerd, Winston Clark,
Satoru Eto, Mia Hennequin, Kristi Ikemoto and Jade Shimamoto.