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### **National JACL Bridging Communities Program *Passing the Legacy Down* Video Scheduled for Release in December**

**San Francisco, CA** – The JACL announced that a new video, "Bridging Communities, Passing the Legacy Down" will be released this December. The video documents the Bridging Communities Program conducted in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle, and which brought Asian American and American Muslim high school students together to learn with and from one another.

The video, which was directed and produced by Marissa Kitazawa and Alex Margolin, takes viewers to Manzanar, Tule Lake and Minidoka and captures some of the highlights and lessons experienced by the students as they walked the grounds where former incarcerated were once confined.

The goal of the Bridging Communities Program is to engage youth in activities that support community preservation and development and to participate in service learning projects coordinated with the former confinement sites. The Bridging Communities Program and video are funded through a grant from the National Parks Service, Preservation of Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program.

[Follow this link](#) for a sneak preview of "*Passing the Legacy Down.*"

Kitazawa is a program associate for Cultural and Community Programs in the JACL Pacific Southwest District and was contracted by National JACL to document the program.

Margolin, contracted by National JACL to coordinate the Bridging Communities Program, was the JACL program associate for Education and Interpretation Programs. She provided oversight of the Bridging Communities Program and three JACL district program interns: Yuka Ogino of the JACL Pacific Southwest District, Jessica Kyo of the JACL Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District, and Mackenzie Walker of the JACL Pacific Northwest District.