

Lifting Up Asian American and Pacific Islander Staff Voices



Mikko Jokela

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School
7th Grade Humanities
Teacher

Favorite Food: Chinese onion
pancakes

Favorite Movie: Shanghai
Noon

Ideal Dinner Guests: Mother
Teresa, Thich Nhat Hanh,
Nelson Mandela

When Not Working: Nothing is
better than going to Hawaii
with my wife



"My mom is an inspiration to me because she immigrated from China to Taiwan to Boston to San Diego, where I was raised. Each step of the way, she had to adapt and persevere through challenging situations, using her heart and mind to uncover a moral path of justice and generosity. She taught me to value all of the parts of myself, and to never give up on the possibility for greater peace in my own life and in society."