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### For Immediate Release

## Submission Date Extended!

### *Win a trip to Japan!* **2016 Letter to My Parents™ Contest in Chicago**

Chicago, IL — Due to a popular demand, the Organizing Committee for the **2016 Letter to My Parents™ Contest in Chicago** (Organized by **Durango Unido en Chicago** and **Reiyukai America**) is announcing the extension of the last day of submission from February 19 to Monday, February 29.

**Letter to My Parents™ Contest in Chicago** is open to **residents of State of Illinois** ages 17 to 23 years who would like to express their experiences and feelings towards their parents or legal guardians. Participants are encouraged to submit work illustrating examples from personal family life; reflecting family relationships and interactions. Suggested topics include:

- *How have my parent's experiences and influence affect or shape the person I am today?*
- *What my parent(s) means to me?*
- *What are my thoughts about how we are as a family?*
- *What would I like to do for my parent(s)?*
- *How I can improve relationships in my family?*

**Two Winners will win a trip to Japan** (Sponsored by Pilsen Wellness Center and Reiyukai America), ten finalists will **\$50 Gift Certificates**, and a **Yearlong test-prep course subscription**, will be given, courtesy of BenchPrep. The Runner Up will receive a scholarship of **\$500** courtesy of Evelin F. Freytas from New York Life Insurance Company.

Submit entries to **www.LetterToMyParents.com** (Click the Chicago Contest Banner) by **Monday, February 29, 2016**. Entries can be in any language used in the State of Illinois, but an English translation is required. Contestants 17 years old and under must submit a Parental/Guardian consent form.

Ten finalists will be selected and will be invited to present their letters during the final presentation to judges, scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at Pilsen Wellness Center (2319 S. Damen Ave, Chicago, IL)

Letter to My Parents is sponsored by Pilsen Wellness Center, Evelyn F. Freytas from New York Life Insurance Company, Bench Prep and I.C.R.E (Illinois State of Rehabilitation and Education) Roosevelt.

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