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SPRING 2013 BRIDGING SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

DECEMBER 20, 2012 – Twenty undergraduate students from colleges and universities across the United States have been named recipients of Bridging Scholarships for Study Abroad in Japan. The winners will receive awards of \$2,500 to assist with their living expenses while they study in Japan during the Spring 2013 semester. Since 1999, 1275 scholarships have been awarded by the US-Japan Bridging Foundation to students studying abroad in Japan.

The Japan-US Friendship Commission, an independent federal agency promoting mutual understanding between the United States and Japan, initiated the Bridging Project scholarship program and established a 501(c)(3) private foundation, the US-Japan Bridging Foundation (www.bridgingfoundation.org), to accept contributions. The goal of the Bridging Project is to promote study abroad in Japan by larger numbers of American undergraduate students. The scholarship program is administered by the American Association of Teachers of Japanese, a professional organization for teachers of Japanese language, literature, and culture.

Contributors to the Spring 2013 scholarships include Aflac, AIG Japan Holdings, Amway International, Ronald and Maria Anderson, Bank of America-Merrill Lynch, Laurence Bates, Bloomberg LP, the Bridging Scholars Alumni Fund, Stephen and Sally Butters, Chartis Far East Holding KK, Citigroup Japan, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC, Estee Lauder, Exxon Mobil G.K., Robert Feldman, the Freeman Foundation, Goldman Sachs Gives, Norimasa and Atsuko Hirai, Ichigo Asset Management, JP Morgan Japan, Shiro Kambara, Jonathan Kushner, Lockheed Martin, Mission Value Partners, Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas), Morgan Stanley Japan, Oak Lawn Marketing, ORIX USA, Thierry and Yasko Porte, Paul Takanawa, George and Brad Takei, Temple University-Japan Campus, the Terasaki Foundation, Toyota Motor Corporation, and Christopher Wells.

Bridging Scholars hail from a variety of schools—public and private, large universities and small colleges. Their majors range from computer science to fine art, but they share a common interest in Japan, its society, and its language and culture. Their destinations also vary, from giant campuses in Tokyo to tiny consortium programs in rural Japan. A list of the recipients, their schools, their destination programs, their majors, and their scholarship sponsors can be found overleaf.

Applications will be accepted in April 2013 for the next group of Bridging Scholarships, for study in Japan beginning in Fall 2013. For information on the scholarships and to access application form, visit the Bridging Project online at www.aatj.org/studyabroad/scholarships.html. For information on the Bridging Foundation, visit www.bridgingfoundation.org.

Recipients of Bridging Scholarships for Study Abroad in Japan, Spring 2013

Lindsay ANDERSON, University of Illinois / IES Tokyo (Meikai University) / East Asian languages & cultures

Rebecca BROCK, University of Kentucky / Akita International University / biology & German

Alexander CHEN, Rutgers University / Ritsumeikan University / East Asian studies

Christina CHUN, University of Puget Sound (WA) / IES Tokyo (Kanda University of Foreign Studies) / international business & Japanese

Lisa DU, University of California, Berkeley / Osaka University / molecular & cellular biology

Jared EDMONDS, University of Idaho / Nagasaki University of Foreign Studies / business Japanese

Alexander EVANS, Villanova University (PA) / Sophia University (CIEE) / international business & economics

Jia Min HUANG, Skidmore College (NY) / Sophia University (CIEE) / Asian studies

Darryl HUTCHINSON, University of Arizona / Waseda University / East Asian studies

Lindsay IREDALE, Maryland Institute College of Art / Osaka University of Arts / printmaking

Kimberly JULIEN, Villanova University (PA) / Sophia University (CIEE) / psychology, English & Japanese

John LUCKETT, Oklahoma State University / Kansai Gaidai / English

Anna MARKOSYAN, University of North Carolina, Charlotte / Sophia University / Japanese & English

Chamarra McCROREY, Temple University / Temple University, Japan Campus / secondary education (TEMPLE UNIVERSITY – JAPAN CAMPUS BRIDGING SCHOLAR)

Lily OLIVER, University of Oklahoma / Yamaguchi University / linguistics

Rosalio ROMAN, Indiana University – Purdue University, Indianapolis / Hakuoh University / Spanish

Jill ROMERO, Macalester College (MN) / Waseda University / international studies & Japanese

Yvonne ROSAS, Our Lady of the Lake University (TX) / Temple University, Japan Campus / new media art & English (TEMPLE UNIVERSITY – JAPAN CAMPUS BRIDGING SCHOLAR)

Carolyn WHITTINGHAM, Emory University (GA) / Kansai Gaidai / anthropology & Japanese

Mingjin ZHANG, George Mason University (VA) / Sophia University / finance