



# NISEI STUDENT RELOCATION COMMUNICATIVE FUND

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*Commemorate the Past • Educate for the Future*

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NSRCF Supporters and Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support for NSRCF. Your contributions have continued the momentum of our unique work to ensure that education is available to Southeast Asian students on their paths to greatness.

As a newer member of the NSRCF board of directors, I am in incredible admiration of those who have come before me since 1980, fulfilling the Nisei founders' vision to "Commemorate the Past and Educate for the Future." With the 45th year upon us, we find this vision as relevant and necessary as ever. We are grateful for your steadfast support in keeping these guiding themes alive. As a Yonsei, fourth generation Japanese American, and an attorney focused on access to justice, I know firsthand the importance of these principles to our community and to obtaining a meaningful education.

In today's often divided and divisive world, instead of commemorating our past, sometimes it seems like we are on the verge of returning to the past. From affirmative action programs, to American history department curriculums, to our very safety as Asians in America, the foundation of our community feels threatened. I am reminded of the cries for justice from the family of Nyah Mway, killed at age 13 by men in uniform in Utica, New York. Nyah was Karen, his family are refugees from Myanmar. I wonder if many of the incarcees at Manzanar felt similarly powerless in December of 1942 when men in uniform killed 17-year-old James Ito and 21-year-old Katsuji Kanegawa during the "Manzanar Uprising." Young students who could have been experiencing a robust education instead were victims of senseless violence.

NSRCF honors the memory of those who came before and commemorates the past through its work supporting students on their educational journeys. Today we double down on our commitment to educate and uplift our youth, regardless of the barriers that exist. We embrace the concept of *ongaeshi* (repaying a kindness), unapologetically resolved to pay it forward.

The visionary Nisei from New England added their own chapter to the story of the WWII National Japanese American Student Relocation Council. A chapter for Southeast Asian students who continue to face the same barriers to opportunities. And yet, it is a chapter that adds dozens of young people every year to the initial group of nearly 5,000 Nisei students, who are now forever connected by their quest for a college education. A chapter that is possible because of you.

Thank you for your continued giving and for making a difference, especially during this very important, and often difficult, time. We are grateful that you continue to support our *ongaeshi* movement.

Sincerely,

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NSRCF board member

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