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**GFBNEC Launches New Livestream Series, ‘Living the Nisei Dream,’
Focusing on WWII Soldiers’ Legacy to Younger Generations**
Yonsei, Gosei, Shin-Nikkei Celebrate Veterans’ Influence

Los Angeles (February 24, 2021)—Go For Broke National Education Center (GFBNEC) will host a special livestream kickoff of its new virtual series, *Living the Nisei Dream*, on Saturday, February 27 at 12 p.m. PST on GFBNEC's YouTube and Facebook. The online series will explore how the accomplishments of the Nisei World War II veterans ensured that future generations could pursue their own dreams and passions.

The inaugural two-part segment was filmed (socially distanced) in historic downtown Los Angeles’ Little Tokyo at GFBNEC’s *Defining Courage* exhibit and iconic establishments Bunkado and Far Bar. Hosted by writer, comedian and actor Sierra Katow, the first segment features special guest, hip-hop artist and educator Kaze Jones, with an appearance by Irene Tsukada Simonian, owner of Bunkado.

The kickoff program also includes a live post-show conversation and chat with Katow; Jones; Simonian; Staci Toji, GFBNEC board member; and President & CEO Mitch Maki. The livestream will be available free of charge at:

<https://www.youtube.com/goforbrokenationaleducationcenter/> and
<https://www.facebook.com/goforbrokenationaleducationcenter/>.

Each of the four segments being released in 2021 will explore how the accomplishments of the WWII Nisei ensured that the Yonsei (fourth generation), Gosei (fifth generation) and Shin-Nikkei (those born post-WWII to Japanese immigrant parents) could flourish in American society.



About Sierra Katow (available for interviews)

Host Sierra Katow is an L.A.-based comedian, writer and actor. She started doing stand-up at 16 and was the youngest comedian featured on Season 9 of NBC's *Last Comic Standing*. Her stand-up has also been featured on *Last Call* with Carson Daly, *Just For Laughs Digital*, *Laughs on Fox*, and *Acting Out on MTV*. In addition to comedy, Sierra moonlights as a freelance full-stack web developer and holds a degree in computer science from Harvard. <http://www.sierrakatow.com/>

About Kaze Jones (available for interviews)

Born and raised in Southern California, Shin-Nisei hip-hop artist Kaze Jones is an activist, lyricist and teacher. He fuses his passion for social justice and education in his art, which includes works such as “Go For Broke,” about the 100th Battalion/442nd RCT [\(1\) Rawtoons Presents: Go For Broke by Kaze Jones ft Ariano , & Sage Price \(Official Video\) - YouTube](#) , and “Never Again Is Now,” inspired by the Japanese Americans, Jews and other communities protesting the detention of adults and children at U.S. borders by ICE: [\(1\) Kaze Jones feat Ariano - Never Again Is Now - YouTube](#) .

About Go For Broke National Education Center

Go For Broke National Education Center (GFBNEC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that educates the public on the valor of Japanese American veterans of World War II and their contributions to democracy. Our goal is to inspire new generations to embody the Nisei veterans' core values of courage, sacrifice, equality, humility and patriotism. Founded in 1989, GFBNEC maintains the Go For Broke Monument and the interactive GFBNEC's *Defining Courage* exhibit in downtown Los Angeles, as well as extensive oral histories and archives, education and training programs, and other initiatives. For more information, visit www.goforbroke.org.

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