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### **Announcing the Teri and Art Iwasaki Scholarship Recipients**

In 2008, the Iwasaki family (of Oregon) contacted JA Living Legacy in hopes of setting up a scholarship fund in honor of their parents, Arthur and his late wife, Teri Iwasaki. In working with JA Living Legacy to establish this scholarship, the Iwasaki family commemorates the lives of Art and Teri while also acknowledging the ongoing need to preserve the history of our Nikkei community. Art Iwasaki is a member of I Company, 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team. His children, Robert, Stephanie, Christie, Paul and Leslie, created the “Teri and Art Iwasaki Scholarship” to offset the rising costs of education.

Competition was tough among the applicants. All applicants had their own strengths. It was difficult to choose one recipient. "This was a fun project for our organization," says Chairperson and President, Natalia Yamashiro. "The committee had to draft standards and work out some of the kinks for judging the applicants."



Our first Teri and Art Iwasaki Scholarship Recipient for 2009 is Ms. Kara Yoshihara. Ms. Yoshihara is from Pasadena, California where she has lived since she was four years old. She is the granddaughter of Taro Yoshihara who enlisted to serve with the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team out of Heart Mountain. Ms. Yoshihara has been accepted into the University of California, Santa Barbara and will begin her studies in Fall, 2009. Ms. Yoshihara is an avid athlete and has participated in golf and basketball, where she was on the varsity team all four years. Her scholastic involvement includes: Commissioner of Athletics in the SPSHS Associated Student Body, Musical Hearts Club and Speech and Debate. Ms. Yoshihara epitomizes the overall goals of community service, academic achievement and is a living

legacy of our community. Her scholarship includes a certificate and a \$2000 check provided by the Iwasaki family.



Due to the overwhelming competition, we instituted an Iwasaki honorable mention to Ms. Sasha Paape of Portland, Oregon. Ms. Sasha Ann Tsuneyoshi Paape is a 4th generation Japanese American who grew up in Hawaii and currently lives in Corvallis, Oregon where she graduated from Crescent Valley High School in June 2009. Ms. Paape will begin her studies at Oregon State as a Psychology major. Ms. Paape will be awarded a certificate and a \$500 check provided by Japanese American Living Legacy.

The Teri and Art Iwasaki scholarship will be available next year in 2010. Application information will be available on the website beginning January 2010. Graduating high school students with a relationship to a Nisei World War II Veteran are encouraged to apply.

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