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Scholarship Banquet

2010 High School Graduates Honored by JACL

The Twin Cities JACL's 47th Annual Scholarship Awards Program was held on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at The Chateau in Medicine Lake.

The evening began with dinner followed by greetings and introductions by JACL board representative, Matthew Farrells, who also shared his experiences in JACL with the graduates. Fred Tsuchiya acted as the evening's Master of Ceremonies.

Scholarship awards totaled \$9,000.00. The following scholarships were awarded:

Laura Cosmos Ramstad, Cannon Falls High School – Tom Ohno Memorial Scholarship

Joel B. Morehouse, Buffalo High School – Dr. George Hayano Memorial Scholarship

Anne Maruyama Walli, St. Paul Academy – Tom and Martha Oye Memorial Scholarship

Leila Lari, Apple Valley High School – Kimi Hara Memorial Scholarship

Lauren Halberg, Chaska Senior High School – Susan Matsumoto Memorial Scholarship

Madeline Thompkins, Holy Family Catholic – Dr. Norman Kushino and Kay Kushino Memorial Scholarship

Tom Edwards, Lakeville North High School – Earl K. and Ruth Tanbara Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations and best wishes to the 2010 graduates!



Graduates from left to right: Joel Morehouse, Tom Edwards, Lauren Halberg, Madeline Thompkins, Anne Walli, Leila Lari

If you know of any 2011 high school graduates, please contact Pam Dagoberg at 763-557-2946 or dagob001@tc.umn.edu. Local scholarship applications will be sent in January. JACL membership is required of scholarship applicants. Some of the known 2011 high school graduates are: Luke Anderson (Bloomington Jefferson High School), Cameron Asao (Chaska High School), Chloe Edwards (Bloomington Jefferson High School), Yasuhiro Guterrez (Bloomington Jefferson High School), Stephanie Hohbein (Wayzata High School), Nick Honda (Mounds Park Academy), Charles Kirihara (Bloomington Jefferson High School), Elizabeth Krantz (Eden Prairie High School), Tyler Satoh (Edina High School), Nilco Sencer-Mura (South High School), Louise Suzukamo (Mounds Park Academy), TJ Wesley (Eden Prairie High School)

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JAVM Memorial Service

Japanese American Veterans of Minnesota Memorial Service

The Japanese American Veterans of Minnesota (JAVM) held its annual memorial service on May 24. Veterans, family members and friends gathered at Fort Snelling National Cemetery to give tribute to those who served their country. JAVM president Edwin (Bud) Nakasone, who trained at Fort Snelling Military Intelligence Service Language School during World War II, gave introductory remarks, followed by an invocation by U.S. Army Chaplain (Major) Robert Burmeister.

Keynote speaker, Twin Cities JAACL board member Dan Motoyoshi, reflected that, “today we are celebrating more than just Memorial Day. Today is set aside to honor a special group of heroes, the Japanese American Veterans.” He acknowledged their courage, integrity and determination in the face of challenges and obstacles. “Not only do we owe veterans for the freedoms that we enjoy as Americans, but we also owe Japanese Americans for the civil liberties that we experience. If they hadn’t taken a stand, and done the right thing, who would have?”

After a moment of silence to honor deceased JA veterans, and an honor roll call of 56 names was read by Bud Nakasone and John Takekawa.

Sam Honda, JAVM vice president and event chair, coordinated the decoration of the veterans' gravesites with flowers after the service. "Our first memorial service was in 1998," Honda remarked, "and we are fortunate to have the help from the Fort Snelling National Cemetery staff." JAVM secretary, Kathy Ohama Koch, has maintained the list of local JA veterans, primarily from the World War II era, since the organization was formed in 1991.



*Keynote speaker
Dan Motoyoshi*



Chaplain Major Robert Burmeister
and Edwin (Bud) Nakasone

