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Floyd (far right) in 1982 as Gov. Jerry Brown signs a bill awarding $5,000 to Japanese American state employees who were wrongfully fired after Pearl Harbor.

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Dear [informal salutation],

Compassion emanating from UC Davis transformed the lives of Floyd Shimomura ’70 J.D. ’73 and his family when they faced persecution after World War II. Ever since, Floyd has been giving back to the university.

Floyd’s parents and grandparents, as Japanese Americans, met local opposition when trying to return to their home in Winters after being released from an internment camp. Their former neighbor, UC Davis Professor Warren Tufts, invited them to live and work on his farm, where Floyd was born in 1948.

Floyd, like many in his family, grew up to attend UC Davis. He later joined the law school faculty and the Cal Aggie Alumni Association (CAAA) as a board member, president and lifelong member. The Shimomura Family Scholarship reflects his family’s devotion to students.

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- FLOYD SHIMOMURA ’70 J.D. ’73

Cover photo: Floyd (far left) with his wife, their three children and grandchildren. “All the adults either went to UC Davis or married an Aggie.”