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Special Community Screenings of Dreams Finally Realized – The Untold Stories of California Nisei Forced out of Higher Education

SAN FRANCISCO (March 31, 2011) - The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) is pleased to announce two special community screenings of ***Dreams Finally Realized – The Untold Stories of California Nisei Forced out of Higher Education***.

The *Dreams Finally Realized* screenings will feature select videos capturing the never before told stories of the Nisei by chronicling their educational aspirations, how they felt when abruptly stripped of their college dreams due to Executive Order 9066, their life challenges and sacrifices made after leaving college and their return to these same campuses some 67 years later to receive an honorary degree, as called for by California Assembly Bill 37. The purpose of this project is to educate the people of California and the United States about the college experience of the Nisei in the 1940s and the price many had to pay because of their forced removal into concentration camps.

Community screening dates and locations are:

Northern California Screening

University of California, Berkeley Campus

Multicultural Community Center

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

6:30 – 8:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION. Light refreshments provided.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by April 6, 2011 to Courtney Okuhara at (415) 567-5505 or e-mail cokuhara@jcccnc.org

Southern California Screening

University of California, Los Angeles Campus

Kaufman 101

Thursday, May 26, 2011

5:00 – 6:30 PM

FREE ADMISSION. Light refreshments provided.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by May 19, 2011 to Aya Ino at (415) 567-5505 or e-mail aino@jcccnc.org

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About the Project

Dreams Finally Realized: The Untold Stories of California Nisei Forced out of Higher Education is a project to record the never before heard stories of the College Nisei, the second phase of the California Nisei College Diploma Project. The California Nisei College Diploma project was implemented in 2009 to provide critical marketing and outreach to oversee the successful implementation of California Assembly Bill 37, the granting of honorary degrees to Nisei who were forced from the post-secondary education due to Executive Order 9066.

Funding for *Dreams Finally Realized* was provided by a grant from the California State Library through the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program and the UCLA Asian American Studies Center.

About the JCCCNC

Envisioned by the Japanese American community, the JCCCNC will be an everlasting foundation of our Japanese American ancestry, cultural heritage, histories and traditions. The JCCCNC strives to meet the evolving needs of the Japanese American community through programs, affordable services and administrative support and facilities for other local service organizations. The JCCCNC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community center based in San Francisco.