

## Pilgrim Place Names Twelve Claremont College Seniors as First Napier Fellows

- Paul Rice of Fair Trade USA is Keynote Speaker
- Two Students Receive \$10,000 Awards to Further Work



*(Pictured from left: Jacob Cohen, Takako Mino and Paul Rice)*

At a celebratory banquet on February 12, Paul Rice, CEO of Fair Trade USA, received the first Napier Medal for his work in the fair trade movement. Fair Trade USA has opened the U.S. market to over 1.2 million small, family farmers around the world who are now getting a fair price for their coffee, tea, cocoa and other harvests. Paul Rice lauded Pilgrim Place for “reimagining intergenerational relationships” in his keynote address at the First Annual Napier Awards for Creative Leadership Banquet.

Two students—Takako Mino from Claremont McKenna College and Jacob Cohen from Pomona College—each received \$10,000 to help further their exemplary projects.

Takako Mino will return to Uganda and Kenya to continue implementing a successful public debating pilot project among hundreds of teachers and students on behalf of the Forum for African Women Educationalists. She will introduce the debate program in Rwanda and Tanzania, thus fostering the personal skills necessary for self-growth and productive long-term citizenship.

Jacob Cohen has become deeply involved in helping Vietnamese American students in New Orleans East mount a campaign challenging the systemic injustices that affect public schools in their community. Cohen will use the Napier money to continue his work with the local Vietnamese American Young Leaders Association to take a series of actions aimed at generating corrective steps by decision makers.

“When we received the application materials from the twelve students nominated by their colleges, I knew we had a challenge,” said Paul Minus, chair of the Napier Initiative Planning Committee. “The diversity of the projects, the goals of the students and the lives being impacted—it was more than we expected—and we expected a lot. The final decisions were not easy, but each one of these students deserves to be a Napier Fellow.”

Paul Rice’s reference to “reimagining intergenerational relationships” in his keynote presentation reflects a particularly unique aspect of the Napier program. All twelve nominees have also established a mentoring relationship with a Pilgrim Place resident having a significant vocational affinity with the students. Numbered among Pilgrim Place residents are those with careers as overseas missionaries, human rights activists and environmentalists. Every resident at Pilgrim Place has a unique story to tell.

Twelve seniors from the Claremont Colleges were selected as the first Napier Fellows for their continuing work in social justice, global peace and care of the earth.

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The awards are named after Davie and Joy Napier, long time residents of Pilgrim Place. The couple were lifelong activists for civil rights, global justice, peace and the environment. Davie was president of the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley and earlier taught at Stanford University and Yale Divinity School. As educators and mentors they touched the lives of countless students, including Paul Rice of Fair Trade USA, who was at Yale University during their tenure.

In future years the Napier Initiative plans to extend the program to Yale, Stanford, Pacific School of Religion and Claremont School of Theology.



*Anne Napier Caffery and her husband Steve Caffery visit with Pilgrim Place resident Barbara Troxell who gave a tribute to Davie & Joy Napier (Anne's parents) at the Banquet.*



*Pilgrim Place resident Paul Minus, Chair of the Napier Initiative, and Sam Gordon, one of the 12 Napier Fellows, share a moment at the Special Reception for students at the Petterson Museum of Intercultural Art.*



*Banquet featured culinary specialities prepared by Pilgrim Place Dining Services staff*



*Paul Rice shares his Fair Trade story*



*Takako Mino expresses gratitude for the \$10,000 stipend to continue her work in East Africa.*



*Pia Moriarty - a friend of the Napiers from Stanford days - was a speaker at the Saturday seminars held at Pitzer College.*



*Pilgrim Place residents Pat Hynds (left) and Eleanor Scott Meyers join Paul Rice - first recipient of the Napier Medal designed by Hynds and Meyers.*