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Co-President's Message

By Josh Kaizuka

First off, I hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy. These last few months have been a challenging time for all of us. Our daily normal has been turned upside down and it is unclear when we will get back to normal. What we use to take for granted like eating out, meeting friends and family, going to the movies, exercising, and even shopping have all been affected.

On our end, the Florin JACL-SV board is still working and keeping up with our monthly board meetings virtually. Due to the coronavirus, we have had to postpone or cancel our yearly events such as our Florin Manzanar Pilgrimage, Women's Forum, and Obon Workshop. We also had to cancel the Ice Cream Social, but we were able to have the Scholarship Awards via Zoom – more on that inside the newsletter.



Although there have been major disruptions in our daily lives, children and families are still in detention centers, bans on immigrants continues to expand, racist attacks are on the rise, systemic racism continues. Some of us have organized and participated in some COVID-safe rallies as well as panel discussions and events via Zoom since the pandemic started because the fight for civil rights can't rest because of a pandemic. In fact, the pandemic is being weaponized by some to further spread division. Just in California, there have been over 800 reported attacks on Asians in the community due to racism related to the Administration's racist labels used relating to COVID-19.

It is in these times of crisis that we really learn the true character of the social experiment started in 1776.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Great words, but those words were written by people who had slaves, slaughtered and displaced Native Americans while taking their children away "re-educating" them. Chinese and Japanese immigrants were not treated equal, and as the expansion continued west expansion Hispanics and Latinos were also not treated equal.

However, there has been progress over the history of this country, but it hasn't come without a fight. Harriet Tubman escaped slavery and fought against slavery in her own way by rescuing about 70 slaves using the Underground Railroad. Those wanting to protect their way of living with slavery rebelled against their country resulting in a civil war. **(CONTIUNES ON PAGE 3)**

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(FROM PAGE 2) While slavery was abolished, the promise of “40 acres and a mule” for each former slave was never realized because President Andrew Jackson rescinded the agreement and gave the land back to confederate soldiers who fought against the United States. Then, Jim Crow laws were rampant in the south and the US Supreme Court developed the “separate but equal” fiction. Unequal treatment continued not only for the Blacks, but for all minorities in this country.

We know from our own community history that Asians were discriminated against. There were the immigration bans against Asians, the inability for Asian immigrants to become citizens and own land, blatantly racist laws applied to Chinese and Japanese immigrants, and of course the incarceration of 120,000 men, women and children during WWII. Back during WWII, there weren't many voices speaking out or fighting for our community as they were led to concentration camps.

In 1954 with the *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling, “separate but equal” started to crumble with desegregation of schools. The following year, when Rosa Parks refused to sit at the back of the bus and was arrested, it really started the civil rights movement especially when the Supreme Court ruled that segregated seating was unconstitutional. With the Civil Rights Act of 1957 that finally prevented southern states from making it difficult for Blacks to vote, things were moving forward leading to marches led by Dr. Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The fight for equality not only helped the Black community, it helped all minority communities including Japanese Americans.

In *Loving v. Virginia* decided in 1967, the Supreme Court ruled that laws banning interracial marriage violated the Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses. While the case involved a White man and Black woman who were arrested and sentenced to a year in jail for getting married, it applied to Japanese Americans as well. When the decision came down, 17 states still have laws banning mixed marriages. California had repealed its anti-miscegenation law in 1948.

While these were great accomplishments, there is much more that needs to be done. Systemic racism, inherent biases, and much more needs to be addressed.

With the shooting deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Abernathy, and other Black Americans in recent months, issues dealing with systemic racism which has been affecting the Black community for centuries, have been brought to the forefront. A national recognition is developing with some changes coming very fast which could not have been imagined a year ago. You may have noticed if you participated in the Tsuru Rising! Virtual events in June, a major refocus was made to include education and support for the Black Lives Matter movement.

A few weeks ago, we sent a letter to the Mayor and City Attorney of Sacramento letting them know that they should not file criminal charges for violating a city curfew ordinance against peaceful protestors exercising their right to free speech. Just as in the civil rights movement, change does not always happen without prolonged and widespread protests and these protests are resulting in immediate changes not seen before. **(CONTINUES ON PAGE 4)**

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(FROM PAGE 3) Throughout the nation, there are actual changes happening. Police officers are starting to be held accountable, fired from their position and charged with crimes. Bans of chokeholds being instituted, symbols of slavery being removed, sports leagues coming to terms with its own complicity and now making changes.

Perhaps Colorado is leading the way with one of the most comprehensive police reform laws which will ban choke and carotid control holds, place limits when police can shoot a fleeing person, require officers to intervene when other officers are using excessive force or face criminal charges, require all officers to use body cameras, and individual officers would be held personally liable for civil rights violations.

In Sacramento, we supported changes to police oversight in Sacramento since the shooting deaths of Adriene Ludd, Dazion Flenaugh, and Joseph Mann back in 2015. Maybe the time is now to actually get changes finally made and abolish the old system.

JACL supported HR40 – Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans and continues to do so today.

There is much more that needs to be done to protect and support our brothers and sisters who are victims of racism. We will continue to speak out and work with others to end the deplorable concentration camps imprisoning children and their families, support the Black community to demand changes, and continue our mission to promote civil rights, social justice, and cultural heritage for all.

We cannot stay silent and do nothing when we see something wrong. We can all do something because silence is complicity. Wrongs don't right themselves unless people of conscience speak out and take action.

Stay safe and healthy!

Japanese & Asian Americans for Black Lives *Will You Stand Up For Justice?*

By Andy Noguchi, Florin JACL-SV Co-President

Outraging many Sacramentans in 2016, police fatally shot mentally ill African American Joseph Mann 14 times as he carried a four-inch knife. The City of Sacramento paid the family \$719,000 in a settlement and made some reforms. Shocking America's conscience today, the unjustified killings of George Floyd, Breanna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and so many others continue. When will the injustice end? Will you stand up with Japanese, Asian, and other Americans for Black Lives? **(CONTINUES ON PAGE 5)**



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The Brutal Murder of George Floyd and Other African Americans

(FROM PAGE 4) On May 25, 2020, a white Minneapolis police officer, Derek Chauvin, choked to death handcuffed African American George Floyd. Chauvin knelt on his neck for over 8 minutes while Floyd pleaded “I can’t breathe.” Three other officers, including Asian American Thou Tao, restrained Floyd and the crowd that videotaped the killing.

This and other unjustified killings set off a firestorm of massive protests across the country calling for Black racial justice and police accountability.

Systemic Racism and Implicit Bias

Unfortunately, systemic racism and implicit bias permeate law enforcement in our country, just as it does in other spheres of life whether it is education, housing, employment, or health care.

Disturbingly, Blacks are disproportionately the victims of police shootings according to a Washington Post study in 2016. Though 13% of the population, they are 25% of the victims of police shootings. The California Department of Justice from 2005-2014 says Blacks make up 6% of the population yet 17% of the arrests. Blacks also face disproportionate traffic stops by police. In a 2014 study, a San Diego Police showed that even though Blacks comprise about 6% of the drivers, they made up over 11% of the traffic stops and over 23% of the vehicle searches.

Implicit biases also play a large part in the disparity. Like all individuals, we carry our own stereotypes and biases with us wherever we go. Those in law enforcement are no different. In February 2015, FBI Director James Comey stated that “[m]any people in our white-majority culture have unconscious racial biases and react differently to a white face than a black face.” In recent years, many police agencies have taken up Implicit Bias Training in their departments.

Asians for Black Lives

Many Asian Americans are recognizing this problem and speaking out. The Florin JACL Board of Directors agrees that Black Lives Matter and calls for Japanese and Asian Americans to stand up for justice. From working on police reform in the 2016 Joseph Mann case we’ve learned about the tragedies, biases, and injustices in the law enforcement system endangering all of us. Many Florin JACL members have proudly joined in protests, rallies, and educational forums.

Issues, Problems, and Possible Solutions

The Florin JACL recognizes that:

1. Historical and systemic racism and implicit bias against Blacks exists in law enforcement, just as in other spheres of American life. **(CONTINUES ON PAGE 6)**

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2. Law enforcement needs major reform with accountability, transparency, independent community oversight, just police polices, training/guidance, and other steps.
3. Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans have also faced systemic racism from the government and law enforcement throughout our history. For decades Asians faced racist laws for immigration, citizenship, owning land, and even freely marrying. 120,000 Japanese Americans were forced to endure America's WWII concentration camps. Prison guards also shot and killed seven innocent Japanese Americans who protested or wandered outside the barbed wire fences.
4. Asians have also been used as a "model minority" wedge against others - to keep Blacks and other people of color down, stifle Asian advancement, and divide communities.
5. Asians have also greatly benefited from the pioneering civil rights efforts and solidarity of African Americans. African Americans helped tear down the race-based immigration laws that kept Asians out of the U.S., housing laws barring people of color, and barriers to higher education overcome by affirmative action. Their efforts have opened up opportunities for all Americans.

African Americans were also some of the staunchest supporters of Japanese American redress. In 1982, Congressman Mervyn Dymally of California introduced one of the first redress bills. Many African Americans including NAACP Chapters like Sacramento's actively joined in redress efforts like the Time of Remembrance.

6. Asians also need to take a clear stand by denouncing the unjust complicity of Asian Americans, including that of Minneapolis officer Thou Thao in the death of George Floyd.
7. Japanese, Asian, and all Americans should actively support Black rights, build unity, and justice for all.

Join Us!

The Florin JACL will continue its support for justice and for Black Lives. If you would like to join this effort, please contact us via email at FlorinJACL@outlook.com. Thank you.

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Japanese Americans and Black Lives

By Mia Yamamoto

My first friend, when I started high school, was my locker partner, Columbus McAlpin, the first Black person I ever met. We were opposites. He was an all-star athlete, super smart and a leader. I was terrible at sports and school, and even more inept with people, but he let me hang around with him. He took me with him to his family's store, and even invited me to his home for dinner with his family. I was astonished at how identical their family was to ours, how their mother talked to her kids, the way they addressed each other, and even how the boys picked on their sister. They were just another Catholic family.

Columbus and his brother, Leonard, taught me so much about their community. I got an early education in Black history and politics. We used to ride around in Leonard's car, but he never drove into certain cities after dark. We would still get pulled over by the police for nothing, get ordered out of the car, and directed to lean against the wall, so they could search us. The cops would look at me and ask me what I'm doing with "these people". I said they're my friends. He said, "If you're going to run with them, we're going to treat you just like them."

I watched the cops beat up kids for talking back to them, and, especially, for running. We always ran from the cops. We expected to get beat up if they caught us, but we knew we would get roused if we didn't run. Life was not like this when I hung around with Japanese American kids.

Because I was born in camp, I knew something about being mistreated because of my race, and it helped me to bond with Columbus and the friends I met through him. It seemed like White people didn't like Japanese people, but their dislike for Black people was way worse.

My dad was a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, my mom explained, because we're colored people. My dad was a lawyer, so he belonged to many groups. Both my parents were lifelong members of the JACL. My dad even ran for national president, but he was defeated by a camp collaborator, whom we later learned was a government informant. My dad was not a favorite of the JACL while we were in camp. He spoke out on behalf of the *Issei* elders, whose voices were being silenced. He protested the camps, circulated petitions, filed lawsuits (aided by the ACLU), and refused to collaborate with our captors. For his resistance, he was labeled "disloyal". But, despite his mistreatment, he maintained his membership in the JACL to the day he died. **(CONTINUES ON PAGE 8)**



Mia Yamamoto with Dr. Melina Abdullah
Co-Founder Los Angeles Black Lives
Matter

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(FROM PAGE 7) The Civil Rights Movement brought about *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954) which revolutionized education, and paved the way, not just for the advancement of Black people, but for all previously-excluded communities. My dad died in 1957, but he lived long enough to see this decision become law. My dad understood how the struggles of the Japanese Americans were tied to the struggles of Black America, and he was rightfully proud of the Legal Defense and Education Fund of the NAACP which achieved this victory.

At critical points in important campaigns, I have sought out and gotten the support of the Black community. When we founded the UCLA Asian Pacific Island Law Student Association in 1969, it was because of the militant insistence of the Black Law Students Association as well as the La Raza Law Students. When we formed the Multi-Cultural Bar Alliance, in 1991, it was in response to the killing of a 16-year-old African American girl by a Korean American immigrant shopkeeper. We started as a Black and Korean bar alliance. Today, we are 25 minority, women's and LGBT bar associations. We learned how to be more successful by campaigning together, and, over the past 30 years, our leadership has been primarily African American. Moreover, we have continued with our original ideals of Affirmative Action, Justice for Immigrants, and Equality for LGBT people.

The Civil Rights Movement, led by the struggle for Black liberation has been the driving force leading to the gains which have put all our communities where they are today. That includes Japanese Americans and many others, as including the LGBT community.

I went through gender transition in 2003, so I've always witnessed the world through intersectional prisms of race, sexual orientation, and gender identity. I have seen the violence directed at my LGBT brothers and sisters, and seen how little anyone cares. Black transgender women are murdered regularly, their faces on the back page of the newspaper, with their names and pronouns wrongly reported, joining the legions of transgender people who are disrespected in death, their identities erased by the families who originally threw them away. Being hated because of my race was a perfect prelude to being hated because of my gender identity.

It is because people care so little, about those whom they despise, that this cause matters so much. It is because the struggle for Black liberation continues, along with the struggle for the rights of LGBT people. And because it's really just one struggle, the struggle for human rights. And, right now, it's Black lives that need defending.

Black Lives Matter was born out of injustice, borne of the violence inflicted, by the government, against Black people. They raise a ruckus because that's the only way change comes about. Black people are profiled, unlawfully detained, brutalized and all too often killed by the police. I work in the courts and the jails, and the mass incarceration of Black and Brown people is vividly evident everywhere in the criminal justice system.

Race matters. Racism is a sickness spreading throughout America, led by a racist president, and executed by police departments which are riddled with racists. The death toll continues, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and Elijah McClain, you have heard the names of the many, many others, and the toll continues, almost daily. **(CONTINUES ON PAGE 9)**

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(FROM PAGE 8) So, it's a joyful sound to hear the many voices chanting, and to see so many marching, under the banner of Black Lives Matter. My hope is that this energy leads to more awareness and a wider devotion to the cause. It's time to seize this moment, separate the bandwagon jumpers from the truly committed, and come together. We know, because we are Japanese Americans, what racism can do. I grew up feeling like something must be wrong with us because they put us in camps. And our country dropped atomic bombs on the country of our ancestors, but not on anyone else, not ever. Feeling stigmatized and targeted is something we have in common with Black Americans as well as so many other minority communities.

And yet, I still witness anti-Black racism in our communities and in our families. I witness it everywhere. I witness it in myself. Like everyone else, I am immersed in our media and culture. And I am confronted every day with the struggle against these damaging images and attitudes, which are so prevalent and so ingrained. It is an ongoing process, to identify and, hopefully, neutralize, implicit bias, unconsciously harming lives around us. It's an ongoing challenge.

If Martin Luther King was alive today, he would be marching with Black Lives Matter, blocking intersections and freeways, and going to jail with them. Black Lives Matter is the modern-day manifestation of the Civil Rights Movement, and it's where we've always needed to be, not only because we owe a great debt to the warriors who preceded us, but because the struggle for Black liberation has to be our struggle. Our Japanese American legacy makes their fight our fight. When we have seen the ugly face of racism, and lived through its evils, how can we turn away from the suffering inflicted by our common enemy? Together, we can forge an ironclad alliance against anti-Black racism, build a coalition against fascism and White Supremacy, and hold a place for Japanese American participation and involvement in the Civil Rights Movement.

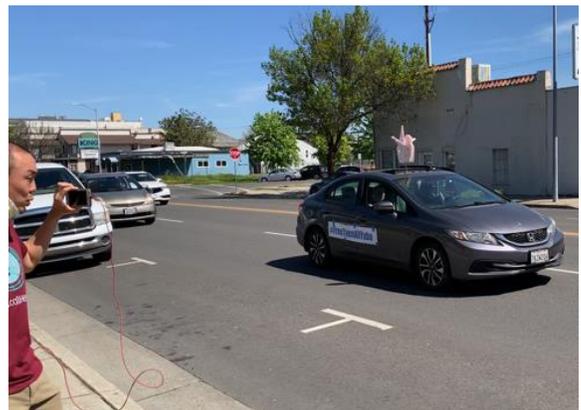
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Still Going Strong with Tsuru for Solidarity!

By Josh Kaizuka

It seems so long ago, but it was only February when we had the Northern California Time of Remembrance and a fold-in.

Even after the pandemic started and shelter at home orders were placed, we helped organize a car rally at the ICE Detention Facility in Yuba County which actually turned out pretty good with about 50 cars coming out. As Satsuki Ina with Tsuru for Solidarity said, "the last place you want to be in a global pandemic is a U.S. concentration camp." Cars with signs demanding that the ICE contract be canceled and to shut down detention centers were displayed on the cars. **(CONTINUES ON PAGE 10)**



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(FROM PAGE 9) While the police stopped a couple cars and threatened to cite them for honking horns, no one received any citations. The rally was livestreamed and people who could not attend, posted pictures with signs on various social media platforms with hashtags like #FreeThemAllYuba and #FlattenIce.

As an update, there used to be about 160-180 people being detained at the Yuba Ice Detention Center, but thanks to publicity and lawsuits by the San Francisco Public Defenders Office, ACLU and others, the number of detainees has dropped to less than 50.

On the weekend of June 6-7, Tsuru for Solidarity had a virtual protest and, on the ground, regional rallies across the country. The in-person events were much smaller to keep it COVID-safe.

Some of our members like Christine Umeda and Kishwer Vikaas helped moderate or facilitate Zoom sessions. I helped organize and help at the on the ground Tanforan rally where over a hundred people turned out to demand that the US concentration camps be shut down and also to support the Black Lives Matter movement. The rally started with a small group of former incarcerated walking to the Tanforan Assembly Center memorial plaque with Reverend Kobata with the Buddhist Church of San Francisco who conducted a ceremony to honor those who were imprisoned there and those who died there. The group then met up with the main group at a park nearby where Bakuhatsu Taiko Dan from UC Davis started things off.



A surprising moment came as Kiyoshi Ina talked about how he was at Tanforan in 1942 “in my mother’s womb, she was 2 months pregnant with me” and he got emotional as he talked about how his father and mother were forced into the horse stalls and while other expecting mothers miscarried, his mother remained strong and the government was not going to take her child away. Ina talked about how African Americans were originally brought into this country as slaves. Other people of color were welcome when there was a need for manual labor but when the need went away, shut

out. Ina continued that “throughout history, people of color suffered from the white man....wake up America we can’t exist like this” and in what can only be described as a Superman moment, he started taking his Tsuru for Solidarity shirt off as attendees appeared stunned at what was happening. **(CONTINUES ON PAGE 11)**

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(FROM PAGE 10) Turned out that he had a Black Lives Matter super-shirt on underneath with support for groups including trans, queer, immigrants, disabled, and incarcerated people.

The rally ended with everyone getting into their cars adorned with signs, some with tsuru on their cars and circling the Tanforan Mall honking their horns.

So a quick update on the tsuru count, it is up to 213,277! The goal is 525,000. We have over 15,000 tsuru in our area with more coming to send to Tsuru for Solidarity once their receiving sites open back up so stay tuned!



Finally, Tsuru for Solidarity will start a four-session virtual event called Tsuru Rising! Community Conversations with the first session starting on July 25 at 10am PDT. The first session's topic will be Japanese American Identity and Intergenerational Trauma which will include a conversation with Dr. Donna Nagata, psychologist and scholar, and Dr. Satuski Ina, co-organizer for Tsuru for Solidarity, moderated by Brian Niiya, Content Director, Densho. Go to tsuruforsolidarity.org and click on "Tsuru Rising: Community Conversations."

2020 Florin Chapter - Sacramento Valley JACL Scholarship Recipients

By Ruth Seo

With the stay at home orders in effect in May, the Florin-Sacramento Valley JACL was unable to hold an in-person Ice Cream Social and Scholarship Awards.

Instead, the chapter's JACL scholarship presentation to five 2020 graduates took place via Zoom. Each applicant was judged on academic and scholastic achievements, extracurricular activities, leadership positions, Japanese cultural activities, community service, JACL involvement in the written application, a letter of recommendation, and a personal interview.

The 2020 scholarship recipients include four high school graduates and one undergraduate college student. The outstanding group of awardees, their families and friends, as well as other Florin members met on Zoom for the virtual check and award certificate presentations. All of the awardees gave a great virtual acceptance speech as well! **(CONTINUES ON PAGE 12)**

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(FROM PAGE 11) Below are the awesome awardees and a bit about them. If you want to see the virtual presentation, you can see it on our Facebook at <https://bit.ly/2NGxym1>

Ayanna Boben earned an AA in Interdisciplinary Studies and Social and Behavioral Sciences from Sacramento City College where she placed on the Presidents' Highest Honor Roll list, and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society based on her scholarship, leadership, and service. She served on the Student Disciplinary Board, was secretary of the Pre-Law Club, and worked at the Learning



Resource Center Library. Aya volunteered at the Shriner's Hospital and assisted at the Kongosan Eigenji Tendaisyu temple where she pursued Buddhist studies. She became an active member in the Florin JACL when she moved to Sacramento from Cincinnati, Ohio upon high school graduation in 2017. She has helped with the Nikkei Dogs Scholarship and Youth Fundraiser, Mochi Madness, Installation Luncheon, and the Manzanar Pilgrimage. She also served as Civil Rights Chair of the Florin JACL's Next Generation Board. Ayanna Boben will pursue a Bachelor's degree at California State University, Chico.

Kayla Itagaki graduated from Inderkum High School in the Natomas Unified School District. Kayla achieved many district awards for academics, technology, and visual and performing arts. She was awarded the Tiger Pride platinum award and Principal's Recognition Award. She played varsity volleyball, and served in leadership positions for the College/Career Leadership team and Inderkum Athletes Committed. Kayla attended Jan Ken Po Gakko Japanese Cultural program as a student and teacher assistant for nine years. An active Girl Scout of Troop 569 associated with the Sacramento Buddhist Church, she earned her Bronze and Silver Awards. She also served as secretary and president of the Jr. Young Buddhist Association. Her volunteer activities include helping at My Sister's House. Kayla will attend Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo Honors Program majoring in Graphic Communications.

Emily Maseba graduated from Cosumnes Oaks High School in the Elk Grove School District. Emily earned Academic Accolades and Honor Roll status all four years, and Scholar/Athlete Awards for Basketball and Golf. She earned a spot in the top 9% of her senior class. She served in various positions on the school Student Leadership team, Art Committee, Women's Engineering Club, and Spirit Crew. Emily played on the Sacramento Warlords Women's Basketball team from 2014-18 and served as a board member and Co-President of the Strive for Strength organization. She was a Dharma School teacher assistant at the Sacramento Buddhist Church and also participated as a member and historian of the Jr. Young Buddhist Association. Emily will attend a local community college. **(CONTINUES ON PAGE 13)**

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(FROM PAGE 12) Paris Medina graduated from the C.K. McClatchy High School in the Sacramento City Unified School District and the school's Humanities and International Studies Program. Paris participated in a variety of organizations including Key Club, Japanese Club, and Student Government. She created and continued to update the ASB website throughout her years at McClatchy and helped with Middle School Outreach, the Back to School Dance, the Canned Food Drive, and the Renaissance Rally. She volunteered at the Sacramento Food Bank, the Land Park Volunteer Corps, the Sacramento Buddhist Church, and served as a Student Poll Worker. Paris was an active Girl Scout from 2008-2020, assisted with a young troop, and earned her Bronze and Silver Awards. She also earned the Seal of Biliteracy and the Gold Medal on the National Exam for her competency in Japanese. She will attend the University of New Mexico to study Aerospace Engineering.

Tyler Takaha graduated from J.F. Kennedy High School in the Sacramento City Unified School District. Tyler earned a Certificate of Academic Excellence during all four years of attendance and was a member of the California Scholarship Federation. He was a member of the Key Club and the Track team where he was awarded Most Valuable Distance Runner in 2017. He played for the Greenhaven Soccer Club from elementary through high school. Active at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, Tyler participated in the basketball program from his youth through senior year, with the Jr. Young Buddhist Association, and as a Dharma School teacher assistant. He was also active with the Sacramento Barons Basketball program as a player and youth coach and with the Baron Jamborees. He participated in Teens Create Dreams from 2016-2019. Tyler was awarded a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Representative Doris Matsui in 2019. He will attend California State University, San Jose to study Accounting Information Systems.

Congratulations to our 2020 Florin JACL-SV Scholarship awardees!!!



SUMMER STARS OVER SACRAMENTO



Summer is here, and we are all facing stay-at-home orders and heat. How about a way to keep your cool? The Florin JACL-SV is offering a drive-by bag of activities to help you celebrate the end of summer.



Tanabata, the Star Festival, is the summer celebration that heralds the end of summer with good wishes and happy expectations. Tanabata is based on the myth of two stars who meet once a year and bring with them best wishes

Your bag will include the story of Tanabata, a map of the real stars in the sky, cool recipes, and more!

ORDER FORM

This offer is limited to the first 30 people who sign up and send in their payment. First come, first served. Each bag is \$10. Drive by pick up on Friday, August 7th in front of Parkview Church, 727 T St. Sacramento from 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

Yes, I want _____ bag(s) at \$10 each

Name _____ phone # _____ email _____

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