

SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY



Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President

Dear Spartan Community,

San José State University remains committed to honoring and learning from the past to build a fairer and more just future. In January 2024, I issued a [Presidential Directive](#) in support of this commitment, following the Academic Senate's Resolution [SS-S23-4](#), recognizing a **Day of Remembrance** at SJSU. As the [Never Again is Now!](#) mural project continues, I look forward to seeing our campus community engage with this important history in meaningful ways.

I invite you to join us for [SJSU's 2025 Day of Remembrance](#), a day dedicated to reflecting on the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II and recognizing the ongoing activism that ensures such injustices are never repeated.

Observed nationally on **February 19**, Day of Remembrance marks the signing of Executive Order 9066, which led to the forced removal and incarceration of Japanese Americans. At SJSU, this history is especially significant—our own Yoshihiro Uchida Hall served as a registration center in 1942, where local Japanese Americans were processed before being sent to incarceration camps.

This year's program will feature a **plenary session** with distinguished community leaders, a **taiko drumming performance**, and three engaging **breakout sessions** focused on historical remembrance, intergenerational dialogue, and community advocacy.

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Time: 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Location: Diaz Compean Student Union Theater, San José State University

Breakout Sessions

Artist Yayoi Kambara – A discussion on using performance studies and industrial design to tell stories of Japanese incarceration and civil liberties.

Building Bridges – Exploring the role of intergenerational dialogue in healing and advocacy.

San Jose Japantown Women Leaders – A conversation with local leaders on building community through leadership, legacy, and cultivating the next generation.

We hope you will join us for this important gathering as we reflect, learn, and reaffirm our collective commitment to justice and truth.

Additionally, we encourage our community to attend the **San Jose Nihonmachi Outreach Committee's 45th Annual Day of Remembrance** on **Sunday, February 16, 2025**, from **5:30 – 7:30 PM** at the Church's Annex (**632 North Fifth Street, San Jose**). This year's theme, *Women Activists Leading Change*, will highlight the leadership and impact of Asian American women in political and social movements. Doors open at **5:00 PM**, and seating is limited.

I encourage you to take full advantage of what's available.

Sincerely,



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