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## JASCO Annual Japanese Speech Contest

Since 1999, JASCO has been hosting the Annual Japanese Speech Contests, offering an opportunity for Japanese-language learners to showcase their achievements. The objective of this event is to foster Japanese language education throughout the state of Ohio by supporting the continued effort of local public schools and colleges to improve the quality of the Japanese-language learning environment. The winners of the contest will receive scholarships and various other prizes that will encourage them to continue studying Japanese language. This competition not only provides highly motivated students across the state with the chance to improve their Japanese language skills, but also inspires and encourages others to broaden their understanding of Japan, its culture, and the strong ties between Japan and United States.



日本文化交流会  
Japanese Student Organization

The Japanese Student Organization (JSO) at The Ohio State University provides a meeting ground of interests in Japanese language and culture. JSO offers a place for cultures to blend and members to expand their interests through events and functions that showcase Japanese language and culture.

<http://jso.org.ohio-state.edu>



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## The 2019 JASCO Japanese Speech Contest

2019年JASCO日本語スピーチコンテスト

Saturday, March 2, 2019  
at Dublin Integrated  
Education Center  
Ohio University  
Dublin Center

(6805 Bobcat Way, Dublin, OH 43016)



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JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF CENTRAL OHIO  
セントラルオハイオ日米協会

## 9:00AM – REGISTRATION

## 9:30AM – INTRODUCTIONS

## 9:40AM – 11:00AM - HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

**9:40AM - Anna Brake**

*(Marysville HS)*  
日本語を勉強するモチベーション  
“Motivation for Studying Japanese”

**9:50AM - Katie Burnes**

*(Marysville Early College HS)*  
日本に行きたい理由  
“Why I want to go to Japan”

**10:00AM - Aaron Curie**

*(Marysville HS)*  
言語の大切さ  
“Importance of Languages”

**10:10AM - Samiul Islam**

*(Dublin Coffman HS)*  
日本のじどうはんばいき  
“Japan and Vending Machines”

**10:20AM - Aidan Johantges**

*(Marysville Early College HS)*  
音楽は世界の言葉  
“Music is the World’s Language”

**10:30AM - Jaida Rich**

*(Marysville HS)*  
びじゅつと気持ち  
“Art and Emotions”

**10:40AM - Maya Thompson**

*(Dublin Coffman HS)*  
走ること  
“Running”

**10:50AM - Jacob Todd**

*(Marysville HS)*  
僕の日本語の経験  
“My Japanese Experience”

## 11:00AM – 1:00PM Lunch Break

## 1:10PM – 1:40PM - COLLEGE LEVEL

**1:10PM - Gitanjali Ajay Prasad**

*(The Ohio State University)*  
日本の文化と芸術への情熱  
“My Passions in Japanese Culture and Art”

**1:20PM - June Chen**

*(Case Western Reserve University)*  
私の一番の怖れ  
“My Biggest Fear”

**1:30PM - Jie Huang**

*(The Ohio State University)*  
図々しい16歳の私の希望  
“My 16 year old wish”

## 1:40PM – Break

## 1:50PM – 3:00PM - ADVANCED LEVEL

**1:50PM - Sumrestar Beauchamp**

*(University of Findlay)*  
可能性  
“Possibility”

**2:00PM - Deidra Buenger**

*(The University of Toledo)*  
空気に読まれる自分から読む自分へ  
“From the Me That is Read by the Air, to the Me That Reads it”

**2:10PM - Anna Engle**

*(University of Findlay)*  
海外の経験の尊さ  
“The Benefits of Life Abroad”

**2:20PM - Elinor Lindeman**

*(The Ohio State University)*  
様々な視点から歴史を学ぶ大切さ -  
“The Importance of Learning History from Differing Perspectives”

**2:30PM - David Moore**

*(University of Cincinnati)*  
日本語との人生の旅  
“My Journey with Japanese Language”

**2:40PM - Boning Shi**

*(Kenyon College)*  
ロリータファッション  
“Lolita Fashion”

**2:50PM - Xiyue Zhang**

*(The Ohio State University)*  
今を生きる、今を頑張る  
“Living for the Moment, Doing the Best for the Moment”

**3:00PM - BREAK**

## 3:30PM - AWARDS CEREMONY

## - JUDGES -

**Mr. Hiroshi Fukuda**

President, Nissin Travel Service (U.S.A) Inc.;  
Vice President, Central Ohio Japanese Association of  
Commerce Board of Directors;  
Member, Japan-America Society of Central Ohio  
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Medical Interpreter, Mount Carmel Health System

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Manager, Organizational Development, Honda R&D  
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## - EMCEES -

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