

30th Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest in Chicago [2016]

Results

Prize	Participant's Name	School	Speech Title
<u>Grand Prize (1)</u>			
Round trip ticket donated by Japan Airlines			
Category 3	Yu-Han Wang	Buena Vista University	私の社会貢献 (My Contribution to the World)
<u>30th Anniversary Special Award (1)</u>			
Round trip ticket to Japan donated by All Nippon Airways Co., Ltd.			
Category 4	Julie Iijima	Minnesota Japanese School	継続は力なり (Perseverance is the key to success)
<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			
Category 3	Janet Kang	University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign	自分を変えれば (Being Okay with change)
<u>1st Prize (4)</u>			
\$150 Gift Certificate donated by Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal U.S.A. Inc., Hometheater system donated by Panasonic Corporation of North America			
*Category 1	Myrin Vollkommer	Thomas Dooley Elementary School	日本語はぼくらのあんごうだ (Japanese can be our secret code)
Category 2	Irene Chung	Glenbrook North High School	声優になりたい (I want to be a voice actor)
Category 3	Wenyun Fang	Washington University in St. Louis	黒と白の奥義 (The essence of black and white)
Category 4	Anna Kishioka	Chicago Futabakai Japanese School	数は全てじゃない (Quantity is not everything)
<u>2nd Prize (4)</u>			
\$100 Gift Card donated by Hankyu Hanshin Express USA Inc., Instax Mini8 donated by Fujifilm North America Corporation			
Category 1	Jiajun Yan	Whitney Young Academic Center	ことばのたび (The Journey of words)

Category 2	Thalia Perez	Northside College Prep	教育へのチャンス (A Chance for Education)
Category 3	Yiqing Ma	University of MN-Twin Cities	女の子って、何? (Women)
Category 4	Seira Walter	Chicago Futabakai Japanese School	日本と私 (Japan and Me)

3rd Prize (4)

\$50 Gift card donated by Unytite, Inc.,

Ballpoint pen donated by Mitsubishi Electronic Automation, Inc.

Category 1	Danielle Alley	Thomas Dooley Elementary School	外国に行くこと、外国語を学ぶこと (Going to a foreign country, learning a foreign language)
Category 2	Lingyan Zeng	Northside College Prep	私のタイガーママ (My Tiger Mother)
Category 3	Mengfei Yang	University of MN-Twin Cities	上を向いて歩こう (Let's our chin up!)
Category 4	Yuji Edwards	Chicago Futabakai Japanese School	飛べないカラス (A crow that can't fly)

4th Prize (4)

\$30 Gift Certificate donated by Nippon Express USA, Inc.,

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Category 1	Helena Ferreira	Thomas Dooley Elementary School	二つの国の私のかぞく (My family in two countries)
Category 2	Anna Alvarez	Northside College Prep	キットカットバーの自販きから (The Kit Kat vending machine)
Category 3	Emily Mere	University of Iowa	成功する人になる方法 (How to become a successful person)

Category 4	Jonah Adams	McMillan Magnet Center	学校の勉強、学校とは？ (What could school be?)
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JASC Award (4)

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

Category 1	Felipe Trujillo	Thomas Dooley Elementary	ぼくが日本ごを学ぶわけ (The reason why I learn Japanese)
Category 2	Jackie O'Connell	Glenbrook South High School	一緒に何かをすることで。。。 (When We Work together)
Category 3	Sean Nelson	University on MN-Twin Cities	父の初雪 (My father's first snow)
Category 4	Fiona Hughes	John Adams High School	ハーフとして生まれて (Born as a half)

Chicago Shimpo Award (2)

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

Category 3	Ning Dai	University of Iowa	爆買い (a shopping spree)
Category 3	Thomas Porter	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	音楽の生徒への注意 (A Word of Warning to fellow students of Music)

Japan Airlines Award (4)

Urushi Lacquer Makie Ball point pen donated by Japan Airlines

Category 1	Avak Hairekian	Thomas Dooley Elementary School	バイオリン (Violin)
Category 2	Chris Drake	Indiana Academy	アメリカの環境問題と日本の解決 (American Environmental Issues and Japan's Solution)
Category 3	Eliora Yokanan	College of St. Benedict	先生への手紙 (The letter to my teachers)
Category 4	Kevin Leor	University of WI-River Falls	

Bonjinsha Award (8)

Japanese Dictionary donated by Bonjinsha

Category 1	Shannon Lyons	Thomas Dooley Elementary	日本のたべもの (Japanese Food)
Category 2	Ethan Recinto	Lane Tech	私の忘れた文化 (My forgot culture)
Category 2	Taylor Hunt	Indiana Academy	岡崎市での一週間 (One week in Okazaki)
Category 2	Andrew Wilson	Steamwood High School	だいにじせかいたいせんの日本 (World War 2's Japan)
Category 3	Navante Peacock	Kansas State University	見えていますか (Can you see it?)
Category 3	Yuting Ba	University of MN-Twin Cities	私の日本への道 (My path towards Japan)

All Contestants (35)

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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)
 - Category 4 (Middle School and High School students who are heritage Japanese learners)
- Banner written and donated by
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