



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Citrus College to Confer Associate Degrees to Japanese American Students at Honorary Degree Ceremony**

#### **What:**

Citrus College will honor Toshio Asano and the late Masako Mukai Kusomoto at an Honorary Degree Ceremony on Tuesday, October 21, 2014. Asano and Kusomoto were Citrus College students whose education was disrupted during the 1941-1942 academic year as a result of Executive Order 9066, which resulted in the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The Honorary Degree Ceremony is an initiative of the California Nisei College Diploma Project, a statewide effort in which the University of California, California State University and California Community Colleges locate individuals who were affected by Executive Order 9066 and confer their degrees.

#### **Who:**

The following individuals/groups will be in attendance:

- Mr. Toshio Asano and family
- The family of Mrs. Masako Mukai Kusomoto
- Members of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees
- Citrus College Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D.
- Citrus College students, faculty and staff

#### **When:**

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

**Where:**

Citrus College  
Louis E. Zellers Center for Innovation, Room 159  
1000 W. Foothill Blvd.  
Glendora, Ca. 91741

**Why:**

Now observing its Centennial year, the Citrus College community is proud to honor Mr. Asano and Mrs. Kusomoto by presenting the degrees they earned during the 1941-1942 academic year. It is a privilege to join the California Community Colleges, California State University and the University of California in recognizing these distinguished citizens.

**How:**

The Louis E. Zellers Center for Innovation is located on Foothill Blvd., between Citrus and Barranca Avenues. A parking pass for \$5 may be purchased at the Campus Safety Building drive up window, located near the Citrus Avenue entrance or from a parking pass vending machine located in the student parking lots.