ABOUT

The Japanese American Citizens League is a national organization whose ongoing mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and bigotry. The leaders and members of JACL work to promote cultural, educational and social values, and to preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community.

This annual report covers programs and projects of the Japanese American Citizens League from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure to share with you the 2012-2013 issue of the JACL Annual Report and I hope you will find this report useful and informative. We started publishing this report last year in an effort to enhance communications with our members, constituents and the general public. I believe that we are making progress towards that end as this report summarizes our successes and many of our key programs. Looking back, I am proud to say that this past year is marked by many positive changes and we have made significant progress towards making JACL a stronger and a better organization.

We have come a long way since our beginnings in 1929 as an organization fighting for the interests of Japanese Americans. With over 100 Chapters around the country and approximately 10,000 committed members, the JACL has adapted to the changing social and political environments to fight for the rights of not only Japanese Americans, but for all Asian Pacific Americans and groups in need of a voice. This year, we have a major milestone to celebrate - the 25th Anniversary of the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. We have come a long way.

The JACL has made great strides in the past year, both externally and internally. Within JACL, we continued to explore innovative programs that would be relevant to our members; we examined and implemented processes to further improve our financial reporting capabilities; we commissioned a technology assessment to bring our critical infrastructure up-to-date; and most recently we hired a new Pacific Citizen Executive Editor to lead our premier communications vehicle into the future.

Externally, the JACL has always been at the forefront of advancing the cause of the AAPI community through a variety of education programs; working with elected officials and other civil rights organizations on a number of initiatives such as the Immigration Reform; and taking the lead on important issues with our leadership positions on the Leadership Conference of Civil & Human Rights (LCCHR), National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) and the Asian Pacific American Media Coalition (APAMC). Additionally, we re-constituted the U.S.-Japan Education Committee in an effort to better educate our members while fostering greater cooperation between Japanese American community and Japan.

Our national organization is run by a small team of dedicated and hard-working individuals who have made advancing JACL’s mission their primary goal. Our National Staff and Pacific Citizen Staff are the ones who work hard on a daily basis to keep the organization moving forward and I am grateful for their commitment in our organization and make a difference for your chapter, your district and our country. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve as your National President this past year and I am equally grateful to the National Board for working with me.

In the following pages you will find the detailed information of our national organization, regional offices and our major accomplishments over the past year. I am extremely proud of what we have done and I know that we are capable of achieving even greater accomplishments. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year!

Sincerely yours,

David T. Lin
National President
The Japanese American Citizens League consists of 106 chapters nationwide and in Japan. These chapters are divided geographically into seven district councils, each of which is headed by a district governor. The national organization is guided by the National Board, which consists of elected officers and district governors.
For more than 80 years, JACL has been at the forefront in championing the fight against racism and discrimination. Founded in 1929, JACL continues to address emerging civil rights issues. JACL is a contemporary organization with a rich history, and pursues the ongoing mission to promote social justice and diversity.
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Defamation & Hate Crimes

JACL monitors and responds to incidents of defamation and hate crimes throughout the United States. JACL co-chairs the Asian Pacific American Media Coalition (APAMC), and serves on the Executive Committees of the National Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) and the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (LCCHR). Through these coalitions, JACL works with national entertainment and broadcasting networks, coalition partners, and others to address incidents of defamation and hate crimes to protect the welfare of the community.

Studies show that Asian American teens are the most bullied in U.S. schools (almost twice as likely than other groups) – 54% of Asian Americans reported they have been bullied versus 31.3% of whites, 38.4% of African-Americans, and 34.3% of Hispanics. Online bullying raises even greater concern with over 60% of Asian Americans reporting having been bullied online.

In 2012-13:

- JACL urged law enforcement to fully investigate hate crimes at Columbia University in New York, and Southern Methodist University in Texas, where students were assaulted after being accosted with racial slurs.
- JACL admonished KNPR, Nevada Public Radio, and KLFY in Lafayette, Louisiana for airing the terms “Jap” and “Chinaman.”
- JACL addressed negative political campaign tactics in two separate incidents. JACL responded when Elaine Chao, the wife of Senator Mitch McConnell was racially disparaged by a group called Progress Kentucky. Similarly, the JACL responded when Michelle Rhee was called an “Asian bitch” at a rally organized by United Opt Out National.
- JACL admonished Jay Leno for portraying Asians as dog-eaters. JACL also protested an episode of Mike & Molly where a character stated, “Oh, Lord, bless that nasty Chinaman that lives across the street…and probably eats dogs.”
- JACL objected to smartphone apps that included racial overtones. JACL sent letters condemning a Google app called “Make Me Asian,” which used overlays such as a “coolie” hat and a “Fu Manchu” mustache that could be placed on photos, and an Apple app called “Transformat Celebrities,” similar to Google’s.
- Following a shooting at a Sikh Temple in Wisconsin, JACL joined with other organizations in urging the Department of Justice to revise their Hate Crime Incident Report to allow for the collection and tracking of hate crimes committed against Sikh Americans.

Court Cases

JACL monitors cases before the United States Supreme Court, and files “friend-of-the-court” briefs on cases involving civil rights issues. In 2012-2013, JACL joined in filing amicus briefs for the following cases:

- On August 13, 2012, for Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin, JACL joined with sixteen civil and human rights groups, the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. The brief in support of the University of Texas argues that affirmative action policies are necessary to help create a more diverse learning environment for students, and that colleges should reserve the right to consider race in admission criteria. The courts decided in favor of the University of Texas.
- In Township of Mount Holly v. Mt. Holly Gardens Citizens in Action, Inc., the case about whether or not claims under the Fair Housing Act require proof of intentional discrimination, and whose plaintiffs were members of a mostly black and Latino New Jersey neighborhood slated for demolition and gentrification and focused, JACL joined with...
over 200 national organizations in support of Mount Holly residents. The brief filed on October 28, 2013 argued that the availability of disparate impact claims has been integral to the FHA’s goal of achieving equal opportunity in housing for not only African Americans, but all protected classes. The case was settled before arguments were heard by the U.S. Supreme Court.

- JACL joined the Anti-Defamation League and faith groups on an amicus brief on United States v. Windsor, which challenged the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). By a vote of 5-4, the Supreme Court decided that Section 3 of DOMA, which defined a legal marriage as the union between one man and one woman, was unconstitutional and violated equal protection under the Fifth Amendment.

- JACL also weighed in on Hollingsworth v. Perry, which addressed the constitutionality of California’s same-sex marriage ban. The Court dismissed the case, striking down California’s Prop 8 ban on same-sex unions, but avoided the larger issue of the constitutionality of the right of same sex couples to marry. The Court determined that defendants, who sought to uphold California’s Proposition 8 ban on gay marriage, did not have the legal jurisdiction to appeal lower court rulings against the ban.

- JACL participated in an amicus brief on Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., regarding Arizonan voter identification law. The brief argued that the Arizona law violated peoples’ voting rights. With a 7 - 2 vote, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that Arizona’s proof of citizenship requirement conflicts with the federal law requiring that states use the federal voter registration form.

JACL/OCA D.C. Leadership Summit & Collegiate Leadership Summit

JACL/OCA Washington, D.C. Leadership Summit and Collegiate Leadership Summit remain premier programs offered to JACL leaders and college students from throughout the United States. The goal of these JACL leadership programs is to develop a sustainable source of effective leadership for the Asian Pacific Islander community. In 2013, both programs were merged and featured sessions on hate crimes, bullying and immigration, Hill Visits with Congressional staff members on the issue of military hazing and immigration, receptions with Congressman Mike Honda, Congresswoman Grace Meng, Congressman Mark Takano and Secretary Norman Mineta, and briefings by agency personnel at the White House. Twenty-four JACL/OCA participants and 12 students attended the 2013 Leadership Summits.

“During my time in Washington D.C., I gained valuable connections and am grateful for the opportunity I had to collaborate with JACL and OCA young professional and student leaders from around the U.S. who are as equally committed to civil rights, advocacy and AAPI Issues.”

—Beth Uno, Florin JACL

“The JACL/OCA Summit was a wonderful experience, allowing me to meet and learn from peers from all over the country about advancing API issues. It also provided unique opportunities for me to meet with congressional members and other political leaders in the API community and gave me a firsthand lobbying experience for important issues, all with the backdrop of beautiful Washington, D.C.”

—Khai Nguyen, API Gulf Coast JACL
The National Youth/Student Council (NY/SC) is comprised of dedicated students and young professional JACL members across the nation from the seven JACL districts. The mission of NY/SC is to raise awareness of AAPI issues and to engage and develop young leaders who create positive change in our community. The NY/SC envisions a national network of collaborative young community leaders and allies with the collective power and passion to make change.

The National Youth/Student Council plans and implements several Youth Leadership Summits throughout the year. These summits provide educational opportunities for young people to grow their skill sets and learn about new advocacy issues. Youth Leadership Summits provide an opportunity for students and young professionals to discuss local and national challenges facing their respective communities. In 2013, summits were held in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Seattle, Portland, Washington, D.C., and Berkeley, with topics ranging from leadership development to combating xenophobia.

NY/SC members:
- Mariko Newton (National Youth Chair)
- Kevin Mori (National Youth Representative)
- Beth Uno (NCWNP Rep)
- Kota Mizutani (EDC Rep)
- Macy Elliott (CCDC Rep)
- Nicole Gaddie (PNW Rep)
- Michelle Yamashiro (PSW Rep)
- Michaela Ishino (IDC Rep)
- Charles Aoki (At-Large)
- Jim Kirihara (At-Large)

“The Youth Leadership Summits are essential for cultivating young leaders in both JACL and the broader AAPI community. Since its initiation in the fall of 2010, the leadership summits have strengthened the pipeline of young leaders who advocate on local issues and propel the JACL towards growth and relevancy. There is no replacement for hands-on experience in the areas of community building, civic engagement, advocacy, and leadership development for JACL students and young professionals. Therefore, opportunities like this for the JACL to directly reach out to promising young leaders are absolutely necessary for the longevity of the organization. It is always a pleasure seeing these past summit participants blossom into active and vocal leaders in their respective chapter boards, college campuses, workplace, and other organizations—and that is when we know we have made a difference.”
—Mariko Newton, National Youth Chair

JACL conducts teacher-training programs to promote the inclusion of the Japanese American experience in classrooms, museum exhibits, and community-based programs. In 2014, JACL will conduct teacher-training programs centered on World War II confinement sites for 250 teachers.

As a way of encouraging teachers to include units about the Japanese American incarceration in their classroom curriculum, JACL annually attends the National Council for the Social Studies Conference (NCSS). In 2012, the NCSS held its conference in Seattle where JACL distributed copies of its educational materials including its acclaimed curriculum guide, A Lesson in American History: The Japanese American Experience.

In an ongoing effort to reach out to young Asian Americans, JACL’s Campus Outreach Program presented separate workshops on Multiracial Identity and Anti-Asian Sentiment at the East Coast Asian American Student Union Conference at Columbia University and at the Midwest Asian American Student Union Conference at the University of Michigan. The JACL also presented a workshop at the New York City Asian American Student Conference hosted by New York University.
**Internships & Fellowships**

JACL internships and fellowships provide opportunities to college students and recent graduates to work in areas of public service, public policy, and advocacy in JACL offices and congressional offices in Washington, D.C. The internship and fellowship programs provide experience-based training and first-hand experience of the federal policy-making process and advocacy work in the AAPI community.

*2012-2013 interns and fellows include:*

- Adam Kuranishi, (Mike Masaoka Fellow)
- Jason Hata (AARP Norman Y. Mineta Fellow)
- Amy Watanabe (Daniel K. Inouye Fellow)
- Lauren Namba (John Moy & Southwest Intern)
- Rosie McDonnell-Horita (AAPD Intern)
- Juliet Shen (OCA Intern)

**Nutrition Program**

JACL partnered with the University of Hawaii to create culturally sensitive nutritional information for the Japanese American and AAPI community. The Asian American population is the fastest growing minority group in the U.S., and heart disease is the leading cause of death for Asian Americans. Asian American males have higher mortality rates due to stroke than white males. Despite having lower body weight, Asian Americans are more likely than Caucasians to have diabetes, affecting 10% of Asian Americans. About 90-95% of Asians with diabetes have Type 2 diabetes. Studies have shown that dietary acculturation of Japanese Americans toward a Western diet may increase the risk of Type 2 diabetes. Through this program, JACL engages its membership and communities in an exploration of the correlation of traditional Japanese American diets and better health outcomes.

In 2013, thousands of nutritional fact sheets and magnets were distributed at the Convention, health fairs, and employee health programs.

*“The fellowship was an intensive immersion into the life of a congressional staffer, and my placement was perfect. After nearly three years as a community organizer in the immigrant rights movement, I was given the opportunity to utilize my prior work experience, and advance my skills and understanding of how our federal government and immigration system operate.”*

—Adam Kuranishi, 2012 Mike Masaoka Fellow

*“The JACL Daniel K. Inouye Fellowship program provided me a vast number of opportunities that introduced me to both the legislative and policy processes, as well the experience that enabled me to develop both professionally and personally. The fellowship was a perfect intersection for me to serve the JACL community, become a stronger advocate for the AAPI community and grow my leadership skills.”*

—Amy Watanabe, 2012 Daniel K. Inouye Fellow
Scholarship Programs

In 2012, the National JACL presented $61,000 in scholarships to deserving students. The JACL began its National Scholarship and Awards Program in 1946 to support JACL youth in meeting their educational dreams. The program offers scholarships for college freshman, undergraduate and graduate students, as well as awards for law, creative arts and performing arts students and those in financial need. Many local JACL chapters and districts award have separate scholarship programs. National JACL, chapters and districts awarded approximately $284,100 to JACL student members in 2012.

National JACL also established a U.S. – Japan scholarship, in 2012, in partnership with Meiji Gakuin University (MGU) in Tokyo, Japan. Established in 1863 by Dr. James Curtis Hepburn, an American doctor and a missionary, Meiji Gakuin University is one of the oldest universities in Japan. The scholarship is offered to a deserving student pursuing a degree in International Studies.

“I am a fourth generation Japanese American and second generation Chinese American. My parents strongly believed in the value of education and taught my older sister and I to always try our best in school. As I venture off to college, I know that the Japanese American community will continue to be a part of my life. I want to get more involved in JACL because I think the work they do to protect civil liberties of all Americans is truly making the world a better place, and I want to be a part of that.”

—Kristi Lin, San Diego JACL

“I am undertaking a research project that concerns the constructions of race, masculinities and citizenship, while comparing the experiences of Japanese Americans and African Americans during World War II. I hope that my scholarship will educate others about Asian American experiences and how they can inform our national identity and history.”

—Jeffrey Yamashita, Berkeley JACL

JACL Legacy Fund Grants

The National JACL Council established the JACL Legacy Fund on June 20, 1990, after the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, to support and sustain research and education that would help prevent future injustices such as the forced removal and incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. Approximately $5,000,000 was donated by individuals incarcerated in the camps who wished to use their redress awards to further the legacy of patriotism and hard-won civil rights central to the story of Japanese Americans in the United States.

In 2013, ten applicants were awarded $3,000 each for a variety of innovative projects aimed to increase youth participation, build broader awareness of and appreciation for Japanese American contributions to the community and country, and create greater collaboration with diverse community groups.

At the 2013 National JACL Convention, the following awardees and projects were awarded for the 2013-2014 grants cycle:

- Idaho Falls Chapter- Japanese Garden Project
- Chicago Chapter- Kansha Project
- National Youth/Student Council- 2013 Youth Delegate Campaign Project
- Twin Cities Chapter- MIS Language School Project
- Boise Valley Chapter- Densho Legacy Garden Project
- Portland Chapter- Youth Project
- Mile High Chapter- Informational Brochures Camp Amache Project
- Berkeley Chapter- Living Legacy Speaking Series Project
- San Francisco Chapter- TEDx Event Project
- Pacific Southwest District- Collegiate Asian Pacific Internship Project
**Bridging Communities Program**

The Bridging Communities program brings youth from the Japanese and AAPI community together with Muslim and Arab American youth to gain a better understanding of the consequences of intolerance and the strength in community partnerships. This unique program is designed to connect Japanese American, Muslim American and ally youth by synthesizing the difference and commonalities that bind us all together.

In 2013, the *Passing the Legacy Down: Youth Interpretations of Confinement Sites in the Western United States*, also known as *Bridging Communities: Preserving the Legacy Program* partnered with the Council on American-Islamic Relations-San Francisco Bay Area (CAIR-SFBA) and the Tule Lake Committee for a four day Youth Leadership Summit at the Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

Through interactive workshops, participants engaged in a variety of topics such as intersections of identity, American Muslim and Japanese American history, civil rights and activism. The National Park Service (NPS) provided the students with a history and tour of the site. A culmination activity followed, where participants shared their reflections on the Segregation Center, as seen through the eyes of their generation. Participants also conducted a service-learning project led by the National Park Service that focused on the preservation of the Tule Lake story through various forms of on-site resource documentation. The collection of this information is critical to the NPS’s ongoing efforts to document the remaining physical features from the Segregation Center.

**Historic Preservation**

JACL works to preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community and to ensure that the diverse experiences of the Asian American community is included in the American story.

- In 2013, JACL met with Members of Congress seeking support for the Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant program established by Congress to preserve and interpret U.S. confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, resulting in $3 million dollars appropriated to this program for FY2014.
- JACL advocated for the designation of the Tuna Canyon Detention Center as a Historical-Cultural Monument by the City of Los Angeles. Tuna Canyon Detention Center was a high security detention facility that processed more than 2,500 individuals, predominantly Japanese, as well as Germans, Italians and Japanese Peruvians, during World War II.
- JACL was appointed to the National Park Service Centennial Advisory Committee, to provide guidance and recommendations to National Park Service (NPS) and the National park System Advisory Board on the 100th birthday of the NPS in 2016.
- JACL played a significant role in the designation of the Wing Luke Museum in Seattle, Washington, as a historic site affiliate area by the National Park Service in February 2013.
- JACL worked with the National Park Service in an attempt to halt the construction of an 8-ft tall, 16,000-ft long fence within the site of the former Tule Lake Segregation Center.

JACL programs would not be possible without the support of the following sponsors:

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AARP  
AT&T  
UPS Foundation  
Ford Motor Company  
Southwest Airlines  
Comcast  
National Park Service  
Verizon
HIGHLIGHTS

White House and Congressional Meetings

President Barack Obama met with 14 national leaders representing Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander organizations on May 9, 2013. Immigration reform and access to affordable health care were discussed with the President. Priscilla Ouchida, Executive Director, represented JACL in this historic meeting in the Roosevelt Room of the White House.

JACL met twice with the Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee (DSOC) with leaders of the broader civil communities and the AAPI community. On June 6, 2013, AAPI community leaders discussed immigration legislation and voiced concerns regarding support for minority-owned small businesses and steps to reduce institutional bullying. On July 10, 2013, the Executive Committee of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights discussed the Supreme Court decisions on the marriage equality cases and Voting Rights Act, immigration reform, pending nominations, employment discrimination and human dignity and equality issues.
50th Anniversary of the March on Washington

JACL commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington, and joined marchers on the National Mall to call for justice, jobs, peace and freedom. JACL was one of the original sponsors in the March on Washington in 1963. Todd Endo, who was a 21-year old student when he carried the JACL banner leading 35 JACLers in the historic march, participated in the 2013 March. The 2013 JACL contingent of 37 marchers, joined with over 100 members of the National Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA). JACL’s contributions were recognized in both national and international press.

At the “Let Freedom Ring” Ceremony on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 2013, speakers at the program held on the National Mall included Attorney General Eric Holder Jr., Rep. John Lewis of Georgia (who was the youngest speaker in 1963), House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Rev. Al Sharpton, and Martin Luther King III. Mee Moua, President and Executive Director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice- AAJC, addressed the crowd of over 200,000 and recognized JACL’s participation and Endo’s presence. President Obama included in his remarks a reference to Japanese Americans who had been incarcerated and fought and won on the “battlefield of justice.”

“On August 28, 1963, 35 members of the Japanese American Citizens League marched alongside their brothers and sisters of the civil rights struggle. On Saturday, hundreds of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander brothers and sisters—representing 35 national AA & NHPI organizations and more than 18 million Asian Americans—marched with our civil and human rights community—marching to reassert our collective claim to the dream, marching to recommit ourselves to the everyday steps it will take to realize the dream, marching with hope and faith and the deep conviction that ‘we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.’”

—Mee Moua, Asian Americans Advancing Justice: AAJC, CEO & Executive Director

“Those are the victories they won, with iron wills and hope in their hearts. That is the transformation that they wrought, with each step of their well-worn shoes. That’s the debt that I and millions of Americans owe those maids, those laborers, those porters, those secretaries; folks who could have run a company maybe if they had ever had a chance; those white students who put themselves in harm’s way, even though they didn’t have to; those Japanese Americans who recalled their own internment; those Jewish Americans who had survived the Holocaust; people who could have given up and given in, but kept on keeping on, knowing that ‘weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.’”

—President Barack Obama

Fifty years later there’s still that dream that’s not realized. You never get there. But that sense of unity and working together and peacefulness has carried on and remains influential.”

—Todd Endo, Participant of the 1963 March on Washington & 50th Anniversary March
25th Anniversary of Civil Liberties Act of 1988

In 2013, JACL celebrated the 25th anniversary of the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which provided a presidential apology and monetary redress for the forced removal and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II.

JACL organized a historic display of Executive Order 9066 and the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 together for the first time at the National Archives. Co-sponsored by JACL and the National Archives, the month-long exhibit highlighted the historical significance of the two documents. Thousands of American and international visitors viewed and learned about the two documents critical to the illegal incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II.

During the 2013 National JACL Convention, for the first time ever, JACL members were invited to a private reception at the Residence of the Japan Ambassador hosted by Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae and Mrs. Sasae in Washington, D.C. That evening the Governor Ralph L. Carr Award for Courage was presented for the first time since it was created by a 2012 JACL National Council resolution in honor of Governor Ralph Carr of Colorado who opposed the unfair incarceration and courageously defended the constitutional rights of Japanese Americans.

Immigration

The JACL National Council passed a resolution urging for the enactment of comprehensive immigration reform that provides a pathway to legal residency and citizenship. On April 10, 2013, JACL and thousands of community, labor and immigrant rights supporters joined with immigrant families for the “Citizenship for 11 Million” Rally on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. Prior to the rally, JACL participated in a media briefing with National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) and members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC).

During the 2013 JACL National Convention, JACL members met with over 65 Congressional offices, and shared their personal immigration stories and advocated for comprehensive immigration reform. This was an exciting opportunity for JACL members to discuss with Members of Congress about pressing issues in their communities and local districts.
**Japan Disaster Relief**

JACL partnered with Direct Relief International (DRI), a humanitarian aid organization, to establish the Japan Relief and Recovery Fund after the March 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster in Tohoku, Japan.

Through 2013, the Fund has granted nearly $5 million to support local non-profit organizations and non-governmental organizations such as the Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR), the Japanese International Volunteer Center (JVC), the Japan NGO Center for the International Cooperation (JANIC), and Living Dreams. These organizations conduct programs to support the victims of the tsunami through material aid, community building, and education, or to raise awareness about nuclear energy concerns and educate the wider public about the existing dangers. In 2013, JACL will distribute the remaining $650,000.

**Congressional Gold Medal Tour**

JACL partnered with the National Veterans Network and Smithsonian on a seven-city tour of the Congressional Gold Medal award to Japanese American World War II veterans. The Congressional Gold Medal was awarded in 2011 to members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the 100th Infantry Battalion and the Military Intelligence Service. As the highest civilian honor bestowed by Congress, the Congressional Gold Medal recognizes the courage and patriotism displayed by the Nisei veterans during World War II.

The tour launched in January 2013 at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, and has traveled to Honolulu, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, and Chicago. The tour will end in January 2014 in Houston at the Holocaust Museum.

**New Orleans**

JACL sponsored the Family Circle Program managed by the Vietnamese American Young Leaders Association (VAYLA) in New Orleans East, Louisiana. The after-school program offers peer-to-peer support to at-risk high school students.

The Vietnamese community in Village de l’Est endured three catastrophic historical episodes: the Vietnam War, Hurricane Katrina, and the Deep Water Horizon (DWH) Oil Spill. There have been few, if any, systematic, culturally relevant models for addressing Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in the Vietnamese community, resulting in prolonged psychological suffering, intra-household abuse, and the transference of trauma among family members. New Orleans East community schools also have a less than 50% graduation rate.

JACL continues to partner with the MQVN Community Development Center to break down cultural barriers and address food quality, safety, accessibility, production and environmental impact for the Vietnamese community in New Orleans East.
Scholarships

2012 Recipients

Freshman Scholarships

Holden L. Parks, Eden Township
Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Kristy L. Ishii, Salinas Valley
Mr. & Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi Scholarship

Kathryn E. Cunningham, Seattle
Paul & Katherine Ohtaki Memorial Scholarship

Ross Seeman, Portland
Paul & Katherine Ohtaki Memorial Scholarship

April K. Dennison, Twin Cities
Shigeki “Shig” Nakahira Memorial Scholarship

Alethea K. Endo, Philadelphia
Patricia & Gail Ishimoto Memorial Scholarship

KayLene Y. Yamada, Wasatch Front North
Hanayagi Rokumie Memorial Cultural Scholarship

Kristi M. Lin, San Diego
Mas & Majiu Uyesugi Memorial Scholarship

Undergraduate Scholarships

Rachel Seeman, Portland
Nobuko R. Kodama Fong Memorial Scholarship

Matthew Iritani, Mile Hi
Shigeru “Shig” Nakahira Memorial Scholarship

John Kanemoto, Florin
Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Kevin Mori, SELANOCO
Railroad & Mineworkers Memorial Scholarship

Michael Murata, Berkeley
Saburo Kido Memorial Scholarship

Alexandra Wong, Chicago
Alice Yuriko Endo Memorial Scholarship

Graduate Scholarships

Katherine Soe, Diablo Valley
Kenji Kajiwara Memorial Scholarship

Christina Lee, San Fernando Valley
Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Jeffrey Yamashita, Berkeley
Minoru Yasui Memorial Scholarship

Jean Shiraki, Washington, D.C.
Chiyoko & Thomas Shimazaki Scholarship

Takako Mino, Chicago
Magoichi & Shizuko Kato Memorial Scholarship

Christian Heimburger, Mile Hi
Rev. H. John Yamashita Memorial Scholarship

Financial Aid Scholarship

Christopher Hyde, San Jose
Abe & Esther Hagiwara Student Aid Scholarship

Law Scholarships

Hillary Nakano, Berkeley
Grace Andow Memorial Scholarship

Staci Yamashita-Iida, South Bay
Thomas T. Hayashi Memorial Scholarship

Performing Arts Scholarship

Rachelle Clark, Orange County
Aiko Susanna Tashiro Hiratsuka Memorial Scholarship

Creative Arts Scholarship

Marissa Kitazawa, South Bay
Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Creative Arts Scholarship
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<td>Prepaid Expenses &amp; Other Current Assets</td>
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<td>Long-term Investments</td>
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<td>Property and Equipment, net</td>
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<td>Accumulated Postretirement Benefit Obligation</td>
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**REVENUE & EXPENSES**

For the year Ending December 31

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<td><strong>EXPENSES</strong></td>
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<td>General &amp; Administrative</td>
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