

From the Director: Tom Ikeda

A couple of milestones loom for us at Densho as we enter 2015. In the spring we launch our first online course which will train 1,000 teachers about the WWII Japanese American incarceration. This course will show classroom teachers how to use historic photographs, documents, and oral histories to introduce students to how democratic ideals can fail during the hysteria of wartime. And in the summer we complete the 1,000 article version of the online [Densho Encyclopedia](#), a five-year project to create the go-to resource about the Japanese American experience during World War II.

These milestones are meaningful because they will ultimately enable millions of people to expand their knowledge and understanding of what happened to Japanese Americans during World War II. They are a testament to the Densho board which made a decision five years ago to expand Densho's educational efforts beyond collecting and digitizing oral histories and photographs, the Densho staff for stretching and learning to do these projects, and the many generous donors who supported the resulting ten thousand hours of development and million dollar investment.

In 2015, we will be promoting these two projects and are looking for an individual who is talented and knowledgeable in online marketing and outreach. Please check out the information below for the marketing manager position. Happy New Year!

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Archive Spotlight

Chizuko Norton: New Year's Eve at Tule Lake Under Curfew

Chizuko Norton was a teenager during World War II at the Tule Lake concentration camp. In 1943, when the camp was designated a [segregation center](#), a curfew was imposed on camp inmates. In this clip, Chizuko Norton talks about being caught and questioned by an MP on New Year's Eve. Chizuko Norton's full interview is available in the Densho Digital Archive.

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Densho News

Marketing Position Available at Densho

We are seeking a Marketing Manager to create and implement a

content marketing plan that engages a national audience with Densho's rich online content about the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans. This person will design and launch online campaigns and live events that build upon Densho's content expertise. This position is funded, in part, by an award from the Seattle Office of Arts & Culture, and by a grant from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program.

[>> View the Job Announcement](#)

Volunteers Wanted

Densho is looking for volunteers to help with mailing projects this year. Projects include packaging large numbers of items for shipping as well as stuffing letters. Volunteering must be done during regular business hours on a weekday, and sessions generally last 2-3 hours. If you are interested, please contact Naoko Magasis (naoko.magasis@densho.org) for more information.

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