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## Growing Up Asian in America 2016 WINNERS



"To the courageous children, who even through the most difficult of times, still have hope in their hearts."

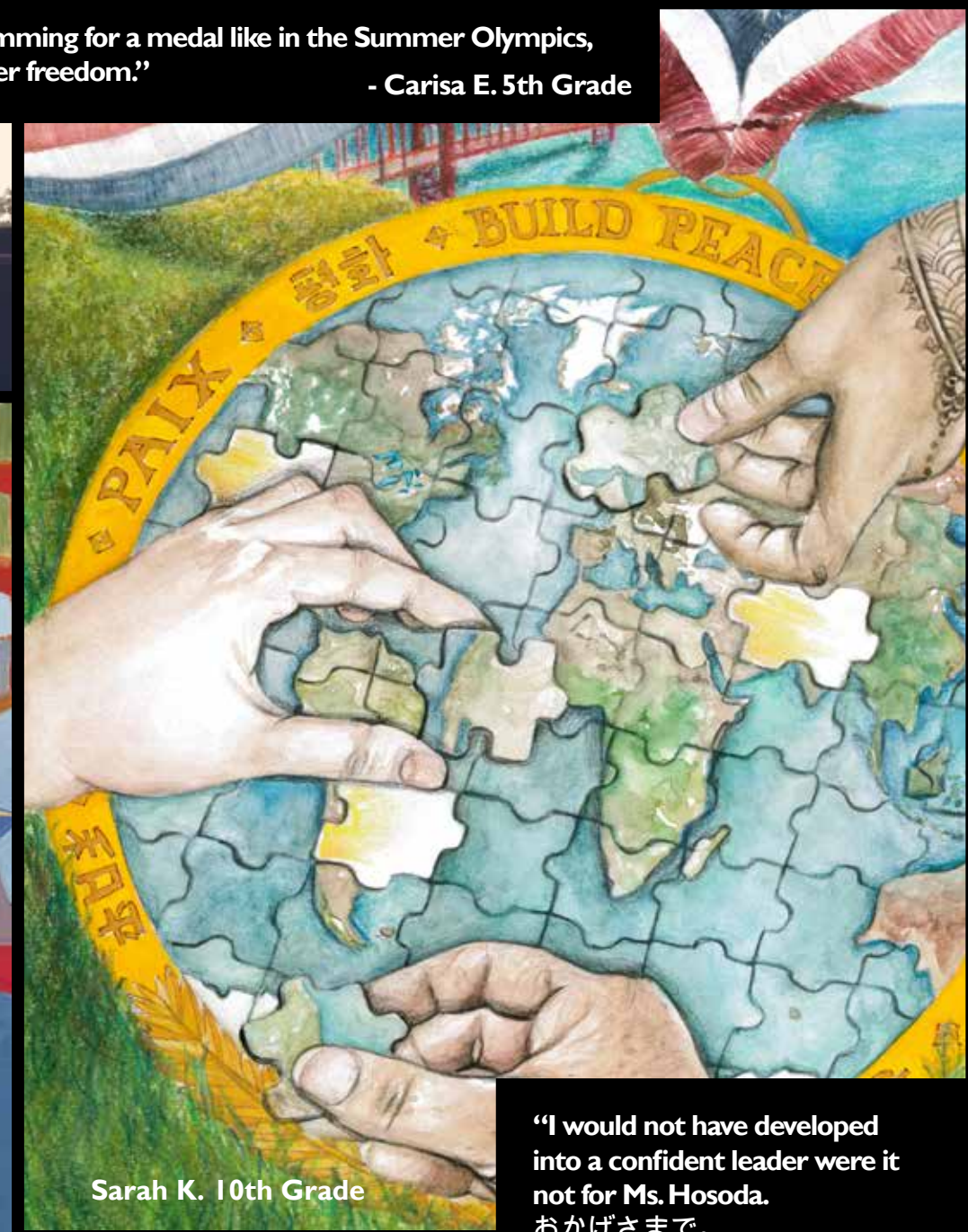
- Lavernne Q. 8th Grade



Angela K. 11th Grade 아침에 학교에 데려다주고

"Instead of swimming for a medal like in the Summer Olympics, she swam for her freedom."

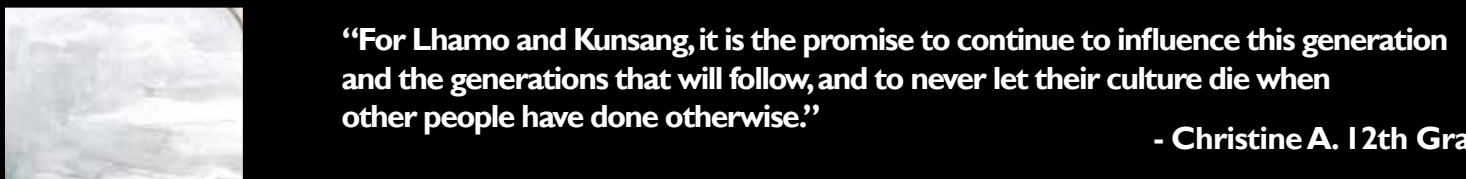
- Carisa E. 5th Grade



Sarah K. 10th Grade

"I would not have developed into a confident leader were it not for Ms. Hosoda. おかげさまで. Because of you, I am."

- Riki E. 12th Grade

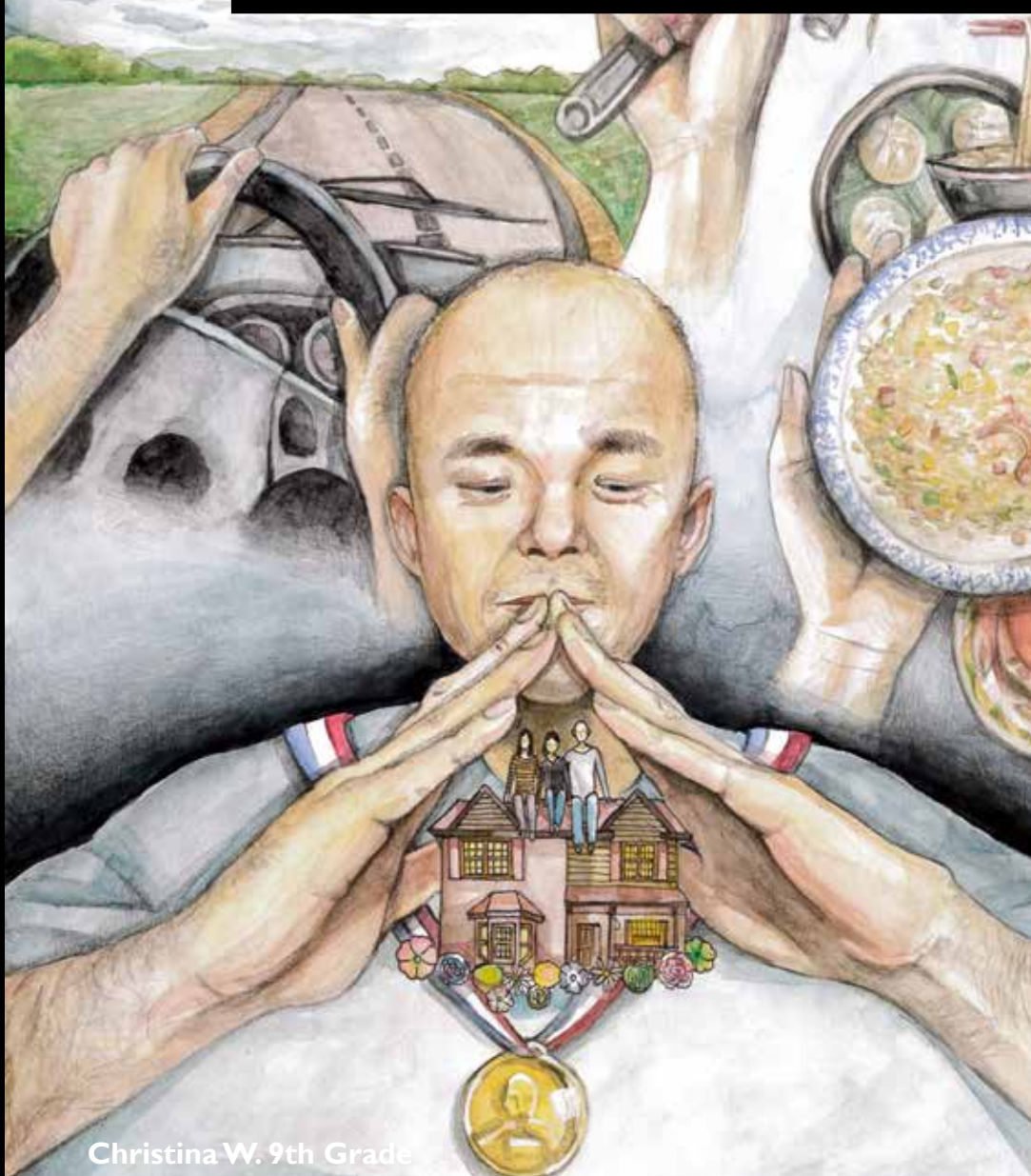


"For Lhamo and Kunsang it is the promise to continue to influence this generation and the generations that will follow, and to never let their culture die when other people have done otherwise."

- Christine A. 12th Grade



Brian Q. 8th Grade



Christina W. 9th Grade

"My Bachan deserves a beautiful gold medal, but she would say, 'my heart is already full with golden rewards.'"

- Mia F. 5th Grade



Van Khanh T. 8th Grade

"If you live by the rules of life you will never accomplish something new. In order to succeed you must be extraordinary and take risks."

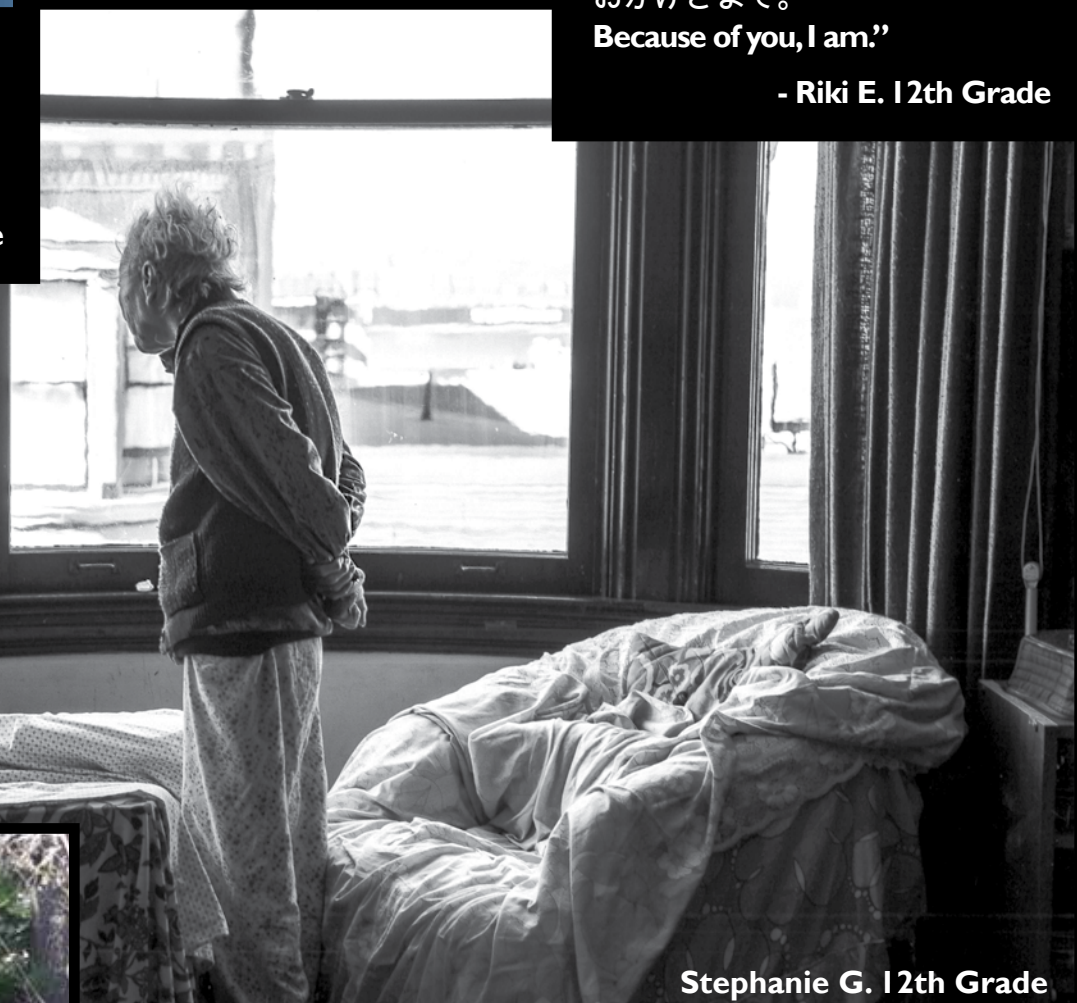
- Martin L. 5th Grade

"Stay close to your past, but open up the future, and lastly, make most of the present."

- Jasmine Y. 6th Grade



Christina L. 8th Grade



Stephanie G. 12th Grade



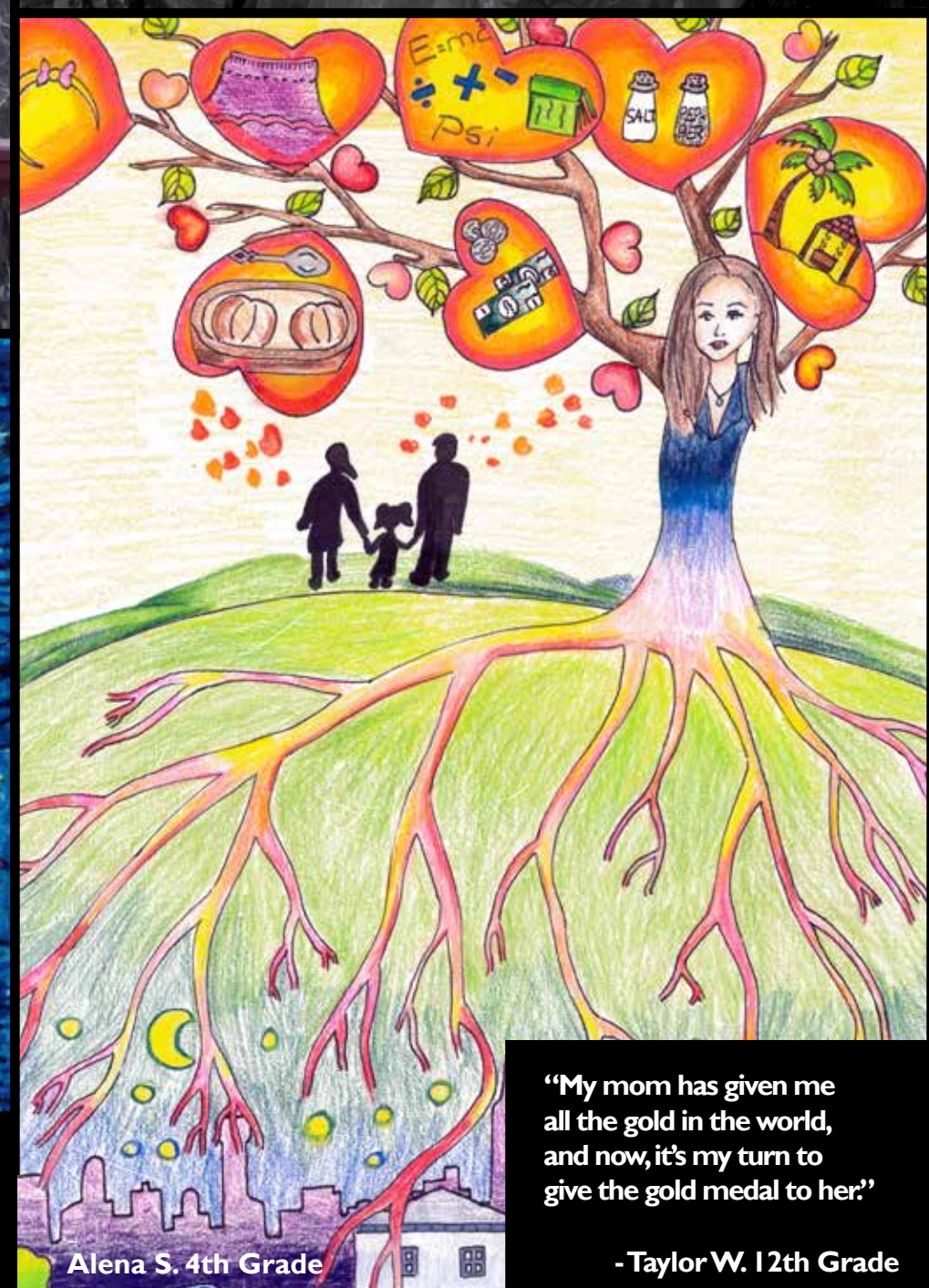
Marina N. 5th Grade



Chloe Z. 2nd Grade

"My parents are the anchors that keep me from drifting away from the waters that are my nationality but still allowing me to reach the blue skies of opportunities in the land of America and for that I honor them with gold medals."

- Khin L. 7th Grade



Alena S. 4th Grade

"My mom has given me all the gold in the world, and now, it's my turn to give the gold medal to her!"

- Taylor W. 12th Grade

To view all the winning entries and honorable mentions, please visit [www.asianpacificfund.org](http://www.asianpacificfund.org).

### 2016 THEME: GIVE SOMEONE A GOLD MEDAL

Congratulations to the 2016 winners of the Growing Up Asian in America (GUAA) program! The 20 winning artworks and quotes above represent a slice of the diverse range and breadth of more than 600 artworks, essays, poems and videos submitted by K-12 students throughout the Bay Area for this year's contest.

In celebration of the 2016 summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, we asked students to think about someone they would honor with a gold medal, whether in their family, school or community. Students reflected on friends and individuals that have helped shape who they are today including parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers, mentors, friends, classmates, athletes and world leaders. Students translated their inspirations into drawings, essays, photographs, poems, paintings and videos.

We are truly inspired by our young artists, writers and filmmakers. We celebrate and thank everyone who contributed to this year's program.



Growing Up Asian in America (GUAA) is a signature program of the Asian Pacific Fund. It is one of the largest celebrations of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in America. It serves as a community resource, helping people of all backgrounds better understand the experiences of young Asian and Pacific Islanders in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Asian Pacific Fund is a community foundation dedicated to strengthening the Asian and Pacific Islander community in the Bay Area by increasing philanthropy and supporting the organizations that serve our most vulnerable community members.

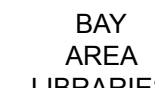
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