



Yonsei Basketball Association 2024 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 Founder's Scholarship: Isabella Chan

The Frank Kiyomura Founder's Scholarship recipient is Isabella "Izzie" Chan. Izzie graduated from Flintridge Preparatory School in La Cañada Flintridge with a weighted GPA of 3.84 and an unweighted GPA of 3.62. Izzie has been recognized for her achievements with honors such as the Greenwalt Scholarship, Bruins Scholarship and year-round Dean's list and Honor roll at Flintridge Preparatory School. Izzie has also been deeply involved in various community service projects, such as the "Spreading Light to Malawi" initiative, where she sent study kits with inflatable solar lanterns to young women in Malawi to aid in their education and well being. Additionally, she volunteered as a basketball coach for Practice Makes Perfect Basketball Camp and various youth basketball teams, demonstrating her commitment to empowering others through sports. Izzie was captain two years for the prestigious Flintridge Girls Varsity basketball team who were league champions and CIF appearances all four of her years, and includes a CIF championship and several state appearances. She was a member of the Flintridge Singers Choir and the President of the Flintridge Prep Allergy Awareness Club, showcasing her diverse interests and talents. Izzie's involvement with the Yonsei Basketball Organization includes being a co-captain for Yonsei 27 and a marketing and social media intern, playing a crucial role solidifying her aspirations to pursue a career in business and sports marketing, which she plans to pursue at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Sue Kamiyama Memorial Scholarship: Malia Yu

The Sue Kamiyama Scholarship recipient is Malia Yu, Malia stands out as a dedicated scholar and compassionate community servant. Graduating from San Marino High School with a weighted GPA of 4.29 and an unweighted GPA of 3.774. Malia's academic excellence is matched only by her commitment to making a difference. Her passion for serving her community is reflected in Malia's over 100 hours annually to volunteering at organizations like the Pasadena

Senior Center, Union Station Homeless Services, and the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House, among others. Through these experiences, Malia learned the importance of providing for others, strengthening her compassion and empathy, and inspiring to make an impact for the greater community in the future. Additionally, Malia excelled in athletics, earning all-league honors on both the Rio Hondo League 2nd team Basketball and Volleyball teams. She also earned accolades such as MVP and Defensive Player of the Year for her team. Beyond her achievements, Malia's journey with Yonsei has been transformative from being a sibling to a player, shaping her into a confident and engaged leader. Yonsei has allowed her to embrace her true self, live in the moment, and have fun. Malia will be attending Boston University majoring in Health Sciences.

Changing the Community Together: Reese Morio

The Changing the Community Together scholarship recipient is Reese Morio. Reese graduated from El Dorado High School, where she maintained a weighted GPA of 4.72 and an unweighted GPA of 4.0. Reese's academic awards include earning the AP Scholar with Distinction, Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish, UCLA Alumni Scholar, and multiple academic awards. She has held numerous leadership roles, including Vice President of the ASB, Vice President of UNICEF, NHS Treasurer, and 6 year OCO Youth Club officer, where she organized yearly community service projects and received the highest service award. Reese's commitment to service and passion for helping others also extends to Make-A-Wish, CHOC Pediatrics, the Magnolia Resource Center, OC Food Bank, and Kei-AI Healthcare Center. Reese's experience with Yonsei has been particularly impactful, teaching her the importance of inclusivity and community. Her efforts to create an inclusive environment at her school, such as recognizing students' achievements and celebrating birthdays, have made a significant positive impact. Reese will be attending UCLA to study Sociology.

Kintetsu International Express, Inc. Scholarship: Talia Miyamoto

The Kintetsu Scholarship recipient is Talia Miyamoto. Talia graduated from La Canada High School, where she maintained a weighted GPA of 4.22 and an unweighted GPA of 3.52. Talia's honors and awards include the AP Scholar, CSF Award, and Girl Scout Silver Award. As a 4 year member of the Varsity Basketball team, she served as a senior captain. She also engaged in cultural activities through the LCHS Japanese Culture Club and contributed to the Athletic Leadership Council. Talia's leadership roles in the Associated Student Body and National Honors Society, coupled with her passion for music and Japanese culture, highlight her diverse interests and capabilities. Her contribution to community service includes participating in organizations such as the La Canada Assistance League, Girl Scout, the Pasadena Buddhist Temple, volunteering at Obons and coaching at clinics. With the "Go For Broke" Foundation, her team helped recondition the Vietnam War memorial in Little Tokyo while talking to veterans whose legacies they continue to carry forward. Her passion for music and creativity led her to learn piano and guitar Talia will attend New York University, where she plans to pursue an individualized study major focusing on marketing and international studies.