

## **2014 SEATTLE HIROSHIMA CLUB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

This year we had two outstanding recipients for the 2014 Seattle Hiroshima Club scholarships. They were presented to the membership at the annual New Years' party on January 11, 2014. Following is a brief summary of their accomplishments.

### **Sarah Keiko Sato Beland**

Daughter of Steve and Fay Sato Beland  
Granddaughter of Ken and Sarah Yomagi (Okada) Sato  
Great-granddaughter of Moritake and Michiyo Okada  
Student at Shorecrest High School, Shoreline, WA

Involvement in sports and community activities have played a huge part in young Sarah's life. At the high school, since grade nine, Sarah has been a member of two varsity sports each year, as well as competing on a club/premier soccer team. Each of these sporting commitments usually requires a minimum of two to three hours a day of practice and workout time during the season, plus the hours spent in the actual competitions.

Another long-term commitment in the high school has been Sarah's involvement with the school's Key Club, a service organization. Over the years she was elected to be the news bulletin editor, the secretary, and this year is serving as the vice president. In her junior year Sarah was selected to be on the school's flag team, and was elected to be the Captain of the team this year.

Out of school Sarah is involved in a variety of volunteer activities including helping at track meets, coaching young soccer players, helping at the stadium concession stands, and taking middle school teens to camp during the summer. Despite these various commitments Sarah has been able to maintain a 3.85 cumulative grade point average. And for her academic success, Sarah has been a member of the school's National Honor Society.

At this time, although uncertain as to where she will attend, Sarah's future goals include a pursuit of study in physical therapy or sports medicine. Another dream would be to travel to Third World countries helping to provide the children with basic needs and education.

### **Megan Kimiko Ingram**

Daughter of Walter and Elaine Taniguchi Ingram  
Granddaughter of Elsie Taniguchi  
Great-granddaughter of Yonezo Taniguchi  
Student at Mercer Island HS, Mercer Island, WA

Megan's love of dance seems to thread throughout her many activities and interests. She started classical ballet lessons when she was three years old, and has continued to be involved as an active member of the competitive dance team, as well as earning accolades including "Dancer of the Year" titles and national scholarships to compete across the country. At school she has been on the varsity cheer staff for two years, and this year is serving as the Varsity Cheer Assistant Captain.

Another constant and continual theme in Megan's life revolves around her numerous charitable and volunteer commitments. Since grade seven she and her mother have been members of the National Charity League, organizing and participating in a number of events throughout the year. Also through the cheer squad at Mercer Island High Megan has been an integral part of the formulation of the Sparkle Effect Program, by mentoring and introducing a group of special needs students to the experience of cheering. Through another venue Megan tutors elementary school children on a weekly basis.

A third important part of Megan's life involves the church and the various outreach programs, of which Megan has been an active participant, helping with projects in various cities and areas.

Even with all of the volunteer commitments Megan has taken a rigorous course of studies. As a senior she is enrolled in three Advanced Placement courses, one Honors class, and one Accelerated class, and still has been able to maintain a 3.85 cumulative grade point average. Megan is a member of her school's National Honor Society.