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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 38 Japan-America Societies located throughout the United States and is a member of the National Association of Japan-America Societies.

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**The Japanese
Student Organization**
At The Ohio State University
オハイオ日本文化会



2012 Japanese Language Speech Contest

Saturday, March 3, 2012

Presented by:

JASCO & JSO at

The Ohio State University

Hagerty Hall RM 180

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Since 1999, the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio's Japanese Language Speech Contest, co-sponsored with the Institute for Japanese Studies at The Ohio State University, has been an annual event designed to encourage Ohio's high school and university students to experience the power of foreign language communication.

Japanese Student Organization at the Ohio State University has collaborated with the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio to assist in organizing this annual event.

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

We 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 :

Fumi Baba
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Mikiko Shimada

Japanese Language Instructors

We would like to thank the following Japanese language instructors in Ohio universities and high schools for encouraging their students' participation in this year's Japanese Language Speech Contest.

University Level

Ayako Deguchi, Ohio University
Hiroaki Kawamura, University of Findlay
Yoshiki Kishi, Case Western Reserve University
Yuko Kuwai, The Ohio State University
Noriko Fujioka-Ito, University of Cincinnati
Ai Terada, The Ohio State University

High School Level

Vickie Mitchell, Kirtland High School, Kirtland
Chikako Pierson, Sycamore High School, Cincinnati
John Rockelman, Dublin Scioto High School, Dublin
Dai Yamamoto, Benjamin Logan High School, Bellfountain



**Japanese Student Organization
presents**

**7th Annual Japanese Spring Festival
April 29, 2012, 11am-6pm
The Ohio Union Performance Hall at
Ohio State**



Sponsors

It is with sincere gratitude that we thank the following organizations for sponsoring the JASCO Japanese Language Speech Contest.

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Consulate General of Japan in Detroit

The Honorable Kuninori Matsuda, Consul General

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Ms. Midori Takeuchi

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 the exchange of information in Central Ohio.



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 world.

Special Thanks to Yoshi's Japanese Restaurant—5776 Frantz Rd Dublin OH



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**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 pm	Speech Presentations by University Finalists
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch
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)

Speakers

Emcees:	Kathryn Dorrian & Saina Nemoto
Opening Remarks by:	Dr. Bradley Richardson <i>Ohio State University Distinguished Scholar Emeritus</i>
Moderator:	Isao Shoji, Ameriprise Financial (JASCO)

Judges

Mr. Hiroshi Fukuda, Nissin Travel Services, Inc. (COJAC)
Ms. Noriko Mills, Honda R & D Americas, Inc. (JASCO)
Dr. Noriko Reider, Miami University
Ms. Midori Takeuchi, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Japan in Detroit

High School Finalists

Prachi Bansal

Dublin Scioto High School
"The Things I Like"

Geoff Brown

Kirtland High School
"Why Do Americans Want to Watch Anime"

Josie Coleman

Benjamin Logan High School
"Education"

Natalie D'Eramo

Dublin Scioto High School
"My friend"

Mary Evans

Benjamin Logan High School
"Foreign Language"

Young Kwon

Dublin Scioto High School
"Korean and Japanese"

Carrie Leese

Benjamin Logan High School
"My Inspiration"

Nayan Mandan

Sycamore High School
"My Chosen Path"

Aliah Owens

Dublin Scioto High School
"Music"

Darien Pooler

Benjamin Logan High School
"Peace"

University Finalists

Hyeran Chung

Ohio University
"Three Important Things for Me"

Tianyu (Aya) Du

Case Western University
"The Problem of America's Education"

Mike Gillum

University of Findlay
"Japan Seen Through the Eyes of My Grandmother"

Amy Goodnite

Ohio University
"Hikikomori, Acute Social Withdrawal"

Brandon Jarrell

Ohio University
"Modern Day Language Study"

Matthew Korn

Ohio State University
"Always Smiling Imae-san"

Bryan Le

Ohio State University
"My Dreams"

Yiran Luo

Ohio State University
"Why Japanese Do Not Use Facebook"

Laura McGhee

Ohio State University
"The Disneyland Promise"

Justin Wheeler

University of Findlay
"Japan, Ohio and I"

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Japanese Arts & Cultural Initiative (P&I Award)
Tensuke Market

All finalists receive a Institute for Japanese Studies t-shirt from IJS, snacks from Tensuke Market, and items from the Japan National Tourist Organization and the Japan Foundation.

Prizes

First Place

University Level: Barnes & Noble Gift Card for \$200
High School Level: Barnes & Noble Gift Card for \$200

Second Place

University Level: Barnes & Noble Gift Card for \$150
High School Level: Barnes & Noble Gift Card for \$150

Third Place

University Level: Barnes & Noble Gift Card for \$100
High School Level: Barnes & Noble Gift Card for \$100

Pronunciation & Intonation Award

Barnes & Noble Gift Card for \$50