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NSRCF Supporters and Friends,

As I returned to campus this fall, I thought about how I had been doing so for six decades – from the 1970s to the 2020s. My new semester, however, followed a year and a half of unprecedented turmoil and concern on campus, in the United States, and globally. When in-person instruction was abruptly terminated, students had to scramble to continue their educational journeys remotely. No one expected it to last this long. The COVID-19 pandemic led to devastating health impacts and economic losses that continue to hit hardest on the most vulnerable. For Asian Americans, there is the added layer of an exponential rise in violent, COVID-related racist hate attacks.

Through it all I am struck by the determination of students - and parents - to continue their education despite the disruptions and historic challenges.

As President of the NSRC Fund, this remarkable commitment to education as a response to crisis whether occasioned by war and conflict or a deadly virus confirms the importance of our work.

During WWII, Japanese American college students dared to venture out of the incarceration still imposed on their families and loved ones to find sanity, reason, and hope amid international conflict in order to complete their education.

Today’s students and instructors have made extraordinary efforts to deal with the upheaval accompanying remote learning. They will not let COVID-19 defeat their desire to learn and advance.

Just as the response of dedicated strangers in the 1940s who supported Japanese American students, today the need is as great as ever. The NSRC Fund continues to focus our support on students of Asian descent. We are inspired by their courage in facing a triple crisis - the aftermath of the refugee challenges accompanying the end of the Southeast Asian wars, the ongoing pandemic, and the very real threat of anti-Asian violence.

These challenges call for an unprecedented level of support. I truly believe that the need is greater and the stakes are higher for our young people than at any time in the Fund’s 41 year history. Please make a contribution.

Thank you from the board and the students who will invariably benefit from your generosity.

Paul Watanabe, President
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