

Hirai promotes scholarships

Blaine Hirai, a potato and vegetable farmer from the Quincy and Moses Lake area and the chair of the Central Washington Japanese American Citizens League, recently co-sponsored a major reception in Seattle to promote the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF).

It is a new national organization devoted to the financial scholarship needs of Asian and Pacific Islander American students. The Jan. 28 reception was held at the Seattle Asian Art Museum and was widely attended by political and corporate leaders in the Pacific Northwest.

The event was highlighted with remarks by former Washington state Governor Gary Locke and by APIASF Chairwoman Wai-Ling Eng of McDonalds Corporation. Hirai also sits on the board of directors for the Central Washington JACL and the Japan America Society.

