



2025 Members Day
Voyaging and Navigating through Uncertainty & Taking the Leap of Faith
October 16, 9:30am - 3pm

- 9:20am **Opening Performance** - Taiko Center of the Pacific
- 9:30am **Welcome**
Blair Suzuki (ELP '21), Master of Ceremonies, Hawai'i
Nicole Velasco (ELP '15, ALC '23), Mistress of Ceremonies, Hawai'i
Audrey Yamamoto (JALD '23), USJC CEO & President
- 9:40am **Navigating Change through Culture** - Miki Tomita Okamoto,
Founder & CEO of Education Incubator
- 10:10am **Lightning Talks - Past, Present & Future**
Lessons of Our Ancestors - Brianne Yamada Nitahara (ELP '25)
Early Struggles of USJC - Colbert Matsumoto (JALD '10)
Building Community - Donna Cole (JALD '06)
Connections in Action - Nate Gyotoku (ELP '13)
Taking USJC to New Heights - Steve Sakanashi (ELP '15, ALC '24)
Introduction to Afternoon Session - Nozomi Morgan (ALC '25)
- 11:40 am **Lunch**
Aloha from Regions
Japanese American Storytelling Program Fireside Chat
Junko Tsuda, Curtiss Takada Rooks, USJC Board of Directors
Member and Program Development Committee Chair (JALD '04),
and Miyuki Tani, USJC Japan Board of Directors Member
Kibou for LA - Derick Yanehiro (JALD '25)
- 12:40 pm **Next Voyage: USJC Strategy Going Forward** - Audrey Yamamoto
- 12:55pm **Interactive Discussion on Member Engagement** - Nozomi Morgan
- 2:15pm **Host Committee Mahalos** - 2025 Host Committee Chairs Susan
Eichor (JALD '07) and Tyler Tokioka (JALD '15)
- 2:25pm **Closing Words of Gratitude** - Audrey Yamamoto
- 2:45pm **Closing Performance** - Hawai'i Aloha - Accompanied by Roy
Sakuma Ukulele Studio