

2018 SEATTLE HIROSHIMA CLUB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Emily Kikumi Ko

Daughter of Jeffrey and Tina Zumoto Ko
Granddaughter of Jim and Tomiko Tsujihara Zumoto
Great-granddaughter of Naoto Harold Tsujihara
Student at Issaquah High School, Issaquah

Music, Camp Fire Girls, community service, high school activities may be a few words to describe the whirlwind life of Emily. Music has been a huge part of Emily's school and community life. For the past ten years Emily has been devoted to the Matsuri Taiko Japanese Drumming group, not only performing in a variety of community programs, but also assisting in workshops to help teach the basics of taiko drumming.

In high school Emily has been a leader in the music program, of which she is a playing member of four different groups. She has organized many jazz combos outside of the classroom to perform in the community. As a selected member of the Seattle JazzEd Girls Ellington Project since 2014, Emily has not only performed in New Jersey, but also has played with professional local musicians, and has assisted, as a mentor, to encourage middle school girls to continue their interest in music.

Another long-term commitment has been her involvement in the Camp Fire Program, being an active member since the age of five. Over the years, Emily has grown from a beginning participant to a young woman who has assumed leadership roles such as mentoring the younger members of her Camp Fire group. She also earned the Karuna award, the highest religious award a member can earn, by devoting over seventy-two hours of study of Buddhism and the Japanese culture. In addition, Emily earned the WoHeLo Award, the highest in the Camp Fire program.

Currently Emily is serving as the secretary in her church's youth group. Also for the past three years Emily has been chairing a part of the annual Kawabe House Summer Festival fundraiser.

At the high school not only is music a huge part of Emily's involvement, but she also has been a member of the Issaquah High School's Girls Swim and Dive team, and this year was elected as captain of the team, as well as being honored as a Kingco Senior Scholar Athlete.

Out of school, since grade nine, Emily has been a member of a select soccer team. Also, she has been a member of her community's swim team for the past 13 years. In the last two years Emily has become a life guard and swim instructor at the Klahanie community pool.

Despite her many, many commitments, Emily has been able to maintain a 3.83 cumulative grade point average. She is currently undecided as to which school she will be attending this fall, but is considering a possible major in civil engineering. A future aspiration would be "to create an environmental friendly, self-sustaining building that provides its own energy without neglecting architectural design".

Emi Grace Olson

Daughter of John and Tamae Moriyasu Olson
Granddaughter of Hirokuni Moriyasu
Student at Mercer Island High School

Athletics and a strong sense of compassion have played a major role in shaping Emi's life. As a ninth grader she played on the school's JV soccer team, while also playing on a select soccer team. She has continued to play on the MIFC select soccer, and has served as an elected captain. In addition, she has played on the school's Women's Tennis Team in grades 10 and 11, and as a sophomore, was a member of the Mercer Island High School's Women's Basketball C-team, of which she was selected as captain by the coach. Since grade nine, Emi has also been a soccer coach of youngsters with the International Academy of Soccer.

Besides participating in athletics, as a junior, Emi was selected to be the store manager for the school's DECA program.

Emi has been an active member of her church's Youth Leadership Program. She participated in several community service projects, including being a co-leader of a church-sponsored student group to Portland, working with the homeless. Also, once a month, Emi volunteers to help feed the homeless teen community in Seattle. As a result of her 240+ hours of community service since the ninth grade, Emi was recognized with the MIHS Community Service Silver Level Award. Her sense of compassion and concern are also mirrored in her participation as an officer in the school's Humane Club, an organization which promotes the well-being of domestic animals. Also as a sophomore, Emi joined the school's Gender Equity organization. Since her junior year, she has been active as a member of the school's Social Justice League, and Amnesty International organizations.

Emi has been able to maintain a 3.85 cumulative grade point average in spite of her involvement in many activities. This year, as a senior, she has challenged herself and is enrolled in five Honors/AP courses.

Emi has been accepted and will be attending Lewis and Clark University this fall, with a possible major in psychology. Emi aspires "to work with and support marginalized populations (possibly with prisoners or homeless people), and to create a more productive system of prevention and rehabilitation".