

JASCO's 2008 Japanese Language Speech Contest

March 1, 2008

Hagerty Hall, The Ohio State University

Imagine giving a speech in front of a bunch of strangers and being judged on your performance... now, imagine doing it in a foreign language! That's what twelve university and five high school students did on Saturday, March 1, 2008. Vying for bragging rights as well as prizes such as a round-trip ticket to Japan, these talented students proved that Ohio is a hotbed of Japanese language learning! Impressing the judges with their lingual abilities, Michelle Hughes of The Ohio State University received the grand prize while Alina Kordesch of Ohio University & Weian Ye of Sycamore High School took home the first place prizes. Congratulations to all of our participants for a job well done and keep up the hard work!



Grand Prize Winner
Michelle Hughes

The trophy winners:
Grand Prize: Michelle Hughes (The Ohio State University)
1st: College Alina Kordesch (The Ohio University)
2nd College: Laura Suprock (The Ohio State University)
1st HS: Weian Ye (Sycamore High School)
2nd HS: Hae Jee Yoon (Dublin Scioto High School)



Contest judges: Mr. Akihiko Fujii, Deputy Consul General of Japan in Detroit, Dr. Mieko Ono, Miami University, Dr. Richard Torrance, The Ohio State University, & Mr. Masashige Sato, Yaskawa Electric America, Inc., COJAC.



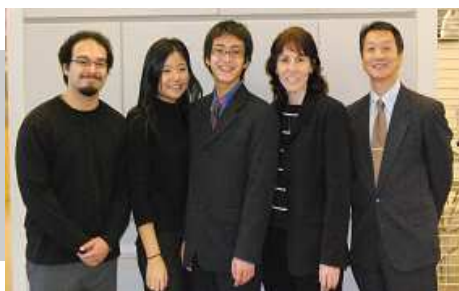
College Finalists
 Ryan Chizmar (Ohio University), Greg Dikis (Ohio University), Michelle Hughes (The Ohio State University), William Kentris (University of Findlay), Alina Kordesch (Ohio University), Nathan Lazor (University of Findlay), Dan Leach (Ohio University), Nicholas Norman (Ohio University), Laura Suprock (The Ohio State University), Erin Taylor (University of Findlay), Yan Xu (The Ohio State University), Yizheng Zhang (University of Findlay),



The prizes for first through third place winners!

High School Finalists
 Casey Barrett (Dublin-Scioto), William Blankenship (Dublin-Scioto), Drew Murray (Dublin-Coffman), Weian Ye (Sycamore), Hae Jee Yoon (Dublin-Scioto)

JASCO Staff and OSU Japanese Language Students/ student assistants



Thank you to Tensuke Market for the very generous donation of snacks and items for speech contest participants and attending guests.





Japan-America Society of Central Ohio 2008 Japanese Language Speech Contest Winners

High School Level

Grand Prize

Michelle Hughes
The Ohio State University
"Experiencing Life Through
Foreign Languages"
私の外国語での経験



First Prize

Weian Ye
Sycamore High School, Cincinnati
"Japan and I"
私と日本



University Level

First Prize

Alina Kordesch
Ohio University
"Iceland Experience"
アイスランドの経験



Second Prize

Hae Jee Yoon
Dublin Scioto High School, Dublin
"My Highschool Life"
わたしの こうこうせいかつ



Second Prize

Laura Suprock
The Ohio State University
"To the Other Side"
彼方へ



Third Prize

Casey Barrett
Dublin-Scioto High School, Dublin
"Our Changing World"
私達の変っている世界



Third Prize

Yizheng Zhang
University of Findlay
"Kendo and I"
私と剣道



P&I Prize

Drew Murray
Dublin-Scioto High School, Dublin
"Ohayocon"
オハーヨコン



P&I Prize

Nathan Lazor
University of Findlay
"What I Learned Searching for a Job"
就職活動で学んだ事



P&I Prize

William Blankenship
Dublin-Scioto High School, Dublin
"Otakon"
オタクコン



Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Speech Contest. Please check our website for next year's details and deadlines. We look forward to hearing everyone's speeches next year at the Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest in Columbus!

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