



Greetings from the Board -

Dear NSRC Fund supporters and friends,

The crisp autumn air and shorter days signal the end of the NSRC Fund's 31st year. We look forward to the coming year with renewed energy and commitment, and we look back with appreciation to all who continue to support the Fund's mission and work.

This year's awards ceremony was held in Seattle in May. Heartfelt thanks to Ammara Kimso, chairperson, and her well organized and dedicated committee. Since its founding the NSRC Fund has awarded nearly \$650,000 in scholarships to Southeast Asian American high school seniors across the country. As an all volunteer group, the board of directors is determined to keep operating costs to a minimum in order that gifts to the Fund go primarily towards scholarships. (The NSRC Fund's financial statement is made available upon written request.) Given the state of the economy, we are pleased to report that as of September 17, 2011

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2011 NSRC CEREMONY IN SEATTLE

Largest number of scholarships ever awarded

May 14, 2011 was a beautiful dry and sunny day in the Emerald City. Approximately 150 people attended this year's NSRC scholarship awards ceremony. Of the record number of 60 awardees, 43 attended with their parents, siblings, teachers, and friends. The event was held at the Asian Counseling and Referral Service in their new building. 2011's local awards committee chair, AMMARA KIMSO, was confident from the beginning that it would be a successful event. She was 100% correct and we THANK her and her committee for all the hard work, long volunteer hours and wonderful positive energy they expended in making this year's event a huge success: Elaine Akagi, Linda Ando, Bopha Cheng, Islanda Khau, Bely Luu, Charlene Mano-Shen,

Gabe Nishimura, Nikum Pon, Chio Saeteurn, Stephen Uy and April Vang.

NSRC board members attending were Paul Watanabe, Glenn Kumekawa and Jean Hibino. Several NSRC supporters also came. Akio Mochizuki from San Francisco attended with his daughter, Tara, her husband, Jeff and their daughter, Elizabeth. Mr. Mochizuki established the Hisaye Hamaoka Mochizuki Scholarship Fund last year for his late wife and he was happy to meet this year's Mochizuki Scholar. Joe and Miyo Ike came from Mercer Island, WA. Miyo worked at the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council office in Philadelphia. Masu Sasajima, Seattle resident and longtime NSRC Fund supporter, helped make the

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the Fund stands at just over \$1 million.

The board bid a reluctant farewell to Joyce Fukami who tendered her resignation in April. Joyce joined the board in 2007. Her new job requires her to travel and she felt she could not continue on the board. We thank her for the accounting, compliance, investment, and finance expertise she brought to the board, as well as her frequent hospitality. We wish her all the best.

At the same board meeting, Margie Yamamoto became the board's newest member. Margie retired after 40 years in public relations and marketing for educational and health care organizations and corporations in Boston, New York, and San Francisco. These included WGBH television (Boston's PBS station), Walt Disney Productions, General Electric, and the State University of New York. Currently, she is also co-president of the New England Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. Welcome Margie!

The board has long been discussing where the repository for its 30-plus years of archival documents would be, and we have been in contact with the Asian Division's Asian American Pacific Islander Collection at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. We are happy to report that the initial shipment of documents has been received by the AAPI Collection!

Check out the redesign of the NSRC website at www.nsrcfund.org! Our thanks to Margie Yamamoto who joined



the board and immediately and graciously accepted the task of working with David Gerratt of DG Communications, Action, MA in the desperately needed overhaul of the Fund's website.

We look forward to the 2012 awards to be held in Philadelphia, 30 years after the first monetary award was given to the American Friends Service Committee. Scholarships were awarded in Philly in 1990. Chiyo Moriuchi, former NSRC Fund treasurer, and her sister, Miyo, are chairing the local committee, which has already been meeting.

GRATEFUL APPRECIATION to three special folks: David Aman of Hanover, NH (database/IT), Maureen Kobayashi of Wellesley, MA (investment), and Don Misumi of San Francisco, CA (newsletter). Your dedication, hard work, and support of the Fund are immeasurable. THANK YOU.

Save time, costs, paper! Each newsletter costs \$2.00 to print and mail. Consider receiving it via email. Let Jean Hibino know: jeanhibino@aol.com.

The NSRC Fund board of directors is looking to expand. If you or anyone you know might be interested in checking us out, we would be happy to hear from you. We are looking for folks willing to volunteer their time, energy, commitment and skills - and attend four board meetings a year in Massachusetts. For more information, contact Kesaya Noda at kesayanoda@gmail.com.

And last but not least, thank you to the Fund's longtime supporters. Your unwavering belief in the Fund's mission and work keeps us going.

With thanks,
NSRC Board of Directors

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NIKUM PON, Keynote Speaker 2011 NSRC Awards Ceremony

[Ed. Note: Nikum Pon is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Washington, College of Education and served on this year's Awards Committee.]

Congratulations! It is an honor to be your keynote speaker. I would be lying if I said the road was easy, but it is not. Roughly 60% of Southeast Asians in the US have a high school diploma. But only approximately 30% over the age of 25 obtain a bachelor's degree. Today, I'm not here to discourage you, but to encourage you along your journey.

I was born in the jungles of Cambodia during the Killing Fields; I came to the US when I was two years old; I grew up in poverty with endless family conflicts and with many friends who were involved in gangs; I was one of the first in my family and community to attend and graduate from college and now, I'm one year away from obtaining my Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Washington. I think that qualifies me to share a few

insights with you!

There are five basic truths that have gotten me this far: 1) Pursue your passion. Passion is the internal drive, motivation, and fuel that will get you thru the many challenges that await you. Spend time to find out your passion and live the life you dream about rather than living someone else's dream. 2) Invest in relationships that will nourish your soul. You want to invest in friendships that will be reciprocal, otherwise they are just acquaintances. Avoid the mistake I made early in life as I sacrificed many wonderful relationships for personal ambition and success. I now realize that one of the most important aspects in life is your relationships. 3) Be active in seeking out mentors in every area of your life. In my spiritual walk, I have mentors who I can count on to guide my soul. In my academic career, I have mentors who guide and challenge my thoughts. In my professional career, I have mentors who look out for my best



interests. These are people who come into our lives either for a season or, if we are fortunate, for a lifetime. 4) No matter where you are in life, always give back. You want to see beyond your current situation. Think about how people will remember you. Are you leaving behind your imprint on the next generation? You will feel empty if you live selfishly, but fulfilled when you live for others. And 5) Celebrate every victory and enjoy every moment.

You learn through experience how to maintain a healthy balance. I am still learning. I don't know if I will ever get there, but that's what makes life exciting! Thank you and again, congratulations!

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presentations to the recipients.

The program was MC'd by Stephen Uy and Bopha Cheng. It included two wonderful dance performances by The Temple and the Rainier Vista Dance Group; the NSRC board was represented by Paul Watanabe and Glenn Kumekawa; and the keynote address given by committee member, Nikum Pon, Ph.D. [Nikum's talk is excerpted in this newsletter.] Two students, Lynsie Tang and Dong Dinh were chosen to speak on behalf of all of this year's recipients. [Their talks are reprinted in this newsletter.]

In a refreshing reversal of the usual format, food came out first before the

program and the crowd feasted on fresh fruit, spring rolls, veggies, buns, and assorted sweets. The program concluded with group photos, thank yous, and two huge delicious sheet cakes. It was an exciting and hugely successful event.

The NSRC Fund is so fortunate to find terrific chairpersons every year who volunteer for 18 months to help us carry out the Fund's work. The chair finds willing and skilled volunteers as well. Seattle's committee expressed more than once what a privilege and honor it was to do this work for the Fund as their way of "giving back."
OUR GRATEFUL THANKS!



2011 RECIPIENTS' PROFILES

2011 NSRC Fund Named Scholarship Recipients

Named Scholarships are a special category of awards given in memory of, in honor of, or in tribute to individuals, groups or events. They are established with a minimum contribution of \$20,000 and provide an annual \$2,000 scholarship award.



Ngoc M. Ngo, Bellevue - the Michihiko and Bernice Hayashida Scholarship.

Ngoc is Vietnamese and attended Interlake High School as an International Bachelorette student. She plans to study molecular biology and attend graduate school. She was active in the National Honor Society, JV and Varsity badminton team, and FLEURS (Interlake's community service club). Ngoc tutored Spanish and at a local middle school in all subjects, was a librarian assistant, and mentor with VIBES (Volunteer in the Bellevue Educational System). She is attending the University of Washington.



Lysie L. Tang, Seattle - the Nobu Kumekawa Hibino Scholarship.

Lysie is Vietnamese and attended Garfield High School. She plans to study political science. Lysie was co-president of the Seattle Young People's Project, Seattle Youth Commissioner for Mayor Mike McGinn, blogger for Puget Sound Off, and reading coach for Team Read. During her junior year, she was an Amigos de las America Volunteer in Honduras. Lysie hopes to create her own international nonprofit organization to assist students with basic necessities and opportunities to pursue higher education. She is attending Wellesley College.



Michelle Saeteurn, Seattle - the Tama Yoshimura Ishihara Scholarship.

Michelle is Mien and attended Chief Sealth International High School. She plans to become a pediatrician. Michelle was editor of the yearbook and the Key Club

Bulletin, a mentor with the Dream Project, and enjoys playing tennis. Michelle participated in the Seattle AIDS Walk, Doctors without Borders, Union Gospel Mission, and was a summer camp leader at a local elementary school. She is attending the University of Washington.



Rachel Sisavath, Seattle - the Alice Abe Matsumoto Scholarship.

Rachel is Lao, Vietnamese and Chinese, and attended the Arts and Academics Academy. She plans to study pharmacy. She was president of the DECAClub, set and crew designer for the Drama Club, participated in the Cooking Club and Breakout! (a yearbook training program), and was part of the University of Washington DREAM Project. She also practiced break dancing, played tennis, and volunteered for many community organizations. She is attending the University of Washington, Bothell.



Spencer Norawong, Puyallup - the Hasaye Hamaoka Mochizuki Scholarship.

Spencer is Lao, and attended Emerald Ridge High School. He plans to study Health Administration and would like to become either an OBGYN or pediatrician. He was active in the school orchestra, HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America), Swim and Dive and Jag Crew. Spencer was a youth facilitator for the Lao Heritage Foundation, active in the Boy Scouts of America, was senior class vice president and worked part-time as a math tutor. He is attending Brigham Young University - Idaho.



Katherine Ly, Seattle - the Koh, Mitsu and Dr. Kotaro Murai Scholarship.

Katherine is Vietnamese, and attended Garfield High School. She plans to study medicine. She was involved in TRiO Upward Bound Program, National Honor Society, Kiwanis Key Club, IGNITE (Inspiring Girls Now in Technology Evolution), Future of the Law Institute, National Society of High School Scholars, and found time to volunteer at Seattle Children's Hospital. She is attending Wesleyan University.



Maryyah Trodep, Seattle - the Michi Nishiura Weglyn Scholarship.

Maryyah is Cham, and attended Franklin High School. She was treasurer of the Key Club and Earth Corp, served as captain of the cross country team, and was vice president of the Associated Student Body. Maryyah experienced discrimination and prejudice from strangers and fellow students alike for being Muslim. She would like to fight for those facing discrimination and prejudice. Maryyah strongly believes a college education will provide her the opportunity to reach her goals no matter what they are.



Voronnique Duong, Tacoma - the Kaizo and Shizue Naka Scholarship.

Voronnique is Khmer, and attended Lincoln High School. Her parents are refugees from Cambodia and emphasized the importance of education to Voronnique and to follow her dreams. She plans to study architecture because of her passion for drawing buildings. She was active in the Polynesian Club, manager of the Lincoln Wrestling team, member of the Upward Bound Program, peer tutor at the Lincoln Career Center, and involved in the Young Women Program, Key Club, and with the LDS Church. She is attending Brigham Young University - Idaho.



Dong Dinh, Seattle - the Gladys Ishida Stone Scholarship.

Dong is Vietnamese, and attended Chief Sealth International High School. He wants to become an educator. Dong was active in student government, Key Club, a member of the TRiO Talent Search, and was on the tennis team. He tutored at a local elementary school, was a member of Summer Search, volunteered at a food bank, and served as an ambassador for the American Friends Service organization. He is attending Western Washington University.



Leyanna Savann, Renton - the Lafayette and Mayme Noda Scholarship.

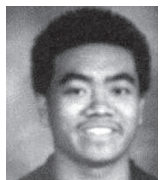
Leyanna is Khmer, and attended Sartori Education Center. She hopes to study education or medicine. She was editor and founder of the Literary Magazine, on the softball team, played basketball, and was part of the Multicultural Club. She tutored at an elementary school and was part of the Small Business Administration at a local college. She is attending Highline Community College in Des Moines, WA.



Christy Vang, Seattle - the Kay Yamashita Scholarship.

Christy is Hmong, and attended Franklin High School. She was vice president of the International Club, a member of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, competed on varsity track and field and volleyball, and was on the swim team. She also volunteered at a local nursing home and worked part-time. She is attending the University of Washington.

2011 NSRC Fund \$1,000 Scholarship Recipients



Pekthra Chanthol, Federal Way, Khmer and Khmer Leou, Federal Way High School.

He plans to study medicine and become a physician's assistant. Pekthra was involved with the Sparrow Club, basketball team, and served as the executive mentor for the IGNITE tutoring program. His education was often interrupted when his family moved frequently to different cities in western Washington, but once the family settled in one place, his academics greatly improved. He is attending Highline Community College.



Vanessa Danh, Burien, Khmer and Khmer Krom, Health Sciences and Human Services High School.

She plans to study Business Administration. Vanessa was active in the Cultural Club, National Honor Society, Key Club, and Hoof Prints, a club that honors teachers who passed away. She also tutored at the Boys and Girls Club and babysat. She is attending the University of Washington.



Kenneth Do, Mukilteo, Vietnamese, Mariner High School.

He plans to study biology and enter the medical field. Kenneth was a library tutoring coordinator and involved in various community clubs and organizations. He has experienced many challenges in his life, but his determination and strong sense of achievement has helped him realize "that my future lies within my own hands. ... Helping others brings me joy." He hopes to pursue pre-med. He is attending the University of Washington, Bothell.



Tuyet Nguyen, Seattle, Vietnamese, Arts and Academics Academy.

She hopes to study psychology. Tuyet was president of the Associated Student Body and a member of the Gymnastics Team, Key Club, National Honor Society, Yearbook Club, Cooking Club, Break Dancing Club, and Drama Club. Tuyet was also involved with her church, volunteered with many nonprofits, and worked part-time as a tutor and graphic designer intern at the Youth Media Institute to help support her family. She is attending the University of Washington.



From 2004 Minnesota Recipient, Kalia Her

Dear NSRC Fund,

My name is Kalia Her. I am writing this letter to you to express my sincerest appreciation and gratitude for your scholarship award. Four years ago I received a \$1,000 scholarship from your organization. As a first generation college student, your scholarship award truly helped me. Without scholarships like the Fund's I would not have been able to afford college, your scholarship was truly a blessing to me.

I am proud to announce that I have graduated from Mount Holyoke College, class of 2011! I received a wonderful liberal arts education and majored in biology and minored in chemistry. The experience I gained in college and the friendships that I developed will last me a lifetime.

Without your help students like me would struggle to make it in college. I would like to thank you and encourage you to continue to help students like me. I am excited to be back in my hometown of St. Paul, MN, go to graduate school next fall and start giving back to my community.

I give you all at the NSRC Fund my most sincere appreciation and I thank you all for all the hard work that you have done. You all truly made a difference in my life.

Sincerely,
Kalia Her

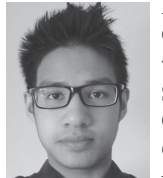
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Sidney Lim, Seattle, Khmer, Arts and Academics Academy at Evergreen High School.

He plans to study education and become an elementary or secondary school teacher. Sidney played football and volunteered at a nearby school and his high school. Sidney recognizes the struggles that the Khmer community faces and that motivates him to do "something great and meaningful in life." He is attending Western Washington University.



Rakin Resmath, Seattle, Cham and Khmer, "running start" student at Seattle Central Community College. Also attended Garfield High School.

Rakin plans to study engineering. His parents are refugees from Cambodia and Vietnam. His school years were challenging but his studies improved when he became a "running start" student. He also credits his Muslim religion and involvement in the Cham community for helping him succeed. He is attending the University of Washington.



Phi T. Ngo, Seattle, Vietnamese, Roosevelt High School.

Phi emigrated from Vietnam in 2004 and faced language barriers, cultural differences, and life in a new country. Phi's accomplishments and academic success have been rewarding, and she plans to study education. Phi was involved with the Vietnamese Friendship Association, Wilderness Inner-City Leadership Development, Vovinam, and Team Read. She is attending the University of Washington.



Johnson Nguyen, Seattle, Vietnamese, "running start" student at Seattle Central Community College.

He was a varsity wrestler and football player at Cleveland High School. He was in the Vietnamese Cultural Club, was a teacher's assistant at a local elementary school, a first communion teacher, and volunteered through the Service Board program. Johnson is also involved with the local Vietnamese Catholic Youth group. He is attending the University of Washington.



Kevin Lee, Auburn, Khmer, Thomas Jefferson High School.

He plans to major in international studies, and hopes to be a U.S. Ambassador. Kevin was involved with the German Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Key Club, and the Advancing Leadership Youth Program of the Chamber of Commerce. He is attending the University of Washington.



Kae Saeteurn, Seattle, Mien, Franklin High School. Kae plans to study dance and filmmaking.

She was involved in the Upward Bound program, Earth Corps, Break Dancing Club, F.A.M.E. Company, Asian Student Association, and National Honor Society. She is the eldest in a large family, and her parent are refugees from Laos. She sees herself as a role model for younger generations of Mien children. Kae hopes to make contributions to improve the Mien community to preserve Mien culture. She is attending the University of Washington.



Thuy Thach, Seattle, Khmer Krom, Ballard High School. She plans to study nursing.

Thuy immigrated from Vietnam in 2007. She speaks Khmer, Vietnamese and English. She hopes to give back to the community. In high school Thuy performed 300 hours of community service at the Vietnamese Mutual Assistance Association, and taught Vietnamese to first grade students. She is attending Seattle Central Community College.



Laurie D. Tran, Seattle, Chinese and Vietnamese, Garfield High School.

Laurie was in National Honor Society, Student BioExpo, Key Club, Japanese Club, Chinese Culture Club, and Amnesty International. She interned at Microsoft Corporation and continues to show commitment to her community and volunteer work. She is attending the University of Washington.



Muangkong Yang, Spokane, Hmong, Lewis and Clark High School.

Muangkong was involved with the Spokane Hmong Alliance Youth program and plans to study engineering. He comes from a large family and wants to pursue higher education to achieve his dream to support his family. Muangkong is currently taking challenging courses to pursue that dream. He is attending Washington State University.

2011 NSRC Fund \$500 Scholarship Recipients

Anny Bui, Mariner HS, Everett - University of Washington

Nancy Chang, Juanita HS, Kirkland - University of Washington, Bothell

Sokunroath Chhouy, Franklin Pierce HS, Tacoma - University of Washington, Tacoma

Jamie Dao, Franklin HS, Seattle - University of Washington, Tacoma

Fiona Hines, Lakes HS, Lakewood - University of Washington

Sarakdet Ieng, Lindbergh HS, Renton - Highline Community College

Sophia Khieuson, Henry Foss HS, Tacoma - University of Washington

Vuochly Ky, Nathan Hale HS, Seattle

Alex M. Lam, Franklin HS, Seattle - University of Washington

Vincent Langsy, Thomas Jefferson HS, Auburn - Central Washington University

Sallie Lau, Garfield HS, Seattle - Williams College

Jullie Le, Cleveland HS, Seattle - Bellevue College

Khoa Le, Squalicum HS, Bellingham - Western Washington University

Nuriyah Ngheim, Rainier Beach HS, Seattle - University of Washington

Anthony Q. Nguyen, West Seattle HS, Seattle - University of Washington

Nhu-Ngoc T. Nguyen, T.E.C. Evergreen HS, Seattle - Highline Community College

Nina Nguyen, South Lake HS, Seattle

Steven T. Nguyen, West Seattle HS,
Seattle - University of Washington

Thuy-Van Nguyen, Mount Tahoma HS,
Tacoma - Evergreen State College

Tiffany Nguyen, Mercer Island HS,
Mercer Island - University of Notre Dame

Vanpolin Roeun, Foster HS, SeaTac -
University of Washington

Socheata Thon, West Seattle HS, Seattle
- University of Washington

Tran T. Truong, Ballard HS, Seattle -
University of Washington

Vietkhanh Vu, Cascade HS, Everett -
University of California, Berkeley

2011 NSRC Fund \$250 Scholarship Recipients

Tony Au, Franklin HS, Seattle -
University of Washington

Quynh-Nhu Huynh, Garfield HS, Seattle
- University of Washington

Anna Tran Le, Thomas Lindberg HS,
Renton - University of Washington

Lyna Nget, West Seattle HS, Seattle -
University of Washington

Vi Nguyen, Health Sciences and Human
Services HS, Seattle - University of
Washington

Cynthia Pham, Lindbergh HS, Renton
- Washington State University

Socheata Sun, Juanita HS, Kirkland
- University of Washington

Lina Thach, Garfield HS, Seattle -
University of Washington

Nguyen Tran, Seattle Lutheran HS,
Seattle - Seattle University

Kyla Tuot, Squalicum HS, Bellingham
- Johnson & Wales University

Huong Vo, Foster HS, Tukwila - Highline
Community College

Ly Yon, Thomas Jefferson HS, Auburn
- Pacific Lutheran University



“Education can truly make a difference”

By **Lynsie Tang** and **Dong Dinh**

[Ed. note: *Lynsie Tang is 2011’s Nobu Kumekawa Hibino Scholar, and Dong Dinh is the Gladys Ishida Stone Scholar. They were asked to speak at the awards ceremony on behalf of their fellow recipients.*]

My name is **Lynsie Tang**, and I am a senior at Garfield High School. Growing up in a Vietnamese immigrant, single-parent family and having faced financial obstacles, I was constantly reminded of the value of an education and the opportunities it can bring. Although I am in no way done with my educational journey, I am already beginning to experience the reward of my hard work. I am proud to say that I will be the first person in my family to graduate from high school or matriculate to college! This fall, I will be attending Wellesley College in Massachusetts where I am hoping to major in political science and sociology.

As I reflect on my life up to this point, I realize that I did not get to where I am

alone. I was fortunate to have the help of my mentors, teachers, and friends. Having experienced both the relief of knowing that there are people who are willing to help me and the joy of being helped, I aspire for a career that would allow me to return the same favor by helping others. Perhaps that is the most valuable gift that an education can bring: the knowledge and skills to impact the lives of others and the ability to truly make a difference.

I am confident that all of us will contribute to the common good in a meaningful way. As for me, I am planning to join the Peace Corps and assist in the effort to eliminate poverty in Latin America. I am excited to meet and work with people who share the common struggle of financial insecurities because I know that they, too, deserve the same opportunities I was fortunate enough to have.

Congratulations to all of the scholarship recipients! I also want to

thank the donors, board members, and supporters for their generosity in investing in our futures. I will treasure my education because I know that there will be boundless opportunities to come. Thank you.

My name is **Dong Dinh** and I am currently a senior at Chief Sealth High School. We all have been through so much. I congratulate all your achievements within school and your community.

It hasn’t always been easy though. The rough path of hardships and neglect has made me into a hard worker and student who is able to persevere and succeed.

A couple of weeks ago I found out that I was a recipient of an NSRC Fund scholarship. I was extremely happy. I wanted to just scream and shout “woohoo” but I couldn’t because I was on the phone with Ammara and that would

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From former recipient, JJ Ubonwan Sae-ung:
"Thanks for recognizing my efforts"

[Ed. note: The NSRC Fund loves to hear from former scholarship recipients. Ms. Sae-ung received the Gladys Ishida Stone Scholarship in 2004 in Michigan.]

I enrolled in the Health Science Scholar Program at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor in the fall of 2004. Michigan's residential program enabled me to explore several aspects of health care - medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, and public health. As a full time student, I also worked nearly full time at local establishments throughout my undergraduate years. I majored in neuroscience, having been exposed to the field via student research, and graduated on time in 2008. I continued doing neuroscience research and worked to save for dental school.

In the fall of 2009 I enrolled at Michigan's School of Dentistry. I helped form a new public health dentistry group and am in leadership positions in several student organizations. Last summer I assisted a fourth-year dental student at the community clinic on an underserved Indian reservation in Ogema, MN. That experience instilled in me a passion for public health and made me much more grateful in life.

I believe it is my obligation as a dental professional to serve the greater good. I have led the collaboration with a local homeless shelter, Alpha House, to recruit those in need of dental care and to provide them with free screening and help at the dental school. I continue my interest in neuroscience at a research lab that focuses on orofacial pain and migraine headaches. The research results could be used to better manage chronic pain syndromes such as temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorder, fibromyalgia, etc.

I am appreciative of the NSRC Fund scholarship because it was a token of recognition of my early hard work in high school. It helped motivate me and made me believe in my own ability despite several hardships as a first generation immigrant. I will always strive for the best.

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have been weird... But I celebrated afterwards!

I knew that this wasn't just a scholarship. It was an investment in my future. This scholarship will lead me to the American Dream of going to college.

I plan to use this scholarship at Western Washington University. I hope to become a teacher and a male role model for the younger generation.

All of us have something special inside us. That is power to change the world. We have a very bright future

ahead of us. If we believe, we can do just about anything.

I would personally like to thank the volunteers and the NSRC Fund for giving us this wonderful award. Thank you.



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Yosh Hibino (1919-2011)

Father of Executive Secretary, Jean, 2010 DC chair, Diane, grandfather of Treasurer, Steve, and brother-in-law of former Fund president Rosie (Kumekawa), Yosh Hibino passed away on August 25th in Silver Spring, MD, two days shy of his 92nd birthday. Born and raised in Berkeley, CA, Yosh graduated from UC Berkeley in 1940. He and his family were interned at Topaz, Utah, and through the auspices of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, Yosh left Topaz to attend graduate school at the University of Texas, Austin. In 1943 he moved to New England and married his collegesweetheart, Nobu Kumekawa, in Cambridge, MA. They relocated to Portland, Connecticut in 1952 where Yosh owned a business and he and Nobu raised their family. Yosh was always interested in

sports and helped form Portland's Midget and Pony football programs, coaching the Pony team to the Connecticut state championship in 1959. In 2007 Yosh was inducted into the Portland Sports Hall of Fame for his achievements with the town's football program. Still working full time, Yosh put himself through the University of Connecticut's School of Law night program and received his JD in 1971. He and Nobu helped form the NSRC Fund in 1980. Yosh was always very proud that the Fund was a "family affair" that crossed three generations.

This year NSRC board members also bid farewell to an aunt, a sibling, and an uncle: Joyce Fukami's aunt, Yasuko Fujita (1-17-11, age 90); Yutaka Kobayashi's brother, George (3-21-11, age 88); and Jean Hibino's uncle, Yuk Hibino (7-7-11, age 90).

Washington, DC, part deux

17 recipients from 2010 receive second year scholarships

Since 2009 the NSRC Fund has offered a "second round" of scholarships totaling \$5,000 to the local committees for the recipients entering their sophomore year. The committees are encouraged to conduct local fundraising to supplement the \$5,000. **Genie Nguyen** of *Voice of Vietnamese Americans* (VVA) approached 2010 chair, Diane Hibino, offering to fundraise for NSRC at VVA's 2011 Civic Engagement and Appreciation Gala. Board members Phitsamay Uy and Stephen Hibino attended the January 7 event. The event raised \$5,000 for the NSRC Fund, and coupled with several local donors, the DC local committee was able to offer \$10,500 for the

"second round." Thank you Genie and Diane!

Of the 39 recipients in 2010, 24 applied, and 17 received scholarships for their sophomore year. CONGRATULATIONS TO: Feroz Daraseng, Truc Anh Huynh, Thao-Vy Pham, and Viet Tran (Northern Virginia CC), Thao Huynh, Michael Lay, Cathy Nguyen, Thien Thanh Nguyen, and Jenny Pham (Virginia Commonwealth), Priscilla Le (Towson Univ.), Ann Phuong Nguyen and Suejane Tan (U Maryland Baltimore Co.), Van Nguyen (U Maryland), Chumma Thean and Davis Tran (University of Virginia), Nhy-Thuy Ton (Rochester Inst. of Technology), and Timothy Touch (Indiana U of Pennsylvania).

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