

JASC

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS & OPEN HOUSE



PROGRAM

Monday, June 27, 2022

Welcome

7:00 pm

Michael Takada, CEO, Japanese American Service Committee

Presentation of Scholarships

Ryan Chiou - *John (Jun) Iwaoka Scholarship*

Jayde Renee Cana Blanca - *Taketo (Tak) Tomiyama Scholarship*

JASC Year in Review

Closing Remarks

About JASC Scholarships

John (Jun) Iwaoka Scholarship

Born in Santa Rosa, California, John (Jun) Iwaoka spent part of his childhood in Japan, but completed his schooling in the United States. At the outbreak of World War II, John and his family were evacuated to Heart Mountain Relocation Center in Wyoming, and after a time, they came to live in Chicago. Although John did not have a formal education beyond high school, he was self-taught in many areas. He took pride in being an accomplished carpenter and in doing things well with integrity. To empower future generations of Japanese Americans to follow their dreams, John Iwaoka established a trust fund to support community scholarships.

Taketo (Tak) Tomiyama Scholarship

Taketo "Tak" Tomiyama was born in Los Angeles, CA on February 23, 1933. He attended Whitter School until President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 which relocated him and his family to Rohwer Camp in Rower Arkansas. Once released from camp, he and his family moved to Chicago, IL where he graduated from Hyde Park High School. Tak always had a lifelong love of movies, so it was not a surprise to anyone that he attended the America TV Institute with a goal of being a cameraman. Before achieving his goal, Tak was drafted into the US Army and was assigned to White Sands as a draftsman.

After the Korean War, Tak attended the University of Illinois at Navy Pier and Roosevelt University graduating with a Bachelor degree in Physics. While attending Roosevelt, he became involved in The Drama Guild of Wilson College where he was cast in The Teahouse of the August Moon and The Caine Mutiny. In addition to school and the drama club, Tak worked at the Museum of Science and Industry as a docent. He subsequently got a job at Northrop as an electrical engineer focusing on micro-ware technology.

Tak had always been active within the Japanese American community in Chicago. He had a core belief that he should always support/help the Japanese American community in any capacity whether it be financial or otherwise.

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