



## **Danielle Higa**

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Danielle Higa is a fourth generation Japanese American (Yonsei). She earned her BA in American Ethnic Studies from the University of Washington and was born and raised in Seattle. At Densho, she serves a core part of the organization's development and community outreach endeavors. During her freshman year at the University of Washington, she interviewed her grandmother, Hatsumi (Hats) Higa, about her wartime and camp experience. This was the first time Hats spoke with family about living at the Tule Lake and Minidoka incarceration camps as a teen. The experience inspired Danielle to major in American Ethnic Studies, where she used the earliest versions of the Densho website and digital archive. Prior to Densho, Danielle worked at the University of Washington for over five years with the Regional Advancement and College of Arts & Sciences Advancement teams. A lifelong volunteer, Danielle always knew coming back to the Japanese American Community was where her heart belonged.