


# WITNESS TO HISTORY: INVITE SAM MIHARA TO SPEAK

**Award-winning civil rights speaker about the Japanese American imprisonment during World War II**

When Sam Mihara was 9 years old, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. Soon after, Sam and his family were forced from their San Francisco home and moved to a desolate prison camp in Wyoming. They were among 120,000 Japanese Americans from the West Coast imprisoned by the U.S. government.

Today Sam tours the country telling the story of what he experienced during three years of incarceration. Over 100,000 people have heard his moving presentation, which includes photographs from renowned photographer Dorothea Lange and the Mihara family collection that vividly illustrate this dark time in the nation's history. His purpose: ***to deter similar human rights abuses in the future.***

## HONORS RECEIVED

2024 NEH Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities Award

2023 Salem Award for Human Rights and Social Justice

2022 JACL Biennium Award

2018 Paul A. Gagnon Prize

## Hear from Sam's Audience



**"I have heard nothing but GLOWING REVIEWS from students and teachers alike."**
*--Conor Scott, Social Studies Department Chair, Gonzaga High School, Washington D.C.*

**"Best yet, maybe BEST EVER. Thank you so very much. I was deeply moved and greatly informed. It was a special gift and I am most thankful."**
*--William P. Purcell, Attorney at Law, Frost Brown Todd LLC*

**"A WONDERFUL presentation! Engaging and heart-wrenching speech."**
*-- Lisa Wang, Chair, Harvard Law School's Asian Pacific American Law Students Association*

**"This program was among the VERY BEST we have ever had here."**
*-- Charles W. Sydnor, Jr., President and Executive Director, Virginia Holocaust Museum*

**"That was the best Cate Convocation Speech ever!"**
*-- Student at the Cate School, Carpenteria, California*

**"I will keep the story of the Japanese internment camp alive by telling my kids what happened."**
*-- Timmy, 5th grader at Long Island, New York elementary school*

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