

# 32nd Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest in Chicago [2018]

## Results

Prize	Participant's Name	School	Speech Title
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### Grand Prize (1)

Round trip ticket donated by Japan Airlines

Category 3	Lauren Singer	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	日本の原住民と危機言語 (Japan's Indigenous Peoples and Endangered Languages)
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### Sister City Osaka Award (1)

Round trip ticket to Osaka & 2-Week-Home-Stay in Osaka arranged and donated by Osaka Committee, Chicago Sister Cities Int'l

Category 3	Carissa Seo	Oakton Community College	母の努力 (My Mother's Hardwork)
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### 1st Prize (3)

\$100 Gift Card donated by Sumitomo Corporation of Americas

Audio Headset donated by Panasonic Corporation of North America

*Category 1	Emmylina O'Brien	Thomas Dooley Elementary School	日本の交かんりゅう学生 (Japanese Exchange Students)
Category 2	Jessica Yoon	Glenbrook South High School	なぜ、ロボットを作るのか (The Reason Why I Build Robots)
Category 3	Calum Fletcher	Kansas State University	千人のいじめっ子より、一人の親友 (One Best Friend is Better than 1000 Bullies)

### 2nd Prize (3)

\$80 Gift Card donated by Unytite Inc. & White Cube LLC,

Frank Lloyd Wright Pencil Set donated by Mitsubishi Electric Automation Inc.

Category 1	Julia Schuetze	Thomas Dooley Elementary School	日本りょ行：東京とと山県 (Trip to Japan: Tokyo and Toyama)
Category 2	Lucas Evans	Madison Country Day School	体を治す、考え方を直す (Heal the Body, Straighten the Mindset)

Category 3	Tyree Johnson	DePaul University	自分を知ることは自分を忘れること (To Know the Self is to Forget the Self)
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**3rd Prize (3)**

\$50 Gift Card donated by Hankyu Hanshin Express USA Inc.,  
Bento Set donated by Nippon Express USA Inc.,

Category 1	Jibran Khan	Thomas Dooley Elementary School	ぼく (ME)
Category 2	Melanie Juarez	Northside College Preparatory High School	待っています (Waiting)
Category 3	Yidong Yang	University of Minnesota- Twin Cities	別れ咲き (Bloom when parting)

**4th Prize (3)**

\$30 Gift Card donated by Japan Math Corp.,

Category 1	Porter Hamada	Tanoshii Nihongo	クルーズトリップ (Cruise Trip)
Category 2	Joshua Guzek	Chesterton High School	言葉が結ぶ物 (Connections in Language)
Category 3	Taha Rizvi	University of Minnesota- Twin Cities	内気を押し切る勇気 (the Courage to Overcome my Shyness)

**JASC Award (3)**

Books, Crystal, or 1-year-membership donated by the Japan America Society of Chicago

Category 1	Becca Hamada	Tanoshii Nihongo	わたしのペット「すし」 (My Pet Sushi)
Category 2	Dasha Raguimov	Glenbrook South High School	「まず、やってみては！」 (First try & see!)
Category 3	John Riforgiate	Kansas State University	ここアメリカじゃない！！ (We're Not in America Anymore!)

**Chicago Shimpo Award (2)**

One Year Subscription to the Chicago Shimpo Newspaper donated by Chicago Shimpo

Category 2	Marisa Wernick	Evanston Township High School	自分にとっての情熱の意味 (What Passion Means to Me)
Category 3	Stephen Cannell	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	どんなに日本語を勉強しても (No Matter How Much I Study Japanese)

### **Japan Airlines Award (3)**

Shaeffer ballpoint pen donated by Japan Airlines

Category 2	Aaron Soriano	Northside College Prep High School	スポーツを通して (Through the Sports)
Category 3	Yuchen Dong	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	祖母のビデオ電話 (My Grandmother's Video Call)
Category 3	Di Wang	Grinnell College	母の厨房 (Mother's Kitchen)

### **IATJ Award (3)**

Book donated by Illinois Association of Teachers of Japanese

Category 2	Briana Sobecks	Glenbrook South High School	バイオリンのおかげで (Thanks to Violin)
Category 3	Sydney Michael	University of Minnesota- Twin Cities	忘れられない贈り物 (An Unforgettable Gift)

### **Bonjinsha Award (5)**

Japanese Dictionary donated by Bonjinsha

Category 2	Sailor Franklin	Chesterton High School	オタクと言うことば (The Word Otaku)
Category 2	Trish Le	Northside College Preparatory High School	七転び八起き (Fall Down 7 Times, Get Up 8)
Category 3	Makayla Finch	Kansas State University	そうだ、選挙に行こう (That's Right, Let's Go Vote)
Category 3	Bethany Karasek	Winona State University	私の日本語のけいけん (My Japanese Experience)

Category 3	Katelin Kent	Winona State University	先生に教わった教訓 (What My Teachers Taught Me)
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**All Contestants (29)**

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- \*Category 1 (Elementary & Junior High School Students)
- Category 2 (High School Students who are learning Japanese as a foreign language)
- Category 3 (College Students who are learning Japanese as a foreign language)