

JASCO Mission:

The Japan-America Society of Central Ohio (JASCO) is a private, not-for-profit membership association of Americans and Japanese who desire to bring the Japanese and American communities together, promote goodwill through the sharing of knowledge about Japan, and provide a forum for informed discussion regarding the Japan-U.S. relationship. The Japan-America Society of Central Ohio is one of 39 Japan-America Societies located throughout the United States and is a member of the National Association of Japan-America Societies.

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Japan-America Society of Central Ohio's
**2008 Japanese Language
Speech Contest Program**

Saturday, March 1, 2008

**The Ohio State University
Hagerty Hall**

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Since 1999, the Japan~America Society of Central Ohio's Japanese Language Speech Contest has been an annual event designed to encourage Ohio's high school and university students to experience the power of foreign language communication.

It is our belief that through this competition, students not only improve their skills and understanding of the Japanese language, but also strengthen the bond of friendship between the United States and Japan through their efforts.

Special Thanks

Preliminary Round Screeners

The Japan~America Society of Central Ohio would like to thank the following individuals who generously volunteered their time to screen all submitted entries during the preliminary round and determine the finalists for today's event:

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The Honorable Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Consul General

Ms. Anita Savio

Mr. Akihiko Fujii

The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit serves both Michigan and Ohio, providing support services to the approximately 16,000 Japanese nationals residing in these two states, while also promoting increased understanding of Japanese culture and people to United States' citizens.



Comprised of more than 60 companies, the Central Ohio Japanese Association of Commerce (COJAC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to bridging the gap between Japanese and American cultures by building business cooperation, promoting mutual friendship and exchanging information among Japanese businesses and the Central Ohio community.



Established in 1972 as a special legal entity to undertake international cultural exchange, The Japan Foundation is today an independent administrative institution that promotes the exchange of cultural information, the arts, Japanese language and studies, and intellectual knowledge between Japan and the global community.



**The Institute for
Japanese Studies
at The Ohio State
University**



Today's Schedule

9:30 am - 9:55 am	Participant Check-In : University Students
10:00 am - 10:15 am	Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introduction of Judges and Explanation of Contest Procedures
10:15 am - 12:00 am	Speech Presentations by University Finalists
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 pm - 1:25pm	Participant Check-In : High School Students
1:30 pm ~ 1:45 pm	Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introduction of Judges and Explanation of Contest Procedures
1:45 pm ~ 2:30 pm	Speech Presentations by High School Finalists
2:30 pm ~ 2:45 pm	Break to Tabulate Scores
2:45 pm	Awards Presentations and Final Comments

(Schedule subject to change)

Judges

Mr. Akihiko Fujii, Consulate General of Japan in Detroit

Dr. Mieko Ono, Miami University

Mr. Masashige Sato, Yaskawa Electric America, Inc. (COJAC)

Dr. Richard Torrance, The Ohio State University

University Finalists

- **Ryan Chizmar**
Ohio University
“Japanese Etiquette”
日本の礼儀
- **Greg Dikis**
Ohio University
“The Question of Freedom”
自由の問題
- **Michelle Hughes**
The Ohio State University
“Experiencing Life Through Foreign Language”
私の外国語での経験
- **William Kentris**
The University of Findlay
“The Benefits of Learning Japanese in a Classroom”
きょうしつで日本語をならうことのりえき
- **Alina Kordesch**
Ohio University
“Iceland Experience”
アイスランドの経験
- **Nathan Lazor**
University of Findlay
“What I Learned Searching for a Job”
就職活動で学んだ事
- **Dan Leach**
Ohio University
“McDonald’s New Snack Wrap”
マクドナルドの新しいスナックラップ
- **Nicholas Norman**
Ohio University
“Japanese and American Differences”
日本人とアメリカ人のちがいがい
- **Laura Suprock**
The Ohio State University
“To the Other Side”
彼方へ
- **Erin Taylor**
University of Findlay
“My Future Goals”
私の将来の目標
- **Yan Xu**
The Ohio State University
“Chinese and Japanese”
中国語と日本語
- **Yizheng Zhang**
University of Findlay
“Kendo and I”
私と剣道

High School Finalists

- **Casey Barrett**
Dublin Scioto H.S., Dublin
“Our Changing World”
私達が変わっている世界
- **William Blakenship**
Dublin Scioto H.S., Dublin
“Otakon”
オタクコン
- **Drew Murray**
Dublin Scioto H.S., Dublin
“Ohayocon”
オハーヨコン
- **Ashvin Srivatsa**
Sycamore High School
“Tsunami”
津波
- **Weian Ye**
Sycamore High School
“Japan and I”
私と日本
- **Hae Jee Yoon**
Dublin Scioto High School
“My High School Life”
わたしのこうこうせいかつ

Prizes

Grand Prize

Northwest roundtrip ticket to Japan (\$750 voucher)

First Place

University Level: Trophy, electronic dictionary (Canon G55)

High School Level: Trophy, electronic dictionary (Canon G55)

Second Place

University Level: Trophy, electronic dictionary (Canon IDF-2100)

High School Level: Trophy, electronic dictionary (Canon IDF-2100)

Third Place

University Level: kanji dictionary, kanji card vol. 2

High School Level: kanji dictionary, kanji card vol. 1

Pronunciation and Intonation Award

University Level: \$50 Barnes & Noble Gift Card

High School Level: \$50 Barnes & Noble Gift Card

All finalists receive a Japan-America Society of Central Ohio t-shirt and pin.

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