

28th Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest in Chicago [2014] Results

Prize	Participant's Name	School	Speech Title
<u>Grand Prize (1)</u>			
Round trip ticket donated by Japan Airlines Body Composition Monitor and Scale donated by Omron Inc.			
-	Phillip Bachman	University of Minnesota	幸せへと続く道 (A Road to Happiness)
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<u>Sister City Osaka Award (1)</u>			
Round trip ticket & 2-Week-Home-Stay donated and arranged by Chicago Sister Cities Int'l Program Osaka Committee			
	Danielle Parsons	Indiana University- Purdue University Fort Wayne	私の祖父 (My Grandfather)
<u>1st Prize (4)</u>			
\$100 Gift Certificate donated by Hankyu Hanshin Express USA Inc. \$300 Discount Certificate for Air Ticket between Chicago and Japan donated by ANA			
*Category 1	Audrey Wells	Thomas Dooley Elementary School	いただきます...か? (Would you like to eat it...?)
Category 2	Hilary Pham	Whitney Young Magnet High School	かけはしの意味 (Kakehashi's Meaning)
Category 3	Grant Hussey	Nicolet High School	男性言葉・女性言葉 (Male and Female Language)
Category 4	Cormac Badger	Kansas State University	きこりになったイエス・キリスト (Jesus Christ to Lumberjack)
<u>2nd Prize (4)</u>			
\$100 Gift Certificate donated by Yamazen Inc., (2) Tokio Marine Management Inc., (2)			
Category 1	Ethan Glossa	Montessori Language Academy	日本のお米 (Japanese Rice)
Category 2	Alana Bourgeois	Whitney Young Magnet High School	明治維新 (Meiji Restoration)
Category 3	Montana Pfeifer	Kansas State University	レインマン、オリンピックに 行く (Rainman goes to the Olympics)

Category 4	Alyssa Wall	Carthage College	愛を伝える5つの方法 (The Five Love Languages)
<u>Special Awards (4)</u>			
Display Kit donated by Noritake Co., Inc.			
Category 1	Talein Hairekian	Thomas Dooley Elementary School	かぞくをつなぐことば (Words that tie families together)
Category 2	Jalyn Radziminski	North Side High School	私の夢 (My Dreams)
Category 3	Yu Zou	University of WI- Madison	ゲームの影響 (Influence of Games)
Category 4	Muxing Huang	University of WI- Madison	食べ物を作ってあげましょう (Let me make food for you)
<u>3rd Prize (4)</u>			
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Category 1	Danielle Alley	Thomas Dooley Elementary School	ハリー・フーディーニ (Harry Houdini)
Category 2	Justine Tran	Elk Grove High School	私と日本 (How Japanese Culture has influenced me)
Category 3	Yunsu Yu	Glenbrook South High School	東北で教えられたこと (What I learned through my visit to Tohoku)
Category 4	Xiaoyu Chen	University of IL-Urbana Champaign	僕を見た日本と日本人 (Japan and the Japanese people I saw)
<u>4th Prize (4)</u>			
\$30 Gift Certificate donated by Nippon Express USA, Inc.			
Category 1	Jasmine Kaur	Thomas Dooley Elementary School	ディワリ(Diwali)
Category 2	Nathan Radford	Indiana Academy	いつもの会話 (Usual Conversation)
Category 3	Ellis Powell	University of Chicago	千羽鶴 (Senbazuru)
Category 4	Yiqing Ma	University of Minnesota	ただの言葉ではなく、思い です。(Not just language, but a learning of thoughts)
<u>JASC Award (4)</u>			
Books (1st, 2nd, 3rd Category), 1-year-membership(4th Category) donated by Japan America Society of Chicago			

Category 1	Kiana Hunter	Langston Hughes Elementary School	いじめ (Bully)
Category 2	Francesca Aleonar	Northside College Prep High School	半々の自分 (Half of Myself)
Category 3	Adam Adachi	Whitney Young Magnet High School	アメリカ、韓国、日本、架け橋 (America, Korea, Japan, Bridge)
Category 4	Christina Schaak	University of WI-Milwaukee	零時まで後五分 (Five Minutes Until Midnight)
<u>Chicago Shimpo Award (2)</u>			
One Year Subscription to the Chicago Shimpo Newspaper donated by Chicago Shimpo			
Category 3	Jeanette Helferich	University of WI-Milwaukee	私はロリータ??そうです! (I am Lolita?? That's right!)
Category 4	Kayla McPherson	University of Iowa	福島 (Fukushima)
<u>Japan Airlines Award (4)</u>			
Japanese Teapot and Teacup Set			
Category 1	Kavya Nuthulapaty	Thomas Dooley Elementary School	チョコレート (Chocolate)
Category 2	Daniel Zheng	Indiana Academy	日本語と私 (Japanese and Me)
Category 3	Mariya Yoshovska	Glenbrook South High School	いつもマンデレーの言葉を思い出して (Always with Nelson Mandela's words)
Category 4	Jane Goh	University of WI-Madison	人生のレース (The Race of Life)
<u>Bonjinsha Award (8)</u>			
Japanese Books donated by Bonjinsha			
Category 1	Atzin Martinez	InterCultural Montessori	“あんなこといいな、できたらいいな” (“It would be so nice if I could do that”)
Category 2	La'Vonte Pugh	Indiana Academy	作曲家になりたい (I want to become a composer)
Category 2	Adam Linscott	Indiana Academy	広島平和記念資料館での体験 (My Experience at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum)

Category 4	Benjamin Wright	University of IL at Urbana-Champaign	奇跡を信じるな (Don't Believe in Miracles)
Category 4	Jue Sun	University of Minnesota	父と私 (Father and Daughter Relationship)
Category 4	Valerie Gregorash	Indiana University	気づかれない人々 (Unnoticed People)
Category 4	Timothy MacKenzie	University of WI-Milwaukee	夢中になること (Achieving your dream)

All Contestants (40)

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- *Category 1 (Elementary & Junior High School Students)
- 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)

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