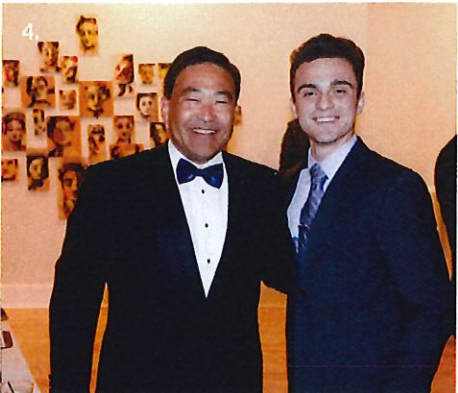




SOKA University of America 13th Annual Peace Gala

"Celebrating the Vision of Peace" was the theme for SOKA's Peace Gala held at the esteemed university in Aliso Viejo. *The Voice* finalist Chris Mann entertained and NBC4 weather-caster Fritz Coleman was master of ceremonies for the 488 guests. An impressive \$806,692 was netted for student scholarships. **PHOTOGRAPHY ROBERT ROOKS**



1. SOKA President Danny Habuki with sponsors Junko and Joe Perez | 2. Entertainer Chris Mann, center, with Founding Gala Co-Chairs Joan May, left, and Dita Shemke | 3. Sponsors Jim and Sheila Peterson with NBC4 News' Fritz Coleman, who was master of ceremonies | 4. SOKA CFO Arch Asawa and student speaker Vasco Yorgov | 5. SOKA Trustee Matilda Buck | 6. Michiel and Jennifer Schuitemaker | 7. SOKA's Taiko Drummers | 8. Gala centerpiece | 9. Gala committee member Clothilde Hewlett with her husband Everett Hewlett | 10. SOKA Gala held in gymnasium