



Yonsei Basketball Association 2023 Scholarship Recipients

Yonsei Basketball Association is once again proud to continue its long-standing commitment to support academic achievement and community service involvement of the youth of our communities. It is encouraging to see the large number of graduating seniors who have demonstrated excellence in both areas. It is with great pleasure that Yonsei honors the following four high achieving, involved, talented and promising high school graduates.

Frank Kiyomura Scholarship: Kyle Shigekawa

The Frank Kiyomura Scholarship recipient is Kyle Shigekawa. Kyle graduated from Palos Verdes Peninsula High School with an unweighted GPA of 4.0 and a weighted GPA of 4.86. His academic awards include class valedictorian, Japanese language achievement, AP scholar, and National Merit Scholarship - Commended Student. Kyle volunteered in several community service organizations including Changing the Community Together, NOVAS Charitable Organization, and Los Hermanos. He was also involved in Japanese National Honor Society, National Math Honor Society, and Link Crew. He is a 4 year varsity tennis player earning Most Improved Player, Team Captain, and Doubles MVP. His team was 3 time league champions and top 3 in CIF SS Open Division. Kyle coaches youth tennis players at the Palos Verdes Tennis Club. In his free time, he enjoys calligraphy, making birthday cards, and journaling. Kyle will attend UCLA and decide on his course of study.

Sue Kamiyama Scholarship: Kristi Ikemoto

The Sue Kamiyama Scholarship recipient is Kristi Ikemoto. Kristi graduated from Yorba Linda High School with an unweighted GPA of 3.84 and weighted GPA of 4.78. Her academic awards include AP Scholar with distinction, DAR Good Citizenship, PTSA Leadership, and community service. Kristi re-started the Japanese Culture Club and served as Co-President. Chapman University recognized Kristi for her essay on perseverance of survivors through COVID and the Holocaust. She volunteered for youth basketball camps, fundraising for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, mentoring younger teammates, freshman orientation, and producing videos for virtual Camp Hanabi activities during the pandemic. Kristi is a 4 year varsity basketball player, team Captain, and League MVP. Growing up, she played for the NYS Blue Starz, and has her teammates, coaches, and family for making her the person she is today. In her free

time, Kristi enjoys swimming, playing tennis, skiing, reading, and listening to music. Kristi will attend UCLA and major in neuroscience.

Changing the Community Together: Kenna McConnachie

The Changing the Community Together scholarship recipient is Kenna McConnachie. Kenna graduated from the Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES) with an unweighted GPA of 4.0 and a weighted GPA of 4.56. She received several academic awards including the Science Award, Social Studies Award, AP Scholar with Distinction, Seal of Biliteracy in French, and President's Service Award. For community service, she tutored students, led blood drives, organized clothing, canned food and toy drives, and coached at youth basketball camps. Kenna has been playing basketball for the Venice Sparks since the first grade. At LACES, she was a 4 year basketball varsity starter, 2 year Captain, 3 time All City Team and 2 time City Champion. She was also Captain of her varsity cross country team and completed the LA Marathon. During her free time, she enjoys going to the beach, hanging out with friends, and playing with her cats. Kenna will attend Tufts University in the fall and study cognitive science.

Kintetsu International Express, Inc. Scholarship: Trevor Lee

The Kintetsu Scholarship recipient is Trevor Lee. Trevor graduated from South High School with an unweighted GPA of 3.74 and a weighted GPA of 4.19. He volunteered for multiple service organizations through tutoring, supporting teachers, uplifting the spirits of hospital patients, toy drives, canned food drives, and cleaning up the community. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society recognized Trevor for leadership, volunteerism, and fundraising. He received multiple awards including Seal of Biliteracy, Career and Technical Education, and community service from Tigers, F.O.R. and CBO. Trevor played volleyball and varsity basketball. He competed in national cybersecurity competitions and mentored new students. Last summer, he interned at Northrop Grumman and learned about integrated circuits and satellite technology. In his free time, Trevor enjoys basketball, volleyball, music, and working on cars. Trevor will attend Northeastern University and major in electrical engineering.