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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, 2013 to August 31, 2014.

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I am my pleasure to share with you the 2013-2014 issue of the JACL Annual Report and I hope you will find this report useful and informative. We began publishing this annual report two years ago in an effort to enhance communications with our members, constituents, funders and the general public. I believe that this report serves that purpose as it summarizes many of our key programs and highlights many successes during the year. Looking back, I am proud to say that this past year was marked by many positive changes and we continue to make 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, JACL has adapted to the changing social and political environments to fight for the rights of not only Japanese Americans, but for all Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPI) and groups in need of a voice.

JACL has made great strides in the past year, both externally and internally. Within JACL, we continued to develop innovative programs that are relevant to our members, especially engaging youth in order to build up a pipeline of the next generation leaders for JACL. To that end, we launched the very successful Kakehashi Program in partnership with the Japan Foundation. In 2014, JACL selected and brought almost 100 youths on a 10-day trip to Japan, providing an amazing learning experience for these youth to foster a stronger U.S.-Japan relationship at a personal level for the long term.

Externally, JACL has always been at the forefront of advancing the cause of the AAPI community through a variety of educational programs and working with elected officials and other civil rights organizations on a number of initiatives. Through a generous grant by the Wallace H. Coulter Foundation this year, JACL is gearing up to launch a “Get Out The Vote” campaign right before the 2014 Election Cycle to encourage our members and the AAPI community to actively participate in the electoral process so our voice will be heard and our issues will be addressed.

Unfortunately, we also continue to see acts of intolerance against AAPIs in politics and society, often based upon outdated stereotypes or general ignorance of our heritage and culture. JACL must remain vigilant in identifying and responding to such incidents not only to stand up to racial intolerance, but also to show others that we will not idly sit by when our heritage is denigrated. JACL must continue its adherence to the fundamental principles of social justice and civil rights that the organization was originally founded on, advocating for equality and fairness for AAPIs and for all Americans.

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 and dedication. At the same time, JACL is only as strong as its members, so I encourage all of you to get involved 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 since 2012 and I am equally grateful to the National Board for their hard work and collaboration.

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 this Biennium!

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 of promoting social justice and diversity.
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PROGRAMS

Defamation & Hate Crimes

JACL monitors and responds to incidents of defamation and hate crimes that occur 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 of Civil and Human Rights (LCCHR).

In 2014:

- JACL issued a statement on the HBO series, “Jonah from Tonga” objecting to the harmful and offensive stereotypes depicted in the series. JACL and other AAPI groups met with HBO to express concerns. “Jonah from Tonga” has since been taken off the air.
- JACL issued a statement rejecting Fox News correspondent Jonathan Hoenig’s statement, “We should have been profiling on September 12, 2001. Let’s take a trip down memory lane here. The last war this country won, we put Japanese Americans in internment camps; we dropped nuclear bombs on residential city centers. So yes, profiling would be at least a good start,” and demanded an apology. After Hoenig’s on-air apology, JACL issued a follow up statement saying that Hoenig’s response, “did not address the root of the issue.”
- JACL issued a statement on the use of racial attacks in political campaigns, focusing on an incident where statements including, “She isn’t from Kentucky, she is Asian,” were directed at politician Elaine Chao. The statement also criticized Ted Nugent’s use of the term “Jap” in a speech at a Tea Party gathering.
- JACL joined with the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans in issuing a statement on the killing of Michael Brown by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri. The organizations called on the White House, Congressional leaders, and the Department of Justice to review and address the “ongoing pattern and practice of racial violence and systemic discriminatory treatment by law enforcement of our communities of color.”
- JACL sent a letter to NFL commissioner Roger Goodell regarding the use of “Redskin” as a team mascot. The letter was initiated through a resolution by the JACL National Council.
- JACL sent a letter to Senator Harry Reid deploring his use of Asian stereotypes when he said, “I don’t think [Asians are] smarter than anybody else, but you’ve convinced a lot of people you are.” He went on to say, “One problem I have is keeping my Wongs straight.”
- JACL sent a letter to Comcast SportsNet when a Chicago White Sox broadcaster used the term “Oriental” in describing Cleveland pitcher Shen-Shang Lee. This was followed with conversations with the station’s general manager.
- JACL objected to AT&T U-Verse’s listing of “TVJAPH” in their cable listing guide.
- JACL protested a news segment on CNN by Jeanne Moos, a correspondent who mocked Maori dancers welcoming England’s Prince William to New Zealand. Moos likened the dance to a “cross between a Chippendales lap dance and the mating dance of an emu,” and wondered if this was a suitable welcome for a future king and queen.
- JACL condemned the actions of Chicago police in their treatment of an Asian American woman after she was handcuffed and subdue. On a security video, an officer is heard to shout at the woman that she is “not f—king American,” and threatened to “put [her] in a UPS box and send [her] back to wherever the f—k [she] came from.”
- JACL objected to the use of yellowface and stereotypes in a production of the play The Mikado in Seattle, Washington.
- JACL objected to the perpetuation of racial and gender stereotypes by Katy Perry in a geisha-styled performance on the American Music Awards.
- JACL protested a Jimmy Kimmel Live! “Kids’s Table” segment in which one child suggested “killing everyone in China” as a solution to fixing the national debt. In response ABC issued a written apology for airing the segment, and Jimmy Kimmel apologized on air, in writing and personally met with concerned citizens to apologize. The “Kid’s Table” segment was removed from all formats and edited from the show. To help prevent future incidents from occurring safeguards were put in place by ABC, including regularly meeting with community advisory committees to discuss issues of concern for the AAPI community.
Court Cases

- JACL joined an amicus curiae brief in the case of Bahlul v. United States as one of several supporting AAPI organizations. The brief, submitted in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, argues that the Military Commissions Act used to prosecute Guantanamo detainees violates equal protection because it creates a separate and inferior system of criminal justice exclusively reserved for non-citizens. It draws historical parallels to the discriminatory policies that led to the incarceration of Japanese Americans.
- JACL signed onto an amicus curiae brief in De Leon et al. v. Perry, a federal lawsuit filed in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals that challenged the ban on same-sex marriage and equivalent statutes in Texas. The lead plaintiffs, U.S. Air Force veteran Cleopatra de Leon and her partner, and an unmarried gay couple, sued Texas Governor Rick Perry in his official capacity. The amicus brief claimed the Texas Marriage Ban is constitutionally invalid as the state of Texas must respect the separation between church and state mandated by the United States Constitution. The brief further explains that the invalidation of the Texas Marriage Ban would not threaten religious liberty.

JACL/OCA D.C. Leadership Summit

JACL and Asian Pacific American Advocates (OCA) partnered for their annual leadership summit, this year themed “Standing Together for Justice.”

The JACL/OCA Leadership Summit in Washington DC is an intensive three-day civil rights and advocacy seminar that introduces emerging AAPI leaders to advocacy strategies. It also provides an opportunity for OCA and JACL members to meet members of Congress, the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), White House administration officials, government agencies, and AAPI social justice leaders in the D.C. area.

This year, twenty-three attendees from around the nation participated, attending workshops whose topics ranged from the Voting Rights Act to crafting a compelling story for advocacy purposes.
The National Youth/Student Council (NY/SC) is composed of dedicated student and young professional JACL members from each of JACL’s seven districts. The mission of the 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 happen.

With sponsorship from State Farm and Southwest Airlines, the NY/SC plans and implements several Youth Leadership Summits throughout the year, which provide educational opportunities for young people to grow their skill sets and learn about new advocacy issues. In 2014, summits were held in Chicago, IL; Clovis, CA; Washington D.C.; and San Jose, CA. Topics ranged from political/racial identity development, civic engagement, and working in the public sector.

NY/SC members:
- Nicole Gaddie (National Youth Chair)
- Michelle Yamashiro (National Youth Representative)
- Macy Elliott (CCDC Representative)
- Kristy Ishii (PSW Representative)
- Beth Uno (NCWNIP Representative)
- Michaela Ishino (IDC Representative)
- Charles Aoki (IDC Representative)
- Kota Mizutani (EDC Representative)
- Remy Hidaka (MDC Representative)
- Ryan Kenji Kuramitsu (Member at-large)
- Emi Kamemoto (Member at-large)
- Kurt Ikeda (Member at-large)

JACL conducts teacher training workshops to promote the inclusion of the Japanese American experience in classrooms, museum exhibits, and community-based programs. In 2014, through the National Park Service Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program, JACL conducted workshops in Albuquerque, Phoenix, Bellevue, and Merced.


Workshop participants included Steve Togami, Greg Marutani, Sharon Ishii-Jordan, Davis Begay, Victor Yamada (back row); Nikki Nojima Louis, Ikuko Begay, Esther Churchwell, Jennifer Yazawa (front row); and Prof. Andrew Russell of Central New Mexico Community College (not pictured). Photo credit: Greg Marutani
Campus Outreach

In an ongoing effort to reach out to young Asian Americans, JACL’s Campus Outreach Program presented workshops on Multiracial Identity at the East Coast Asian American Student Union Conference (ECAASU) at George Washington University. These outreach efforts link Asian American students to JACL youth programs.

Internships & Fellowships

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

2013-2014 interns and fellows:

- Kelly Honda (Mike M. Masaoka Fellow)
- Colette Masunaga (Mike M. Masaoka Fellow)
- Rhianna Tanaguichi (Norman Y. Mineta Fellow)
- Tara Ohrtman (Daniel K. Inouye Fellow)
- Jennifer Kao (OCA Intern)
- Theo Bickel (OCA Intern)

“Working with JACL as the Daniel K. Inouye Fellow for the past year has been an incredibly exciting opportunity for me. I have found myself in all sorts of incredible situations that I never could have imagined. Throughout my fellowship, I have not only honed and improved my abilities as a researcher, an advocate, and an event organizer, but I have also had the chance to seriously reflect on my personal and political identity as an Asian American, while surrounding myself with an amazing group of friends and colleagues.”

—Tara Ohrtman, Daniel K. Inouye Fellow

“As the Norman Y. Mineta Fellow I had the opportunity to work on various issues including voting rights, comprehensive immigration reform, as well as military and veterans affairs. The mentors, community leaders, and friends I’ve found through JACL inspire me to be a vigilant and active citizen.”

—Rhianna Taniguichi, Norman Y. Mineta Fellow

“Serving as the Mike M. Masaoka Fellow in Congressman Mike Honda’s office has been a challenging, rewarding, and life-changing experience. Through this fellowship, I have learned about the federal government and the appropriations process, and gained expertise in the Affordable Care Act and health disparities issues. Not only has this past year been empowering, but it has been inspiring.”

—Kelly Honda, Mike M. Masaoka Fellow
In 2013, JACL National awarded $62,000 in scholarships to deserving student members. Established in 1946, the program offers scholarships for college freshmen, undergraduate and graduate students, as well as scholarships for law, creative and performing arts students, and those in financial need.

JACL established a U.S.-Japan Scholarship in partnership with Meiji Gakuin University (MGU) in Tokyo, Japan, which provides for an American college student to study abroad at MGU for two years. In 2013, JACL also established a Direct Relief/JACL Scholarship of $90,000 that allows a deserving Japanese student affected by the Tohoku, Fukushima, and Dai Ichi disasters to attend MGU.

The National JACL Council established the JACL Legacy Fund in 1990 to support research and education that would help prevent repeats of injustices like the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. Approximately $5,000,000 was donated by individuals incarcerated in the camps.

In 2014, nine applicants were awarded grants for a variety of innovative projects aimed at increasing youth participation, fostering collaboration with diverse community groups, and building broader awareness of and appreciation for Japanese American contributions at the local and national level. Awards were presented at the 2014 JACL National Convention.

- Chicago Chapter: Kansha Project (an educational trip for Midwest youth to travel to Los Angeles and Manzanar).
- Mile High Chapter: The Medal of Freedom Campaign for the late Minoru Yasui.
- NCWNP District: Japanese Culture Activity Book.
- New Mexico Chapter: “Confinement in the Land of Enchantment: Japanese Americans in New Mexico during World War II (CLOE).”
- Portland Chapter: Sponsor Ten Youth to Attend 2014 JACL National Convention.
- Seattle Chapter: Develop an API Support Group for API Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered (LGBT) youth and their families.

Studies have suggested that dietary acculturation of Japanese Americans toward a Western diet may increase risk of Type 2 diabetes and heart disease. Through its nutrition program, JACL engages its membership and communities in an exploration of the correlation between traditional Japanese American diets and better health outcomes. In 2014, JACL continued to distribute thousands of nutritional fact sheets and magnets at the JACL National Convention, health fairs, and employee health programs to encourage healthier lifestyles.

JACL partnered with the University of Hawai`i to create culturally sensitive nutritional information for the Japanese American and AAPI communities to combat heart disease and Type 2 diabetes, which are among the top five leading causes of death for Asian Americans according to the Center for Disease Control. JACL also became a member of the Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Diabetes Coalition, and is working with the National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians to address issues relating to diabetes with the AANHPI communities.

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Bridging Communities

The national Bridging Communities Program brings together youth from the Japanese American, AAPI, and Muslim American communities to foster a better understanding of the consequences of intolerance and the need for strong community partnerships. The program implements educational workshops and on-site projects at Japanese American incarceration and satellite sites to help students understand the concepts of self-identity and community solidarity, while engendering greater awareness, discussion, and action in response to social justice and human rights threats. The Bridging Communities program is funded in part by a grant from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service’s Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program.

In 2014, the Seattle and Los Angeles program sites developed curriculum and service learning based in their local communities and corresponding incarceration sites. The Los Angeles program focused on cultivating youth empowerment and community activism through interfaith and cross-cultural dialogue, community learning, and individual growth. The Seattle program focused on developing a localized program to increase the long-term sustainability of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, a satellite of the Minidoka Incarceration site. The program highlighted the significance of the memorial while broadening the definition of community.

Historic Preservation

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

- JACL encouraged members to speak out and sign an online petition in opposition to the plans of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to build a 1,200-acre solar plant near Manzanar National Historic Site. The proposed solar plant which would obstruct visitors’ views of the surrounding landscape and understanding of the isolation faced by the 11,000 Japanese Americans incarcerated in Manzanar during WWII. JACL wrote a letter strongly opposing the proposal to the Inyo County Planning Department of California. JACL PSW and National attended two Inyo County Planning Commission meetings to speak out against the solar ranch site, and to consider alternative ways of generating energy. As a result the solar ranch project is currently on hold.
- JACL wrote a letter of support for preserving the historic buildings of Wintersburg Village in Huntington Beach, CA, one of the few sites that conserves the story of the early Asian American immigrant experience. Wintersburg Village contains several intact structures built and owned by Japanese Americans and has the potential to be a learning center to share the history of the Japanese American community. In 2014, Wintersburg Village was designated as one of the most endangered historic sites in the United States by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
- JACL wrote a letter in support of the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center’s grant application to fund the Tuna Canyon Detention Station (TCDS) Traveling Exhibit. The TCDS, located in Los Angeles city, detained 2,500 immigrants during WWII; approximately 1,490 were of Japanese descent. A traveling exhibit would bring the story of the TCDS to people who otherwise wouldn’t learn of it.
HIGHLIGHTS

Art of Gaman

The Art of Gaman, co-sponsored by JACL and the Smithsonian American Art Museum, returned from Japan to the United States for a final national tour. The exhibit showcases over 120 artifacts made by Japanese Americans in incarceration camps during World War II. Viewers of the exhibit are invited to consider the concept of *gaman*, a Japanese expression for “enduring the seemingly unbearable with patience and dignity.”

In 2014, *The Art of Gaman* opened in downtown Sacramento’s California Museum, where it was on display from January to May, then moved to the Bellevue Arts Museum in Washington until October. Its next stop will be at the Holocaust Museum in Houston, Texas from January to September 2015.

Immigration Scorecard

In partnership with ten Latino and Asian American organizations, including the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (NAKASEC), and Mi Familia Vota, JACL released a non-partisan, multilingual scorecard that grades all 435 members in the House of Representatives on their voting record and stances on comprehensive immigration reform. Bills that were part of the scoring criteria include: The Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act (H.R. 15); Discharge Petition to H.R. 15; and the Reuniting Families Act (H.R. 717).

Fast for Families

JACL Members across the nation fasted for comprehensive immigration reform as part of the “Fast for Families” campaign from November to December 2013. Executive Director of JACL, Priscilla Ouchida, joined fasters in their tent on the Washington D.C. Capitol Mall and fasted in solidarity. She traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio to take part in the national “Fast for Families” bus tour, which visited over 100 congressional districts and engaged constituents in a dialogue about immigration.
This year, JACL launched the Kakehashi Project: Japanese American Young Adults Invitation Program, as an international leadership development program bringing eighty-five Japanese American university students to Japan. The Kakehashi Project was established in conjunction with the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan Foundation, Japan-U.S. Educational Commission (Fulbright Japan), and Laurasian Institute. The program was established to facilitate cross-cultural understanding between Japanese Americans and Japanese, and encourage a deeper understanding of Japan. JACL coordinated three ten-day trips through Japan guided by Japan Foundation escorts.

The Kakehashi Project was a unique opportunity for participants to visit Japan and establish friendships with Japanese people. Participants were introduced to US-Japan political and economic issues, Japanese American history, and Japanese social customs through a series of webinars. In a comprehensive program that covered the Japanese economy, culture, and history, participants met with professors, business leaders, and politicians to learn about US-Japan relations. Participants socialized with students at Fukushima University, Doshisha University, and Meiji Gakuin University and discussed the future of Japan-U.S. relations, and how to break down stereotypes about Japan and the U.S.

The Kakehashi Project fostered an international perspective and created lasting relationships with the people they met. Experiencing their Japanese heritage allowed participants to explore how their multiple identities intersected and think more critically about their Japanese heritage. This successful leadership program resulted in increased community and US-Japan involvement.

“Would like to explore my ancestral roots. Growing up in an area where people of Japanese descent are few and far between, I have felt disconnected from my heritage. I hope to gain a new appreciation for my ancestral past if given the opportunity to visit Japan.”

—Hannah Orrall, MA

“What this experience shed light on was that we are more than just Americans with Japanese ancestry. We are individuals who had preserved the core values of Japan and applied them to an American setting for multiple generations. Those values lead to the valor of the WWII Japanese-American troops, to the strength of Japanese-American civil rights leaders, and to the success of my fellow travelers.”

—Elissa Ouchida, CA

“These past ten days in Japan have not only been a great opportunity to explore a gorgeous country, but create bridges everywhere we went.”

—Brandon Ishikata, CA
All Students Count

Community organizations including JACL, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), OCA, and Southeast Asian Resource Action Center (SEARAC), held an All Students Count Day of Action at the U.S. Capitol. The All Students Count Act is a bill authored and sponsored by Representative Mike Honda (D-CA17) which seeks to disaggregate data on K-12 students according to the racial and ethnic categories used in the US Census and would also collect information on gender and disability. This data collection would help identify under-resourced groups that are often masked by current data collection methods that use broad racial categories, a problem that especially affects Asian American communities.

The All Students Count Day of Action highlighted the diversity of the United States and how AAPIs do not fit the overly simplistic and outdated racial categories used by the US Department of Education. The Day of Action also served as an opportunity to encourage conversation around how better data collection and reporting can help improve educational outcomes for all students.

Day of Remembrance

JACL, the Smithsonian, and the D.C. chapter of JACL hosted a reception marking the return of the Congressional Gold Medal recognizing WWII Japanese American veterans to the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. They also hosted a staging and discussion of an excerpt from Jeanne Sakata’s acclaimed one-man play, Hold These Truths, about Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient Gordon Hirabayashi. The public event was produced in collaboration with the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) and the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History.

AAPI Heritage Month

JACL celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with its “Marching Forward 2014” reception, sponsored by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) and hosted at their headquarters. Focused on activism surrounding the Voting Rights Act (VRA) in the 1960s and today, the event honored Todd Endo, one of the few Asian Americans who participated in the pivotal Selma marches that helped lead to the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965.
To celebrate the appointment of Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr. as the commander of the United States Pacific Fleet, JACL hosted a dinner, *E Komo Mai* (Hawaiian for “Welcome”) at the Japanese Cultural Center in Honolulu, Hawai`i. Admiral Harris is the highest-ranking Japanese American in the U.S. Military and oversees 100 million square miles of the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

Admiral Harris credited JACL and its members with paving the way culturally and politically for Japanese American leaders like himself. He said the movie “Go For Broke,” which features the Japanese Americans who served in WWII, inspired pride in both his Japanese heritage and professional career.

Partner organizations included the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai`i, Go for Broke National Education Center, 442nd Veterans Club, 100th Infantry Battalion World War II Veterans Club, Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai`i, National Veterans Network, MIS Veterans Club, and the JACL Honolulu Chapter.

The 2014 JACL National Convention “We Are America” was held July 9th-13th in San Jose, California. The theme “We Are America” reflects the diversity within the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community and the focus on raising awareness about diversity and inclusion as an integral part of the fabric of American society.

Highlights of the 2014 convention included a special reading of the play, “Valley of the Heart,” and a concert by fusion jazz ensemble Hiroshima. Nine workshops were held featuring a wide range of topics from mixed identity; uncovering Nikkei family history; and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) justice. The 2014 National Convention concluded with the annual San Jose Obon Festival, in which JACL members joined with over 2,000 dancers from the Bay Area community in the largest bon odori (Japanese folk dancing) in the country.

The JACL National Youth/Student Council actively encouraged and provided financial support for youth from across the nation to attend the convention, and held separate youth-specific activities, including a youth plenary during convention to encourage networking and participation.
SCHOLARSHIPS
2013 RECIPIENTS

**Freshman Scholarships**

Kota Mizutani, Sonoma County
Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Kayla Watanabe, Mt. Olympus
Paul & Katherine Ohtaki Memorial Scholarship

Kristi M. Fukunaga, Portland
Paul & Katherine Ohtaki Memorial Scholarship

Allison C. Yamamoto, Sacramento
Mr. & Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi Scholarship

Elise Mori, Mt. Olympus
Kyutaro & Yasuo Abiko Memorial Scholarship

Laura M. Suzuki, Portland
Patricia & Gail Ishimoto Memorial Scholarship

Alex Kenichi Sakata, Stockton
Hanayagi Rokumie Memorial Cultural Scholarship

Marisa L. Kataoka, Washington, DC
Kenji Kasai Memorial Scholarship

Eric Phung, Berkeley
Shigeki “Shake” Ushio Memorial Scholarship

Mali M. McGuire, Berkeley
Mas & Majiu Uyesugi Memorial Scholarship

David Y. Satoda Jr., San Diego
Sam & Florice Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

**Undergraduate Scholarships**

Allison Minami, Salinas Valley JACL
Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Lindsey Sugimoto, South Bay
Shigeru Nakahira Memorial Scholarship

Trenton Yamashita, Wasatch Front North
Alice Yuriro Endo Memorial Scholarship

Kelly Uchima, Chicago
Saburo Kido Memorial Scholarship

Kristen Yang, Chicago
Railroad & Mineworkers Memorial Scholarship

**Graduate Scholarships**

Suzuho Shimasaki, Mile High
Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Christina Au Lee, San Fernando Valley
Kenji Kajiwara Memorial Scholarship

Jean-Paul deGuzman, San Fernando Valley
Minoru Yasui Memorial Scholarship

Christine Munteanu, Chicago
Rev. H. John Yamashita Memorial Scholarship

Adam Kuranishi, Southeast
Magoichi & Shizuko Kato Memorial Scholarship

Kenji Fujitani, New York
Chiyo & Thomas Shimazaki Memorial Scholarship

**Law Scholarships**

Tiffany Ikeda, Chicago
Grace Andow Memorial Scholarship

**Performing Arts Scholarship**

Nina Coomes, Chicago
Aiko Susanna Tashiro Hiratsuka Memorial Performing Arts Scholarship

**Creative Arts Scholarship**

Casey Bonath, Mile High
Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Creative Arts Scholarship
## JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
At August 31, 2014
(UNAUDITED)

### ASSETS

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<td><strong>Total current assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$452,505</strong></td>
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<td>Property and equipment, net</td>
<td>210,857</td>
<td>176,432</td>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents held for long-term purposes</td>
<td>512,783</td>
<td>880,288</td>
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<td>Long-term investments</td>
<td>11,085,900</td>
<td>10,478,042</td>
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<td><strong>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</strong></td>
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<td>Accounts payable and other accrued expenses</td>
<td>$92,900</td>
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<td>Deferred revenues</td>
<td>58,473</td>
<td>63,316</td>
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<td>Current portion of accumulated postretirement benefit obligation</td>
<td>21,631</td>
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<td><strong>173,004</strong></td>
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<td>Undesignated</td>
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<td>Temporarily restricted</td>
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<td>Permanently restricted</td>
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<td><strong>Total net assets</strong></td>
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