



2013 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

Houston is, without a doubt, the weirdest, most entertaining city in Texas, consisting as it does of subtropical forest, life in the fast lane, a layer of oil, cowboys and spacemen.
- Texas Tourism Guide

The 2013 NSRC Fund scholarship awards ceremony lived up to that colorful quote. It was held on a hot and steamy Saturday, June 1, at Nha Viet, the Vietnamese Civic Center located on famous Bellaire Boulevard in Houston. Over 100 people attended to congratulate and celebrate with this year's 37 scholarship recipients who received \$50,000 in awards. The Fund was last in Houston 25 years ago in 1988 when just 6 students received scholarships. The annual awards ceremony, the culmination of a lot of hard work over 18 months, is always inspiring and a lot of fun.

This year's local awards committee was superbly chaired and lead by Andy Le. He humbly said that credit goes to the wonderful team who came together to get the job done: Quan Dang, Patrick Dinh, Leigh

Duong, Gary Nakamura (Houston JACL), Tengah Nguyen, Thao Pham, Alex Tang, John Truong, Lily Truong and Gee-Wey Yue. A special thanks also to John and Lily's daughter, Angela Truong, for designing the beautiful program booklet, and to Quan Dang, the photographer. Thanks also go to local supporters Duc Huong Gio Cha, JRN's Nursery Garden Center, Thanh Binh Market, NXMedia, and the Houston Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The board of directors was represented at the program by Phuoc Le, Jim McIlwain and Jean Hibino. Also attending were longtime supporters of the Fund – Barbara Takagi, whose late husband Dave was a board member, traveled from Massachusetts and was joined by her daughter Lisa and daughter Jen and her husband Brian of Houston. The board strongly encourages the Fund's supporters to attend an annual awards ceremony if they are able.

The awards program focused solely on the scholarship recipients who were

deservedly recognized for their achievements throughout high school. The ceremony was MC'd by Alex Tang. Andy Le welcomed people and talked about being a "boat person" and the connections he immediately felt to the NSRC Fund story. Jean Hibino and Phuoc Le spoke for the board. Two student speakers (Linda Nguyen and Billy Dinh whose speeches are reprinted in the newsletter) were chosen to say a few words and recipient Tri Phan and her mother gave a wonderful vocal and musical performance. Receiving special recognition was the introduction of this year's 13 Named Scholarship recipients. The Fund's Named Scholarships are a very special category of giving and the student receives a \$2,000 scholarship, the largest award given. The ceremony concluded with much picture taking, congratulations, thanks from appreciative parents, and a grand reception. CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2013!

Greetings from the board -

Fall, 2013

Dear NSRC supporters and friends,

The NSRC Fund's 33rd year is coming to a close and we look back with appreciation to all who supported the Fund's mission and work, enabling us to continue to provide opportunities for students to further their educations.

This year's scholarships were awarded in Houston on June 1st. Thanks go to Chair **Andy Le** and his stellar committee for a hugely successful process from start to finish. \$50,000 in scholarships was awarded this year. The board of directors is so appreciative of the all-volunteer local awards committees who rise to the occasion year after year. To start from scratch and be asked to make a commitment of 18 months of hard work requires a special group of people, and Houston was no exception. The committee immediately grasped what the Fund was about and made the connection from their own or their families' experiences during the Vietnam War to what the Nisei went through during WWII. Seeing the recipients, their proud and grateful parents, siblings, friends, and teachers at the awards ceremony is a concrete reminder that the vision of the founding Nisei lives on.

To date, the NSRC Fund has awarded 775 scholarships totaling nearly \$758,000 to well-deserving

Southeast Asian high school seniors across the country. As an all volunteer group, the board of directors strives to keep operating costs to a minimum so that gifts to the Fund go primarily towards scholarships. (The NSRC Fund's financial statement is made available upon written request.) We are pleased to report that as of September 10, 2013 the Fund stands at \$1.3 million.

The board bid a fond and reluctant farewell to board member **Islanda Khau** whose busy schedule meant less time to give to the Fund. In the short time she was with us, Islanda left a deep and lasting impact on the Fund, her graphic design, artistic and technical skills are unparalleled. We wish her all the best! We also report that due to health reasons, board member and past Fund president, **Glenn "Rosie" Kumekawa**, has resigned. His longtime board service, contributions to the development of the Fund, his always optimistic "glass half full" leadership and deep abiding commitment to the Fund's mission is sorely missed. In November 2012 the board welcomed new member **Keith Schuricht** of Chicago, Illinois. Keith has an MBA from Northwestern University and is currently working for United Airlines. He brings experience in finance, strategic planning, data analysis, and business; and keeping it in the family, is Kesaya Noda's nephew. Welcome Keith!

This year we are privileged to have board member **Yutaka Kobayashi** pen our appeal letter. With over 20 years of board service, Yutaka continues to bring energy and ideas to the Fund as its National Liaison to the local scholarship awards committees.

Our board president, **Paul Watanabe**, received the University of Massachusetts Boston's Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Service [see separate article]. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The 2014 scholarship awards will be given in Hickory, North Carolina, 15 years since our last visit there. The chairperson of the awards committee is Mr. By Khang, who so wonderfully did the job the first time around. **We look forward to another successful endeavor!**

SPECIAL RECOGNITION goes to three very exceptional people: **David Aman** of Hanover, NH (database/IT), **Maureen Kobayashi** of Wellesley, MA (investment), and **Don Misumi** of San Francisco, CA (newsletter). Your commitment, hard work, and support of the Fund mean so much to the board. We cannot do our work without you. **THANK YOU.**

And last but not least, thank you to the Fund's supporters. Your unwavering belief in the Fund's mission and work keeps us going. We look forward to the coming year with renewed energy.

With thanks,
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Thank You from a 2004 Scholarship Recipient



Greetings NSRC Fund,

My name is Kimberly Moua and I was a 2004 recipient of the NSRC Fund Scholarship Award that took place in Portland, Oregon. I am sending you all this email because I personally want to say "Thank You" for being a reason to why I am the person that I am today. Ever since I received your scholarship, I plunged my way through college and became the person I have always envisioned myself to be, a teacher, an advocate, a community leader.

I graduated from Roosevelt High School in 2004, attended Oregon State University (OSU) and graduated in 2008 with my Bachelors of Science in Human Development & Family Sciences. I then became an advocate for high education within the Hmong community in Portland and I became a spokesperson for many Hmong families during that time. In 2009 I studied abroad in Taipei Taiwan at Fu Jen Catholic University on Child & Family Studies as a post baccalaureate student from OSU. There I learned a lot about myself and my culture in addition to the different cultural backgrounds and beliefs

anyone can bring into a room. It was one of the most life changing experiences I've ever gone through. I then got accepted to Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon in 2010 and received my Masters of Arts in Teaching in May of 2011.

I started my first job as a teacher and case worker for Head Start helping teach and work with the neediest families in Washington County. I assisted in teaching parenting classes and I helped students mold and form their foundation to higher education. I still continue to work with the Hmong community in Oregon as I help develop Hmong Awareness Nights and also college trips for middle school and high school students. My goal in life is to continue to be an educator as I work with low income/in-poverty families where I can help close the education gap so any student of color will have the same and equal opportunity any other student can have to achieve success in school.

A month ago I received a letter from Seattle University's Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership and it stated that I have been admitted to their program. My family, my community, and my dreams and goals of being an educated Hmong woman that is active in her community, that can help relate to students, and to be a voice for people of color is coming true. I am at my last step to becoming the person that everyone (and I hope the NSRC Fund) would want their recipient to be and I truly wanted to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping me get here. Thank you. I will forever be in debt for your help and I will do my part and help as much as I can with the younger generations. Thank you.

Kimberly Moua, M.A.T



Paul Watanabe Receives Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Service

The president of the NSRC Fund board of directors, Paul Watanabe, will be honored at UMass Boston's

2014 commencement, receiving the *Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Service*. Paul is a founding and the current director of the Institute for Asian American Studies as well as chair of the Political Science Department. He was an early director of the university honors program and currently teaches an honors course on the Japanese American internment. He worked with the Asian American Studies Program to win the U.S. Department of Education designation as an Asian American-, Native American-, and Pacific Islander-serving institution, making UMass Boston the only institution with this designation in the northeast. Paul also helped win a major five-

year grant to bolster services for students from these underserved populations. In addition to the NSRC Fund board presidency, Paul is currently chair of the U.S. Census Bureau's National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations and is a board director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts. He has spent years fostering positive, proactive U.S.-Japan relations, and served as a member of the Japanese American Leadership delegation to Japan. Paul is also a widely-respected and frequently consulted political commentator in television, radio, newspapers, and news magazines. According to the Chancellor's Distinguished Service Award Committee, Paul's "service both on campus and to local, national, and international communities is service that has increased the visibility and prestige of our university."

CONGRATULATIONS PAUL!

Three new NSRC Fund Named Scholarships

Named Scholarships are a very special category of awards that are 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.



Audrey Logan Scholarship Established by Kesaya Noda

Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness...and helping one another up with a tender hand. (Isaac Pennington 1667)

Audrey Armour Logan described these words of an early Quaker as among her favorites. Born in Brooklyn, New York in 1916, she studied at Friends Academy in Locust Valley, Long Island, where she first encountered and embraced the Quaker faith that was to guide her throughout her life. After her graduation from Smith College, Audrey trained as a teacher at the Bank Street College of Education in New York City. She had a calling as an educator – a need to teach, a joy in it, and a true gift for reaching and helping her students. Audrey “taught,” whether she was standing before a class of

fourth-graders, guiding students as their elementary school librarian, establishing a teacher training institute, mentoring its students, or helping individual children and adults learn to read.

Audrey is also remembered as a Quaker. She marched, organized, wrote letters, petitioned, protested, and voted, never hesitating to raise her voice in fierce protest if she felt anyone had been subject to unfairness. She fiercely championed those whom she felt had been wronged and enthusiastically supported the NSRC Fund until her death. When she died in 2008, she left behind three daughters; two stepdaughters; an all but formally adopted sixth “daughter;” scores of grateful, former students; and the love between her and NSRC Fund founders Lafayette and Mayme Noda that continues to weave together her family and theirs to this day.



Tama (Yoshimura) and Jiro Ishihara Scholarship Established by Jiro Ishihara, the NSRC Fund board of directors, family and friends of Tama and Jiro Ishihara

Tama Yoshimura Ishihara (1926-2005) joined the NSRC Fund board of directors in 1989 because she was a firm believer in the value of education as a necessary tool for success in America,

especially for recent immigrant children. For 13 years she gave her time freely to help advance this notion. As board member Yutaka Kobayashi said, “I often wondered how it is that such a petite woman could muster up so much energy and spirit! It was always a pleasure to work with Tama because you knew that the job would get done and done well. It is my belief that Tama’s early experience helped shape her outlook on life. She was uprooted from her home by her own government at age 16 during WWII, her family forced to live in a horse stall at the Tanforan (CA) race track, and then in barracks behind barbed wire fences in Topaz, Utah. She graduated from Topaz High

School in 1943 and left the concentration camp to attend, and graduate with a degree in bacteriology, from Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin.” Tama’s college education was made possible because of the work of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council. **“Jiggs” Ishihara** (1925-2012) grew up in LA, “Uptown/Tenth Street,” and was evacuated with his family first to the Santa Anita race track and then to Gila River (AZ) - “heat, dust and high school for me,” he said. Jiggs and his parents joined his two sisters in Chicago and he received his master’s degree from Northwestern. Jiggs and Tama settled in Concord, Massachusetts where they raised their three children. Jiggs was always by Tama’s side when it came to her volunteer work and commitment to the NSRC Fund. Although he was not an NSRC board member, he came to every meeting and was an active participant. Jiggs was the moving force behind the idea of creating the “NSRC Named Fund” special giving categories. He also helped organize mounds of data for two “Phonathon” fundraisers. Tama and Jiggs embodied the spirit of “ongaeshi” – repaying a kindness received.

Nobu (Kumekawa) and Yosh Hibino Scholarship

Established by Michihiko and Bernice Hayashida, family and friends of Nobu and Yosh Hibino



Nobu Kumekawa Hibino (1921-1998) was the heart and soul of the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund. In 1942, she was one semester away from graduating from UC Berkeley when her family was interned at Topaz, Utah. With the help of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, she left Topaz in 1943 to complete her last semester at Boston University. **Yosh Hibino** (1919-2011) was also able to leave Topaz to earn his master's degree from the Univ. of Texas at Austin. He and Nobu married in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and moved to Portland, Connecticut in 1951 where they raised their three children. In 1980, along with the Nodas and Takayanagis, they established the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund to "extend a helping hand" in tribute to those who had done the same for them during those dark days of WWII. Besides being the driving force of the NSRC Fund for 18 years, Nobu dedicated her life to her family, community service, and involvement in the civil rights movement, housing, politics, education, and environmental issues. She began the first Head Start program in the state of Connecticut, and followed that accomplishment by becoming the first minority and first woman to serve on

the board of a bank in that state. Yosh was an equal partner in their nearly 55 years of marriage. In their early years in Portland he was active in church youth groups and started the "midget" and "pony" football programs in 1956, making sure minority and underprivileged players were also included. He coached the pony team to the state championship in 1959. While working full time with his business, Yosh put himself through Connecticut's School of Law night program and graduated with his JD in 1971. He volunteered many years with Middletown Legal Aid Services, Catholic Charities in Hartford, and the Portland Housing Authority. In his later years, he volunteered with the Literacy Volunteers of Greater Middletown and delivered Meals on Wheels. In 2007 Yosh was proudly inducted into the Portland Sports Hall of Fame for his achievements with the town's football program. Yosh and Nobu also found time to travel, taking 26 overseas trips in nearly as many years. As active as they were in so many endeavors, the NSRC Fund remained one of their proudest accomplishments.

"Thank you for your generosity"

[Ed. note: THANKS to board member Jim McIlwain. Jim is sending letters and emails to former NSRC Fund scholarship recipients in an effort to make contact with them and to see how they are doing. Following is a letter we received from a 1999 recipient. It is most satisfying to see our work bearing fruit and making a difference.]

Dear Board of Directors:

There are so many to thank as I reflect on my education and career. I first received a scholarship for college from the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund. As a result of financial support provided by generous organizations such as yours, I graduated from North Carolina State University with a B.S. in Computer Engineering. My degree immediately launched me into a career as a Product Technician with the number one PC manufacturer in the world, Lenovo. I've been with Lenovo for over eight years now.

Not many people can claim this, but I can confidently say that I have a dream job. Like a kid in a candy shop, I get to work with the latest electronic gadgets and devices on a daily basis. This was only made possible with the support of my loved ones and dedicated organizations like yours. As in many areas of life, I don't know where my career will take me, but I'd like to thank you once again for your generosity and help in the pursuit of higher education.

Sincerely, *Xamul Vang*

2013 Scholarship Recipients



NSRC Fund Named Scholarships

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The **Alice Abe Matsumoto** Scholar is **Anthony Bui**, Kempner High School. Anthony's dream is to become a Doctor of Optometry. He is inspired by his mother who suddenly passed away four years ago. She always wanted him to go to college. Anthony believes that hard work and his "never give up" attitude will help him succeed. Anthony is attending the University of St. Thomas in Houston studying Pre-Optometry.



The **Hiroko Fujita and Paul Fukami** Scholar is **Billy Dinh**, Alief Early College High School. Billy graduated with an Associate's degree and a high school diploma. He is the first in his family to graduate from high school and is determined to be the first to graduate from college. Billy feels strongly that continuing his education is the only way to make his life and his family's life better. He is attending the University of Houston and plans to major in Mechanical Engineering.



The **Gladys Ishida Stone** Scholar is **Han Dinh**, Alief Taylor High School. Han has lived in Houston for five years and enjoys being a Texan. Every day she reminds herself that the only way to change her life is through education. She is very proud to be the first generation in her family to go to college. She strives to be well educated, strong, independent, and moral. She hopes to organize volunteers to instill in youth and adults the importance of giving back to the community. She is attending Texas A&M University and plans to major in Biology/Pre-Dental.



The **Kay Yamashita** Scholar is **Christine Mai**, North Shore Senior High School. Christine loves volunteering and helping others. She wants to be able to make a positive impact and would love to be able to volunteer all around the world, helping those who do not have access to quality medical care. She is a hard worker and a dedicated student who loves challenges. Christine is attending Rice University and plans to major in Chemistry.



The **Michi Nishiura Weglyn** Scholar is **Katherine Nguyen**, Kerr High School. Kerr is a magnet school where students learn independently at their own pace with teachers' instruction and seminars. Katherine has been shown to be determined, thoughtful, trustworthy, patient, and a positive thinker. She hopes to have time to volunteer at community events, donate to organizations and help her community in any way she can. She is attending University of Houston Downtown and plans to major in Mathematics and Finance.



The **American Friends Service Committee** Scholar is **Linda Hoang**, Alief Taylor High School. Linda made outstanding grades during her school years, ranking No. 2 out of 609 students. She is responsible, diplomatic and influential, and is proud to be someone who never gives up. Her goal is to become a dermatologist to help those with the same skin problems she suffers from. She is attending the University of Houston and plans to major in Biology and Mathematics.



The **Kaizo and Shizue Naka** Scholar is **Quang Nguyen**, Honor Roll student at Klein Forest High School. Quang and his family arrived in the United States in 2010 and they had to work hard to overcome many obstacles facing them in their new home. Quang's motivation to be successful comes from his family. While in the Math Honor Society, he participated in many educational math contests and volunteer activities. He is attending the University of Houston and plans to major in Mathematical Finance.

The **Koh, Mitsu and Dr. Kotaro Murai** Scholar is **Kathy Phan**, Dobie High School. Kathy wants to change the world. She wants to organize a program where different ethnicities can come and work together. She wants to inspire Vietnamese children to be proud of who and what they are. Kathy has had an important share of her family's responsibility in the well-being of her autistic sister. She is attending San Jacinto College and plans to major in Nursing, Psychology.



The **Tama Yoshimura Ishihara** Scholar is **Tri Doan Phan**, Cypress Falls High School. Tri enjoys playing musical instruments, singing, writing, and spending time with friends and family. She excels in music courses. Tri's goal is to earn a Ph.D in Music Education and music therapy. She and her mother support and encourage appreciation of Vietnamese culture through musical performances. She is attending Houston Baptist University majoring in Music.

The **Hisaye Hamaoka Mochizuki** Scholar is **Tiffany Nguyen**, Klein Collins High School. Tiffany's personal goal is to be happy and to support her parents. She wants to relieve them of the hardships they face so they can enjoy the beautiful side of life. Tiffany's career goal is to become a Pharmacist. She is attending University of Houston and plans to major in Pre-Pharmacy.



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The **Michihiko and Bernice Hayashida** Scholar is **Jacqueline Trinh**, Memorial High School. Her dream is to become an optometrist to help people with their vision. One way she hopes to give back to her community is to dedicate a day every few months where she could offer free eye exams and a complimentary pair of glasses to those who are unable to afford services. She is attending the University of St. Thomas in Houston and plans to major in Chemistry and Biology.

The **Lafayette and Mayme Noda** Scholar is **Annie Truong**, Valedictorian of her senior class at Sharpstown International High School. Doing community service, Annie grew to care deeply for her community. She says her greatest assets are the determination and will to achieve anything. Her goal is to help her parents and to somehow repay them for their years of love and support. Annie believes she can successfully become the first in her family to go to - and graduate from - college. She is attending the University of Texas at Austin, planning to major in Petroleum Engineering.



The **Nobu Kumekawa Hibino** Scholar is **Elaine Truong**, an honor roll student at Jersey Village High School. She hopes to make a contribution to her community by being a doctor that can speak both Vietnamese and English. She wants to ensure that everyone has the best health possible and can understand every part of the doctor's visit. Elaine wants to become a pediatrician when she grows up. She is attending the University of Texas at Austin, and is participating in the Emerging Scholars Program.



The 2013 NSRC Fund \$1000 Scholarship Recipients

Oscar Quang Vinh Da

Stephen F Austin High School, University of Texas at Dallas

Chi Kim Duong

Elsik High School, University of Texas at Austin

Khoa Dang Hoang

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Michelle Le

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Thanh Le

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Nasa Dalenna Tran

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Van Minh Trinh

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Sharpstown International School, Texas A & M University

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Kerr High School, Rice University

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2013!



NSRC NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS, LEGACY AND TRIBUTE FUNDS

The NSRC Fund's annual awards are made possible by contributions from individuals and organizations. Named Scholarships, Legacy Funds and Tribute Funds enable anyone, including organizations, to honor, commemorate or pay tribute to individuals, groups or events. If you would like information about establishing a Named Scholarship Fund (minimum \$20,000), a Legacy Fund (minimum \$10,000) or a Tribute Fund (minimum \$2,000), please contact the NSRC Fund at 19 Scenic Drive, Portland, CT 06480.

The following funds have been established, and are designated by who created them, * and (). The Board of Directors is grateful for the generous support these funds have received, as noted, during the period from October 1, 2012 to October 1, 2013.

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William Read
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Kesaya Noda
Lafayette Noda

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Excerpts from the Valedictory Speech by Ryozo Kumekawa
Topaz High School Graduation, June 1, 1945

Youth is not youth if it is satisfied to leave things alone

[Ed. note: The Fund's newsletter guru, Don Misumi, was cleaning out some of his late mother's papers (she was an art teacher at Topaz) and found my uncle's speech. It's pretty radical and deep for a 17 year old about to leave a concentration camp in the high mountain desert of Utah for Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. My uncle wrote about leaving camp "cognizant of the various changes which must be effected in our generation." *The Greatest Generation. Here's to you, Unc.*]

Today we look toward the future, bewildered with the gigantic tasks which lie ahead; bewildered with the disintegrated world which the passing generation is about to bequeath to us – a world ravaged by chaos and war; a world demanding social, economic, and political reconstruction—fully aware that after the war there are to be many more causes for quarrels between the nations, many smoldering fires which may burst out into a general conflagration unless stamped out by the feet of a younger generation advancing to a new goal of civilization.

We cannot look upon the generation which has led us into this maze of paradoxes to lead us out; it is to the youth of every nation trained to see clearly,

to view broadly, to judge fairly, and to act fearlessly, that society is looking to for a better world. Moreover the world needs their open-mindedness, their energy, their courage, their idealism, for youth is not youth unless it has a restless eagerness to be on its way. Youth is not youth if it is satisfied to leave things alone; youth seeks adventure beyond the horizon.

There has always been a dream, a dream of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for every man, with opportunity for each according to his ability or achievement. It is not a dream of motor cars and higher wages merely, but a dream of a social order in which each man and each woman shall be able to attain to the fullest stature of which they are innately capable, and be recognized by others for what they are, regardless of fortuitous circumstances of birth or position.

We must rise above poverty, ignorance, lack of ambition, shiftlessness of character, if we are to realize our dream. To work together, no longer to build bigger but to build better. Moreover, this means and demands sacrifice, for better and far reaching changes are coming; changes in the

distribution of wealth, in the control of monopolies, in medical economics, in the rivalries which are breeding war. New trails must be broken in campaigns against injustice, ignorance, disease, waste, war.

We are a generation called to struggle and give our efforts to the hard task of finding new ways to reassemble a broken world into a pattern so firm and so fair, that war cannot be possible. No one of us can do much, but each can catch perhaps a small portion of truth to add to the whole for there is no selective service of the spirit, it is on a voluntary basis.

Cognizant of the various diverse problems which lie ahead, cognizant of the various changes which must be effected in our generation, we young people, with trained, alert minds, courage in our hearts, and the determination to successfully cope with any problems which may arise, march into the future with our chins in the air, our arms locked together in the comradeship of democratic America. Each age has its own dreams – 'leave then the dreams of yesterday and build a real tomorrow!'



Proud to be on the board

Nisei Yutaka Kobayashi has been on the NSRC Fund board since 1992, including a stint as president. He is a soon-to-be very young 90 years old. He says the Fund has been a "great joy" and this year he contributed the Fund's appeal letter. Yutaka is proud to be part of an effort helping young adults, many from recent immigrant families, continue their educations and to improve their chances of success in America. Yutaka regularly speaks to schools, groups and organizations about his internment experience first in Tanforan and then in Topaz, Utah. He and his wife Maureen keep active and healthy and love to travel here and abroad. Yutaka does this all while being ranked #1 in New England by the U.S. Tennis Association in the 85+ singles category and nationally ranked #15! "I'm looking forward to next year when I'll be 90 and be among the youngest in the 90 and up group at the nationals." Quite an accomplishment!



Lafayette Noda (1916-2013)

Lafayette Noda passed away on February 9, 2013 at the age of 96. Born in the Yamato Colony, a small Japanese American community in the San Joaquin Valley of California, Lafayette was one of nine children in an immigrant family. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1939, majoring in chemistry with a minor in fruit products. Following Pearl Harbor, Lafayette was interned first at the Santa Anita Race Track and later was sent to Heart Mountain in Wyoming and then to Amache in Colorado, joining the rest of his family.

In 1943, Lafayette left Amache and moved to Pendle Hill, a Quaker study center in Pennsylvania, where he completed the master's thesis he'd begun at UCLA. He returned to California in 1945 and earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Stanford University. He married Mayme Kishi in 1947 and they had two children, Kesaya and David. In 1957 the family moved to Hanover, New Hampshire where Lafayette was a professor at the Dartmouth medical school. In 1960 he was named chair of the biochemistry department. He retired from Dartmouth in 1981 but continued to collaborate with colleagues in Germany for many years afterward.

Lafayette worked equally hard on the land around the old colonial house in Meriden where the family moved in 1959. He worked in the fields, frequently in silence because he was not one to squander precious energy on idle

conversation. He could maneuver an oil drum full of diesel fuel from a truck bed to a storage shed without breaking a sweat, and he could fix almost anything. As he approached retirement, he and Mayme planted Christmas trees and blueberries for a pick-your-own farm operation.

Lafayette became Quaker when he was in his twenties, and Quaker values guided his life and Mayme's for the next 70 years. He and Mayme helped found the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund in the late 1970s. Lafayette believed in the equality and goodness of all

people and tenaciously held the hope that if everyone tried to make it so, the world could be a better place. He believed in the importance of generosity and kindness, the imperative to work for peace, and the need to give to those less fortunate. We greatly miss him.



Two recipients say, "Thank you for the opportunity"

From *Billy Dinh*:

I'd like to express my gratitude to the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund for the scholarship awarded to me. I was very happy to learn that I was to receive a scholarship. Being the first to go to college is an achievement, but receiving a scholarship is an achievement itself. It represents the qualities I have to be able to compete in these competitions and it makes me proud to be who I am.

I will be an incoming freshman at the University of Houston. I am majoring in Mechanical Engineering and one of the most important things about going to college is being able to pay for it. I am determined to complete college. Thanks to this scholarship, I will be one step closer towards achieving my goal of being the first child in my family to graduate from college.

Thank you again for this opportunity. You have lightened the burden that I am currently facing, and assisting my path towards college. Your generosity will always be remembered and your contribution to our society will always be cherished. I am inspired by all those who have helped and encouraged me. One day, I wish to be able to help someone else just as how you have helped me.

From *Linda Nguyen*:

I would like to first start off saying thank you to the Nisei Fund for giving me this scholarship and this opportunity. It means so much to me to know that you have chosen me out of who knows how many students, and I want to reassure you that this money will not go to waste. If my tuition is not covered, it will go there, but if it is, I will use this money for textbooks and other college essentials. If I happen to have leftover money, I'll save it for the next 3 years. Don't worry. I won't use it on beauty supplies or unnecessary items like clothes, but I maybe tempted to!

Having this scholarship will also help me achieve my ultimate goal - to become a dermatologist. I plan to go to medical school after attending the University of Houston, and having this money will help. Some people may think two grand is nothing for college, but I, on the other hand, am so grateful to have my expenses paid. Anything helps and I just want to thank you soooooo very much. I would also like to give a special "thank you" to my family and friends for their love, support and encouragement. When they found out that I got this scholarship, they were overjoyed. Especially my mom because she didn't have to pay more. I would also like to thank God for making this possible and for His love and support. Thank you again!



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