



JAWA Connections

The Japanese American Women Alumnae of UC Berkeley Newsletter

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Welcome!

Dear JAWAUCB Members and Friends,



We are looking forward to seeing you at our first in-person Annual Awards Luncheon in three years! It will be March 11, 2023 at the Cal Alumni House patio. Save the date! Please come and renew old friendships and celebrate JAWA's Outstanding Alumnae and Scholarship Awardees. Be on the lookout for more details about our annual event, early next year.

During the last three years, JAWA's Board of Directors has been meeting on Zoom. A major focus was to develop and implement a strategic plan to renew our commitment to JAWA's purpose and mission while creating a set of core values, reflecting our belief "that the values of connection, commitment, inclusion and adaptability are foundational guideposts for JAWAUCB and its leadership in the fulfillment of our mission" (<https://jawaucb.org>). We started in spring 2021 under the leadership of board of director Ruth Ichinaga and the then board chair Lisa Tsuchitani.

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In the summer we held a series of strategic planning sessions, facilitated by Barbara Chan of the Barbara Chan Consulting Group. In June, 2022 we completed a Five Year Strategic Plan, which includes three broad goals:

- Strengthen the organizational governance and infrastructure of JAWAUCB.
- Develop and pursue an intentional plan for increasing our chapter membership to reflect a diversity of viewpoints and skills.
- Develop and maintain intentional partnerships to advance the objectives and visibility of JAWAUCB with campus and community organizations in service to UC Berkeley.

These goals include a framework to ensure JAWA's ongoing capacity to fulfill its purpose and mission.

Warm wishes and happy holidays during this festive season! We are looking forward to seeing you at our annual meeting. And don't forget, you can also stay in touch by sending in your news to the Alumni News section of JAWA Connections (jawacubnew@gmail.com).

Dr. Grace Morizawa, Chair
JAWAUCB Board of Directors

Newsletter Editor's note: Grace is a retired elementary school teacher and principal and currently works as the Education Coordinator for the National Japanese American Historical Society. She received her Doctorate in Education (Ed.D) from Cal in 2014.

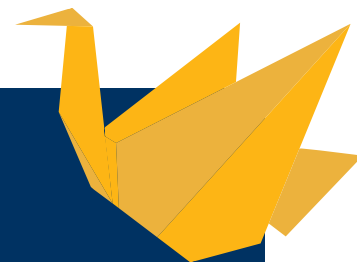
About Us

The Japanese American Women Alumnae of UC Berkeley (JAWAUCB) is a chartered chapter of the California Alumni Association (CAA). Our mission is to “inspire and support Asian American women as learners, leaders, and contributors to local and global communities in the spirit of our founding Japanese American women alumnae.” Since 1970 our scholarship program has granted over 160 undergraduate and 70 graduate student scholarships to Asian American women. We also have sponsored a variety of events and activities with campus partners such as the UC Berkeley Nikkei Student Union, the Asian American & Asian Diaspora Studies Program, and the Center for Race and Gender to engage and support current students and alumni of UC Berkeley.

Please Save the Date!

Saturday, March 11, 2023

We will be holding JAWA's 33rd Annual Luncheon Meeting! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.



Student Voices

Over the past many years, JAWAUCB has strengthened its support and its ties to UC Berkeley's Nikkei Student Union (NSU). We've reported on some of our joint events, but in this issue, we wanted JAWA newsletter readers to learn more about this very active organization on the Cal campus and its strong sense of Japanese American identity.

To this end, we are very pleased to feature an article written by Bryce Nakahara, President of UC Berkeley's Nikkei Student Union. Bryce is a junior at Cal, majoring in Economics and Molecular and Cellular Biology. Growing up in Albany and active in local Japanese American organizations, he says he is glad to have joined NSU where he's been able to make close friends and help create a continuing community for Japanese American students at Cal.

UC Berkeley's Nikkei Student Union

By Bryce Nakahara

Hello - we are UC Berkeley's Nikkei Student Union! We are the Japanese American organization on campus, melding our interests in our Japanese American heritage with social and community events.

We started the school year strong with our Welcome Week, a week full of various events such as our general meeting, game night, and picnic to welcome both new and returning members to NSU. It was great to see lots of familiar faces, as well as many new ones.

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Shortly after, we admitted our new staff to our CORE x Staff program, which offers a way for students to get involved with the club by “interning” for our NSU CORE officers. Our CORE x Staff team consists of 31 members, split into six committees. First, our Social committee is in charge of organizing our weekly social events, which have included pumpkin painting, calligraphy, and ice skating. Our PR/Graphics committee advertises our events on social media using self-made graphics as well as design stickers and hoodies for the club.

Community Service and Issues meets regularly with the Berkeley JACL, organizes volunteer opportunities, and leads our general meeting cultural presentations. This committee is also in charge of organizing our Day of Remembrance event that we host each year. Our Historians document our events and are working with the UC Berkeley Ethnic Studies Library on archiving our NSU records. The Finance committee is preparing for the semesterly East Asian Union Night Market where NSU and other East Asian identity organizations sell food to fundraise for club activities. Lastly, our Executive committee oversees and works to ensure that all is running smoothly.

This year, we’re really excited to be collaborating with a number of different organizations, both on and off campus. NSU is very fortunate to be the recipient of the Helen Mineta Award from the UC Berkeley Japanese American Studies Advisory Committee, and we have been working with JASAC to plan a brand new culture show utilizing these funds. We are also very excited about continuing our partnership with JAWA, and our CORE meets with the JAWA board every semester to discuss possible joint events. We have also recently collaborated with UC Berkeley’s Cal Japan Club to host our annual Halloween party and hope to collaborate with them again soon. The year has started off with a lot of fun and exciting moments, and we look forward to our continued engagement with UC Berkeley’s Japanese American community!

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Nikkei Student Union Core officers

JOIN US!

Please consider joining the Japanese American Women Alumnae of UC Berkeley!
For a \$20 annual membership fee, you will:

- Join a community of Japanese American women and friends with common interests and experiences and further the legacy of Japanese American women at UC Berkeley.
- Know you are supporting current Asian American women undergraduate and graduate students at Berkeley to reach their educational goals.
- Receive advance word of special community and educational events on campus.

The Japanese American Women Alumnae of UC Berkeley (JAWAUCB) exists to (1) present scholarship and fellowship awards from the JAWAUCB Endowment Fund established by agreement with the Regents of UC Berkeley; (2) promote donations, gifts, and bequests for continued growth of the JAWAUCB Endowment Fund for student awards at UC Berkeley; and (3) support research and educational initiatives focused on or related to Asian American women. Learn more at www.jawaucb.org

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