

25th Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest in Chicago [2011] Results

Prize	Participant's Name	School	Speech Title
<u>Grand Prize (1)</u>			
Round Trip Ticket to Japan donated by Japan Airlines \$200 Gift Certificate donated by Nippon Steel USA, \$200 Gift Certificate donated by Mitsubishi Int'l Corp.			
	Haneol Nam	University of Wisconsin-Madison	「幸せ」の意味 (Meaning of Happiness)
<u>Sister City Osaka Award (1)</u>			
Round trip ticket & trip donated and arranged by City of Osaka Chicago Office & Chicago Sister Cities Int'l Program Osaka Committee			
	Katharine Snyder	University of Chicago	卒業前に考えていること (Thoughts Before Graduation)
<u>1st Prize (4)</u>			
\$150 Gift Certificate donated by Astellas Pharma US, Inc.			
*Category 1	Chase Dorn	Addams Junior H.S.	楽しかった日本の学校 (My Memorable Trip To a School in Japan)
Category 2	AnnHee Kong	Glenbrook South H.S.	おじいさんがおしえてくれた日本語のうた (The Japanese Song that my Grandpa taught me)
Category 3	Eileen Ting	University of Chicago	日本語との出会い (My Encounter with Nihongo)
Category 4	Amanda Poore	University of IL at Urbana-Champaign	足で分かる人の本音 (Unhappy Feet! What Feet Can Tell you About a Person)
<u>2nd Prize (4)</u>			
\$100 Gift Certificate donated by Sumitomo Corporation of America			
Category 1	Margie Vollkommer	Thomas Dooley Elementary School	はがぬけたら (If you Loose A Tooth)
Category 2	Jacovie Rodriguez	Whitney Young H.S.	物理への野心 (My ambition towards Physics)
Category 3	Pan Jun	Kansas State University	人種差別？大した問題じゃないよ (Racism? Not a big problem)

Category 4	Eugene Kwon	Washington University in St. Louis	廃れ行く言語を習う理由 (Learning Foreign Language to Prevent Its Extinction)
<u>3rd Prize (4)</u>			
\$50 Gift Certificate donated by Tokio Marine Management, Inc.			
Category 1	Jordan Nowlin	Thomas Dooley Elementary School	コモドドラゴン (Komodo Dragon)
Category 2	Lidia Gasca	Northside College Prep. H.S.	勝手にかんちがいされること (Prejudgment)
Category 3	Joseph Castronova	Western Illinois University	私の人生 (Life Changing Experience)
Category 4	Dana Fager	University of IL at Urbana-Champaign	第二の故郷を見つける (Finding my second home)
<u>Special Awards (2)</u>			
Railroad Model donated by Kato USA, Inc.			
Category 1	Eliot Chang	Thomas Dooley Elementary School	アメリカと日本の学校 (America and Japan's School)
Body Composition Monitor & Scale donated by Omron Corp.			
Category 3	Yuan Muzi	Kansas State University	「女の子らしい女の子」って？ (What is a real girl like?)
<u>4th Prize (4)</u>			
\$30 Gift Certificate donated by Ark Technologies, Inc.			
Category 1	Emma Dickson	Happy Hollow Elementary School	あたらしいにほんのともだち (New Japanese Friends)
Category 2	Pamela Federico	Northside College Prep. H.S.	感謝すること (Appreciation)
Category 3	Nicolas Cho	University Laboratory H.S.	げんぱく (Atomic Bomb)
Category 4	Charles Durran Kelly	Southern Illinois University at Carbondale	英語母語話者にとって理解しがたい日本語 (Difficult to understand Japanese for native English Speakers)
<u>JASC Award (4)</u>			

Books (1st, 2nd, 3rd Category), 1-year-membership (4th Category) donated by Japan America Society of Chicago

Category 1	Rafael Vazquez	Burr Elementary School	ぼくの学校 (My School)
Category 2	Carolyn Epmeier	Whitney Young H.S.	アメリカと日本の高校の違い (The difference between American and Japanese High School)
Category 3	Susan Zhao	Whitney Young H.S.	オプティストらっかんしゅぎしゃ (Optimist)
Category 4	Brittany Partin	Valparaiso University	私たちにできること (The Things in Our Power)

Chicago Shimpo Award (2)**One Year Subscription to the Chicago Shimpo Newspaper donated by Chicago Shimpo**

Category 3	Joanne Mai	Whitney Young H.S.	デプレッションよくうつしょう (Depression)
Category 4	Inga Strinz	University of Wisconsin-Madison	暗然は安全になる所 (The Place where darkness turns to light)

Japan Airlines Award (4)**Flower Vase or Decorative Plate donated by Japan Airlines**

Category 1	Cecily Abbott	Montessori Language Academy	月のはなし (Story about Tsuki)
Category 2	Evelyn Roback-Navarro	Northside College Prep. H.S.	日本でのぼうけん (Adventure in Japan)
Category 3	Annie Sae-Hoon	University of IL at Urbana-Champaign	こそどろのおしえをしんじています (I believe in the teaching of a thief)
Category 4	Elliott Taylor	Oakton Community College	シカゴで出会った日本の心 (The Heart of Japan met in Chicago)

IATJ Award (1st & 2nd Category)**Assorted Items from Japan donated by Illinois Association of Teachers of Japanese**

Category 1	Rebecca S. Iseli	InterCultural Montessori Language School	はじめての紙づくり (My first making papers experience)
Category 2	Lana Sutker	Streamwood H.S.	りそうてきな男の子 (The Ideal Boy)

Bonjinsha Award (7)

Japanese Books donated by Bonjinsha

Category 1	Mariana Pastorczak	Andrew Jackson Language School	お好み焼き (Okonomiyaki)
Category 2	Ellis Srubas-Giammanco	Northside College Prep. H.S.	働くことから学んだこと (What I've learned from working)
Category 2	Mindy Nguyen	Northside College Prep. H.S.	メディアの影響 (The media's influence)
Category 3	Kelli Chapman	Western Illinois University	わたしのははおや (My mother)
Category 3	Ian Cochran	Western Illinois University	ゆめのものがたり (Story of a Dream)
Category 4	Conner Hutchins	University of Wisconsin-Madison	アメリカ人は国際化すべきだ (Why Americans should become more internationally aware)
Category 4	John Wheeler	University of IL at Urbana-Champaign	祖父と私をつなげている思い出 (The Memories Connecting My Grandfather and I)

All Contestants (40)

Soy sauce set donated by Kikkoman Foods, Inc, Toothbrushes donated by Sunstar America, Inc.

All Contestants & Spectators: Snacks donated by TH Foods, Inc.

*Category 1 (Elementary & Junior High School Students)

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Category 2 (High School Students with less than three years of Japanese)

Category 3 (High School students with three or more years of Japanese *OR* College Students & Adults with less than one year of Japanese)

Category 4 (College Students & Adults with more than one year of Japanese)