



Who was Issa Sakaki Merrill?

Issa, the son of Japanese poet Nanao Sakaki and New Mexico poet C.S. Merrill, was born in Albuquerque, NM. After living in China as a toddler, he was raised in Corrales, NM, and attended the University of New Mexico. He died in 2013 at the age of 32 from a rare disease. Throughout his life he worked for peace and social justice, by writing letters, lobbying government officials, attending non-violent rallies as a witness to peace, and majoring in political science, with an interest in peace studies at the University of New Mexico. However, his illness prevented him from finishing his university studies or starting a career. His friends and family have created this scholarship fund to further the cause of peace that meant so much to Issa, and to help others on a similar life path to complete the journey Issa was unable to finish. Your contribution of any amount to the scholarship fund will help another student gain the peacemaking skills that are so important to our future.



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Where are the peacemakers?

They're all around, some well-known to everyone, and some only known in their communities.

But often their voices are drowned out by cries of violence and conflict.

We can make the voices for peace stronger by supporting people who want to develop the skills used in peacemaking.

You can help . . .



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Issa Sakaki Merrill Scholarship and Student Support Fund



This fund, created in memory of Issa Sakaki Merrill, will provide annual grants to undergraduate students at the University of New Mexico majoring in political science with a minor in peace studies. To receive a grant a student will demonstrate a background and interest in conflict resolution and peacemaking. The Department of Political Science and the Peace Studies Program will administer the selection process. Funds will go for tuition and related expenses, as well as travel to places where students will learn practical methods to create appropriate non-violent solutions to political, economic, and social conflicts.



The UNM Foundation requires that endowed scholarship funds amount to at least \$25,000 before distributions can be made from the fund.

We are more than halfway to our goal. Your gift today will make these scholarships available next year.

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of future peacemakers.**

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