

## Gachina Landscape Management & the Gachina Family Scholarship



***The Gachina Landscape Management and Gachina Family Scholarship was established in 2005 by founder John Gachina and his wife H. Jaclyn Ishimaru-Gachina.*** John P. Gachina, 64, was the founder, CEO and President of Gachina Landscape Management and a loving husband and father. Born in San Jose, John passed away peacefully at his Los Altos home surrounded by his family on December 27, 2015.

Jaclyn Ishimaru-Gachina will carry-on the legacy of Gachina Landscape Management, "Enriching the Life of Everyone and Everything we Touch!". We continue to support the industry and our future leaders, this is The Gachina Way.

John began his lifelong passion of nurturing and maintaining greenery at a summer job in high school as a greens keeper on a local golf course. Starting his first business in his back yard garage in 1975, John developed this passion into the highly regarded and nationally recognized landscape maintenance business of today, Gachina Landscape Management, founded in 1988. John was an entrepreneur and a visionary of his company and recognized as a pioneer of the industry. He was a past Chair of the CLCA Public Relations committee, and was "a founding father" of the Landscape Industry Technician Program. John was a tireless volunteer with the program that is widely accepted to certify the skills and talents of landscape professionals through the National Association of Landscape Professionals (NALP). Locally John served the SFBA Chapter of CLCA in different roles such as Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and was instrumental in the Education Committee and job training project.

Gachina is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards at the national, state and local levels; including the National Grand Award and State Sweepstakes Awards for Excellence in Landscape Management. The company has received over 175 awards since 1988. In 2005, the company was recognized as a Best Places to Work. Gachina Landscape Management was also recognized for three years in a row as the only landscape company to be ranked a Top 100 Healthiest Employers in the Bay Area. John and Jaclyn are endlessly proud of their organization and their passionate employees.

