



# NEWS RELEASE

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**BACKGROUNDER**

## **Santa Ana College Seeks Former Students Who Attended College in the 1940s**

(Santa Ana)— Santa Ana College (SAC) is seeking 22 Japanese American students who attended the college in the early 1940s and were forced to interrupt their education when Executive Order 9066 sent Japanese Americans to internment camps during World War II. The college hopes to bestow honorary degrees on these students or their family members at this year's spring commencement.

If anyone has any information about the whereabouts of the following individuals, please contact Mark Liang, SAC associate dean of admissions and records, at 714-564-6040 or [liang\\_mark@sac.edu](mailto:liang_mark@sac.edu).

1. Luis Kiyotaka Aihara
2. Tommy Tamio Furukawa
3. George J. Higashi
4. Shizuko Ikeda
5. William Nabaru Kobayashi
6. Masao Frank Masuda
7. Kiyoshi Elden Minato
8. Charles Y. Miyada
9. Sunao N. Murakami
10. Paul Murata
11. Tom Hitoshi Nagamatsu
12. Violet Fumiko Nagamatsu
13. Migaki Nakamura
14. Mitsuko Ochi
15. Minoru Otsu
16. Gladys Tsutaye Otsuka
17. Rakumi Sasaki
18. Kazuo Sato
19. Mary Ayako Watanuki
20. Michiko Yamada
21. Mitsuo Yoshida
22. Lily Yuriko Yoshimi

### **About the Rancho Santiago Community College District**

*The mission of the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) is to respond to the educational needs of an ever-changing community and to provide programs and services that reflect academic excellence. Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College are public community colleges of RSCCD, which serve the residents of Anaheim Hills, East Garden Grove, Irvine, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin and Villa Park. Both colleges provide education for academic transfer and careers, courses for personal and professional development, customized training for business and industry, and programs to train nurses, firefighters and law enforcement personnel.*

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