

# 2009 Japanese Language Speech Contest

Saturday, March 7, 2009

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 nine high school students did on Saturday, March 7, 2009. 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, Nathan Lazor of the University of Findlay received the grand prize while Jennifer Henry from The University of Findlay & Paolo Gabriel from 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!

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Grand Prize Winner  
Nathan Lazor



2009 Judges (left to right): Mr. Masashige Sato, Ms. Noriko Mills, Dr. Noriko Fujioka-Ito, Mr. Akihiko Fujii



University Winners of the 2009 Speech Contest  
Grand Prize: Nathan Lazor, University of Findlay  
1st Prize: Jennifer Henry, University of Findlay  
2nd Prize: Craig White, University of Findlay  
3rd Prize: Lisa Mieskowski, Ohio university  
P&I: Brandon Killby, Mount Union College



**College Finalists:**  
Ryan Chizmar (Ohio University), Emily Didion (The Ohio State University), Jennifer Henry (University of Findlay), Brandon Killby (Mount Union College), Alina Kordesch (Ohio University), Nathan Lazor (University of Findlay), Lisa Mieskowski (Ohio University), Jennifer Musser (Ohio University), Sun-young Park (Miami University), Joshua Schendel (Ohio University), Kim Welenc (University of Findlay), Craig White (University of Findlay)  
**High School Finalists**  
Paolo Gabriel (Sycamore HS), Tiffany Ho (Dublin Coffman HS), Sharon Kang (Dublin Scioto HS), Drew Murray (Dublin Coffman HS), Kevin Rood (Dublin Coffman HS), Katie Skapin (Kirtland HS), Emi Wessel (Turpin HS), Weian Ye (Sycamore HS), Jae Young Yoon (Dublin Scioto HS)



High School Winners of the Speech Contest  
1st Prize: Paolo Gabriel, Sycamore HS  
2nd Prize: Sharon Kang, Dublin Scioto HS  
3rd Prize: Emi Wessel, Turpin HS  
P&I: Katie Skapin, Kirkland HS



All participants received a JASCO t-shirt, snacks from Tensuke Market, and posters from The Japan Foundation and Japan National Tourist Organization



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## 2009 Japanese Language Speech Contest Winners

### Grand Prize

Nathan Lazor  
University of Findlay  
"The Ties of Friendship"  
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### University Level

#### First Prize

Jennifer Henry  
University of Findlay  
"Seeing is Believing"  
百聞は一見にしかず



#### Second Prize

Craig White  
University of Findlay  
"Why I'm Studying Japanese"  
なぜ日本語を勉強するか



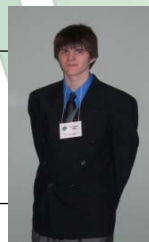
#### Third Prize

Lisa Mieskowski  
Ohio University  
"What is American Food"  
アメリカ料理とはどんな料理



#### P&I Prize

Brandon Killby  
Mount Union College  
"Memories of My Grandfather"  
祖父の思い出



### High School Level

#### First Prize

Paolo Gabriel  
Sycamore High School, Cincinnati  
"Music and Me"  
音楽と僕



#### Second Prize

Sharon Kang  
Dublin Scioto High School, Dublin  
"High School Education"  
こうこうのきょういく



#### Third Prize

Emi Wessel  
Turpin High School, Cincinnati Ohio  
"Do You Want To Stay In The Cave?"  
横穴に残りたい



#### P&I Prize

Katie Skapin  
Kirkland High School, Kirkland Ohio  
"My Summer Vacation"  
私の夏休み



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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