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JACL RECEIVES \$30,000 GRANT FROM THE UPS FOUNDATION

Washington, DC – The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization, received a \$30,000 grant from The UPS Foundation, the charitable arm of UPS. The grant will be used towards the Collegiate Leadership Conference, JACL Campus Outreach program, and the Japanese American Student Internship Program.

Next year will mark the third annual Collegiate Leadership Conference held in Washington, D.C. which UPS has sponsored since the beginning of the program. The Collegiate Leadership Conference gathers emerging college leaders from across the nation for an in-depth training on Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) policy issues and how to advocate and become more involved back on their campuses. The JACL Campus Outreach program conducts workshops on college campuses across the nation on Anti-Asian Sentiment and response as well as Multicultural Identity which discusses issues of racial identity formation and the unique experience of mixed race Asian Americans. These workshops have been vital for the JACL to educate the youth about hate crimes and bullying as well as embracing multicultural differences. In Southern California, the Japanese American Student Internship Program will provide internships to college students to learn and connect with AAPI public policy issues in conjunction with the JACL Pacific Southwest District office.

National Executive Director, Floyd Mori says, "UPS has been a tremendous supporter of the JACL for many years and we value our partnership with them to be able to continue a lot of our youth based programs. We are thrilled to educate the AAPI youth on important policy issues and inspire these young leaders to advocate for their communities."

The JACL thanks The UPS Foundation for their continuous generosity and support and looks forward to working together on these youth programs.

About The UPS Foundation:

Established in 1951 and based in Atlanta, GA., The UPS Foundation identifies specific areas where its backing clearly impacts social issues. In support of this strategic approach, the UPS Foundation has identified the following focus areas for giving: non-profit effectiveness, economic & global literacy, encouraging diversity, community safety and environmental sustainability.

In 2009, the UPS Foundation distributed nearly \$43.6 million worldwide through grants that benefit organizations or programs such as the JACL and provide support for building stronger communities.

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