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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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Founded in 1999, the JASCO Japanese Language Speech Contest is 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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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 - 11:30 am	Speech Presentations by University Finalists
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch (on your own)
12:30 pm - 12:55 pm	Participant Check-In : High School
1:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introduction of Judges and Explanation of Contest Procedures
1:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Speech Presentations by High School Finalists
1:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Break to Tabulate Scores
2:00 pm	Awards Presentations and Final Comments

Judges

Hamako Furuhata, Mount Union College
Kenji Hosaka, Hazama Corporation / COJAC
Bradley Richardson, The Ohio State University
Minae Yamamoto Savas, Capital University

University Finalists

- **Ryan Child**
University of Cincinnati
“A Small Wish”
小さな祈り
- **Evan Dicken**
The Ohio State University
“Japan’s Forgotten Treasures”
日本の忘れられた宝
- **Mark Huber**
The Ohio State University
“I Wonder If I Can Make 100
Japanese Friends on Mixi”
ミクシイで日本人の友達百人
出来るかな
- **Kevin Jambor**
Ohio University
“My Dream Travel”
私の夢の旅
- **Cristin Stagg Kenney**
Ohio University
“Mathematics of the Edo Era”
江戸時代の数学
- **Zach Pina**
The University of Findlay
“The One True International Lan-
guage”
本当の国際語
- **Hyun Shin**
University of Cincinnati
“The Cultural Exchange of
Neighboring Countries, Korea
and Japan”
文化交流 - 日本の韓流熱風
- **Paul Szuter**
Ohio University
“The Japan Experience”
日本体験
- **Mario Vargas**
The University of Findlay
“The Study of Japanese and My
Father’s Advice”
日本語の勉強と父からの助言

High School Finalists

- **Marisol Cerda**
Sycamore H.S., Cincinnati
“The Ground Becomes Solid After
Rain”
雨降って地固る
- **Moazam Khan**
Sycamore H.S., Cincinnati
“Japanese Style of Communica-
tion”
日本のコミュニケーション
- **Andrew Crocker**
Dublin Scioto H.S., Dublin
“My Trip”
私の旅行
- **Mike Van Zandbergen**
Dublin Scioto H.S., Dublin
“The Legend of Chuck Norris”
チャック・ノリスの伝説

Prizes

First Place

University Level: Round-Trip Ticket to Japan Travel Vouchers, Trophy, Certificate, Akira Kurosawa’s *Dreams* DVD, *Kendama* game, Japanese Calendar, Hokusai Mouse Pad, *Sembei* Snacks.

High School Level: \$150 Barnes & Noble Gift Card, Trophy, Certificate, Akira Kurosawa’s *Dreams* DVD, *Kendama* game, *Kanji* Cards, *Manga* (Japanese comics) Book, Japanese Poster, Hokusai Mouse Pad, *Sembei* Snacks.

Second Place

University Level: \$100 Barnes & Noble Gift Card, Trophy, Certificate, Akira Kurosawa’s *Dreams* DVD, *Mouhitsu* (Japanese writing brush), *Kanji* Cards, Japanese Poster, Japanese Tea Cups, *Sembei* Snacks.

High School Level: \$100 Barnes & Noble Gift Card, Trophy, Certificate, Akira Kurosawa’s *Dreams* DVD, *Mouhitsu* (Japanese writing brush), *Kanji* Cards, *Manga* (Japanese comics) Book, Japanese Tea Cups, *Sembei* Snacks.

Third Place

University Level: \$50 Barnes & Noble Gift Card, Certificate, Akira Kurosawa’s *Dreams* DVD, *Ohasi* (chopsticks), *Kanji* Cards, Japanese Print, Japanese Coffee Mug, *Sembei* Snacks.

High School Level: \$50 Barnes & Noble Gift Card, Certificate, Akira Kurosawa’s *Dreams* DVD, *Ohasi* (chopsticks), *Kanji* Cards, Japanese Coffee Mug, *Sembei* Snacks.

Pronunciation and Intonation Award

University Level: \$50 Barnes & Noble Gift Card

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

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