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**JACCC ANNOUNCES 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & AWARDS DINNER AND HONOREES**

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American Cultural & Community Center will hold its 39th Anniversary Celebration & Awards Dinner on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach. The annual gala will celebrate the culinary arts and the creation of JACCC's Toshizo Watanabe Culinary Cultural Center, scheduled to be completed in December 2019.

The theme is ***KANPAI! A Toast to Culinary Arts*** and the evening will highlight the accomplishments of **The Toshizo Watanabe Foundation, Terasaki Family Foundation, and MUFG Union Bank**. All three honorees will receive the Chairman's Award, JACCC's highest award, which recognizes and honors individuals and organizations that serve as exemplary role models through their philanthropic, social, and cultural activities benefiting the community-at-large.

The dinner event will also include the Community Spirit Award. In its 8th year, the CSA was created to shine a spotlight on the unsung heroes who are making a significant impact in the community through arts, activism, social services, or business. Grateful Crane Ensemble will return with its popular "Unsung Hero" songs for the recipients. CSA nominations are being accepted online through February 28 at [JACCC.org/CSA](http://JACCC.org/CSA).

"This year's Anniversary Celebration & Awards Dinner promises to be another exciting and unforgettable evening as we applaud our distinguished honorees and celebrate JACCC's culinary initiative," said Dinner Chair, David Yamahata. "We look forward to seeing everyone on June 8."

Additional information and updates are available at [JACCC.org/dinner](http://JACCC.org/dinner).

**About Japanese American Cultural & Community Center (JACCC)**

Founded in 1971, the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center is one of the largest ethnic arts and cultural centers of its kind in the United States. A hub for Japanese and Japanese American arts and culture and a community gathering place for the diverse voices it inspires—JACCC connects traditional and contemporary; community participants and creative professionals; Southern California and the world beyond. JACCC also provides office space in its five-story complex to a wide variety of nonprofit cultural, educational, and community-based organizations in Los Angeles.

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