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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear JASCers,

Over the past year, the 76th Japan-America Student Conference Executive Committee dedicated countless hours preparing for our month-long journey this summer. While organizing the conference presented its many challenges, successfully completing the conference made every hurdle worthwhile. What began as a vision in August 2023 became a remarkable reality, thanks to the hard work of the Executive Committee members, along with the dedication and passion of each JASC 76 delegate.

Reflecting on our journey throughout Los Angeles, New Orleans, and Washington D.C, I am reminded of our shared memories and connections formed along the way. I hope everyone finds opportunities to learn, grow, share cultures, and exchange stories throughout the month. I am truly grateful for everyone's commitment to fostering mutual understanding and for the willingness to look beyond our differences to create such beautiful relationships.

As we close the chapter on JASC 76, let's remember that these relationships we've built in JASC 76 should not end here. They are the beginning of our life-long friendships as our generation becomes the leaders of tomorrow. For 90 years, JASC has been committed to take initiative in creating these bilateral relationships and I am proud to know that we are now part of this long legacy. Whether you continue to advocate for Japan-U.S. relations, focus on studies, or pursue new paths, I wish you all success in the future. I will always cherish the moments we shared together, and I hope that this conference will remain a special memory for each of you as well.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

To my fellow Executive Committee members, thank you for all of your dedication, passion, and support. I am endlessly grateful for your commitment to this mission, to each other, and to bringing JASC 76 to life. To the delegates of JASC 76, thank you for being the heart of this conference, for embodying its values, and for making JASC 76 a reality. To the JASC 77 Executive Committee, thank you for taking the initiation to become the leaders of the next conference and for carrying forward our mission to strengthen Japan-U.S. relations. Thank you International Student Conferences and International Education Center for supporting the Executive Committee throughout the entire planning process. And thank you to all of our supporters, alumni, and JASC community for allowing us students to continue leading this program as we shape our generation's future.

I am forever grateful for this opportunity to lead JASC 76 and I look forward to seeing the future conferences further strengthen the bridge between our two countries. Once a JASCer, always a JASCer.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Yuki Tanizaki

JASC 76 American Executive Committee Chair

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

I am thrilled to share the highlights of the 76th Japan-America Student Conference (JASC) with you. This year's theme, "Visions: perspectives reflected from the past—together understanding, contributions for the future," was chosen to reinforce and celebrate the enduring ties between the United States and Japan. The 13 dedicated members of the JASC 76 Executive Committee (EC), composed of 5 American and 8 Japanese members, worked hard to put on this conference that brought together these talented and motivated young leaders—21 students from the United States and 28 students from Japan—representing over 30 different academic fields and 43 universities. This diverse group created a dynamic forum for interdisciplinary exchange and cross-cultural learning.

The conference took place in three incredible locations spanning the United States: Los Angeles, New Orleans, and Washington, D.C. from August 3-24, 2024. Each site provided unique opportunities to explore timely issues, hear from leaders in academia and business, and experience the cultural and historical aspects of each city.

The conference balanced meaningful academic discussions with cultural immersion, personal growth, and professional development. Some program highlights included a visit to the Japanese American National Museum, participation in an Urasenke Tea Ceremony, a panel discussion at the Los Angeles LGBT Center, reflection forums, a visit to the National World War II Museum, sessions at the International Monetary Fund, a simulation at the Korea Economic Institute of America, and a grand celebration of JASC's 90th anniversary.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Roundtable (RT) groups are always a core part of the conference. Throughout the program, each delegate is part of a cross-cultural team focused on a specific topic. JASC 76 tackled the following themes:

- Welfare and Ethics
- Japan-U.S. Relations in East Asia
- Social Movements and Human Behaviors
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Culture, Arts and Technology
- Expression and Limitation
- Environmental Economics and Energy Policy

The Final Forum, a capstone event for the conference, was held in a hybrid format, both in-person and online, allowing the public and alumni to join. Here, delegates presented the research and ideas developed within their Roundtable groups to distinguished guests. The presentations touched on topics ranging from policy proposals, entrepreneurial pitches, student perspectives on current issues, and more.

The student leader's hard work and dedication carried forward the JASC legacy and continued to build lasting bridges in Japan-U.S. relations. Please enjoy reading on to learn more about how this program fosters the leaders of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Bahia Simons-Lane

Executive Director

International Student Conferences

Meet the JASC 76 American Executive Committee



Yuki Tanizaki

American Chair

University of California, Irvine

Majors: Business Administration, Informatics

Hi! My name is Yuki Tanizaki and I'm the American Executive Committee Chair for JASC 76. I will be leading the Social Entrepreneurship roundtable alongside my Japanese Executive Committee counterpart! I was born and raised in the U.S. but grew up in a Japanese household, which allowed me to experience both the American and Japanese cultures. I am a student at the University of California, Irvine double majoring in Business Administration and Informatics. In my free time, I like to dance, hang out with friends, go shopping, and make jewelry.

I'm looking forward to making JASC 76 a welcoming community that can inspire delegates and provide them with a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I hope that the participants can not only learn academically but also develop their professional and personal skills. My goal is to see the participants grow within themselves through the programming, discussion, and relationships that they'll experience to positively contribute to society in the future.

University of Southern California

Majors: East Asian Languages & Cultures, Art

Hello, my name is Ka Yan Tam (she/her). I grew up in Hong Kong and moved to the United States to pursue university studies when I was 18. I double major in Art/Design and East Asian Cultures and Languages but also have an interest in Digital Marketing and Food Business. In my free time, I like to scout for toast cafes and draw food illustrations. Currently, I am completing my junior year on exchange at Waseda University in Tokyo.

I applied for JASC75 because I felt that it would be an interesting yet challenging experience for me as someone that has never been interested in doing MUN conferences in high school. After spending a month in Japan with JASC75 delegates, it made me recognize the importance for communication, collaboration and making compromises. As I co-create JASC76 alongside the other AECs, we hope that you would also be able to seek new perspectives as you embark on your journey at JASC76.



Ka Yan Tam

American Vice Chair

Meet the JASC 76 American Executive Committee



**Mana
Sakamoto**

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**American Publicity and
Technology Chair**

Wellesley College

Majors: Cognitive Science, Studio Arts

Hi all! My name is Mana Sakamoto and I am in charge of the publicity and technology for JASC 76 as well as the Social Movements and Human Behaviors Roundtable. I am currently a sophomore at Wellesley College and planning to double major in cognitive science and studio arts. I was born and grew up in Tokyo, Japan and came to the US for college; through JASC75, I was able to engage in different topics from both US and Japanese perspectives and deepen and appreciate the differences.

Participating in JASC75 was both a meaningful and challenging experience for me - I was able to reflect on the past and present of the U.S.-Japan relationship, challenge my preexisting beliefs, and share my own ideas with my peers through different activities and discussions. I was also able to forge a strong and meaningful friendship with my fellow delegates by coming out of my comfort zone. We are here to help you embark on your exciting journey at JASC76, and I hope it will be a unique and fulfilling (and hopefully life-changing) experience to you!

University of Southern California

Majors: Mathematics, East Asian Languages & Cultures

Hi! My name is Will Sim-Oliver. In addition to being the roundtable leader for Expression and Limitation, I will also assist the Environmental Economics and Energy Policy roundtable! I'm a sophomore at the University of Southern California majoring in Pure Mathematics and minoring in East Asian Languages and Cultures.

The Japan-America Student Conference is truly a special and unique experience—as one member of my roundtable in JASC 75 put it: “JASC is four years of college in a single month.” For me, the purpose of JASC is to “foster the human spirit through genuine expression and heart-to-heart connection.” It's a place where you meet and enter into deep, meaningful discussion with talented and motivated people. Of course, JASC is specifically a rigorous, academic conference, but there's more to JASC than just that. JASC is also the life outside official programming—it's about challenging yourself and growing as a person in unexpected ways, spending time with your fellow delegates, and making memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. I hope that you'll be able to join us on this transformative journey and share with us in making JASC 76, the 90th anniversary of this conference, one that honors its great legacy while also shaping those of the years to come.



Will Sim-Oliver

.....
American Treasurer

Meet the JASC 76 American Executive Committee



Jinglei Zhang

.....
American Recruitment Chair

Wesleyan University
Majors: East Asian Studies, Economics

Hello, I'm Jinglei (Stella) Zhang, and I serve on the recruitment team for the American Executive Committee of the 76th JASC. I'm a senior pursuing majors in East Asian Studies and Economics. Beyond my academic commitments, I work as a Teaching Assistant for the Center for Prison Studies, where I help provide educational opportunities to local correctional centers. Additionally, I hold the role of event coordinator for my school's dance club.

Participating in JASC75 has been a transformative journey for me. Through this experience, I've had the privilege of connecting with like-minded individuals from both the United States and Japan. It has enriched my understanding of not only Japanese society and culture but also the intricacies of meaningful interpersonal connections. JASC offers a fantastic platform for students to engage in thought-provoking discussions and attend inspiring events. It is an invaluable experience for anyone, and I extend a warm invitation for you to join us on this remarkable journey.



Meet the JASC 76 Japanese Executive Committee



TOMOHIRO KOGANEYAMA

Keio University (2026)

Faculty of Environment and Information Studies



TAICHI ARAKI

Keio University (2025)

Faculty of Economics



MOMOMI SANO

Waseda University (2025)

School of International Liberal Studies



KATHLEEN HIKARU BUCK

International Christian University (2026)

Faculty of Liberal Arts



NATSUNE SHIDA

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Faculty of Engineering



NOZOMI MIYAMOTO

Akita International University (2026)
Faculty of International Liberal Arts



SHINTARO TOMIZAWA

The University of Tokyo (2026)
Natural Sciences III, Faculty of Liberal Arts



TAOTO FUKUI

Keio University (2026)
Faculty of Law

MEET THE DELEGATES

Japanese Delegation



AOI WATANABE

The University of Tokyo

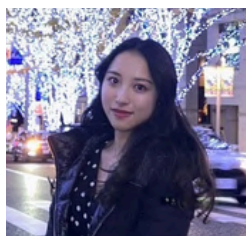
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CHIHO SATO

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Sophia University

Major(s): Social Welfare - Human Sciences



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Waseda University

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Kyoto University

Major(s): Comprehensive Medical Science



KAI MASATO*

Akita International University

Major(s): International Liberal Arts

MEET THE DELEGATES

Japanese Delegation



KANA MASUO

Shinshu University

Major(s): Medicine



KAREN FUJIKI

Keio University

Major(s): Legal Studies



KARIN SHINOHARA

Seoul National University

Major(s): Anthropology and Chinese



KEI MIDORIKAWA

The University of Tokyo

Master of Public Policy



MASAHITO TADANO*

Hokkaido University

Major(s): Business Administration



MAYU KITAHARA*

Professional College of Arts and Tourism

Major(s): Artistic and Cultural Tourism

MEET THE DELEGATES

Japanese Delegation



MISAKI TAKAHASHI

Tokyo Gakugei University
Master in Teacher Education



MIU SATO*

The University of Tokyo
Major(s): Liberal Arts and Sciences



NAO SEKINE

Keio University
Major(s): Policy Management



RAY IGBINEDION

Meiji University
Major(s): Legal Studies



RENA OYA

Akita International University
Major(s): International Liberal Arts



RIKA BANDO

Waseda University
Major(s): Political Science & Economics

MEET THE DELEGATES

Japanese Delegation



RIKO KOBAYASHI

Keio University

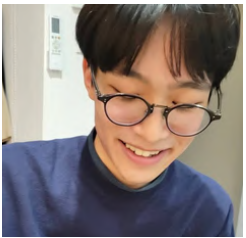
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RYO ISHIGAMI

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SEITARO KAWANISHI

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Major(s): Law

MEET THE DELEGATES

Japanese Delegation



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TAKAHITO SHIMOONODA

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Major(s): Natural Sciences



TOMOKI AKASE*

Gakushuin University

Major(s): Political Science - Law



YUI AKAHORI

Keio University

Major(s): Political Science - Law

MEET THE DELEGATES

American Delegation



ALEX SCOTT

Pomona College

Major(s): International Relations



AMY WU*

Smith College

Major(s): World Literatures



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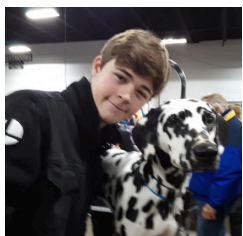
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ASHTON EVANS

Washington and Lee University

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Saint Joseph's University

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Major(s): Marketing

MEET THE DELEGATES

American Delegation



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MOTOHIRO TSUCHIYA

University of Nebraska Omaha

Major(s): Journalism and Business

MEET THE DELEGATES

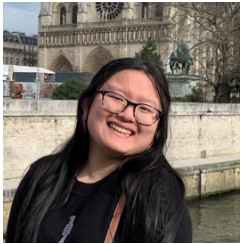
American Delegation



RACHEL COLLINS*

Washington and Lee University

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RIA EDA

Vanderbilt University

Major (s): Human and Organizational Development



RYNE HISADA

Yale University

Major(s): History & Global Affairs



SADIE PELTZ

Arizona State University

Master in Digital Audience Strategy



SALMA BATTISHA

Baylor University

Major(s): Computer Science



SAM HELMAN*

Wake Forest University

Major(s): Statistics

MEET THE DELEGATES

American Delegation



SIMON SOCOLOW

Williams College

Major(s): Computer Science



TAYLOR VILD

Washington and Lee University

Major(s): Anthropology & Biochemistry



YASMIN CUNHA

Vermont Law and Graduate School

Major(s): Law

Welfare and Ethics

JASC 76 Roundtable



RT Leaders: Jinglei Zhang & Momomi Sano

Ashton Evans
Brandon River De Leon
Rachel Collins
Ray Igbiniedion
Hanon Nozoe
Harune Tanigawa
Rin Trout

Are you passionate about making a positive impact on the world? Are you committed to upholding ethical values while fostering well-being? “Welfare and ethics” is a multifaceted exploration into the profound relationship between individual and collective well-being and the ethical considerations that guide our choices, actions, and policies. This thought-provoking discourse delves into the ethical frameworks that underpin our decisions in healthcare, economics, social justice, environmental sustainability, and beyond. It challenges us to examine the moral imperatives that drive us to address societal disparities, protect human rights, and make choices that contribute to the greater good. In the ever-evolving landscape of academia, it is imperative to ensure that the pursuit of knowledge is not only ethically sound but also takes into account the welfare of all stakeholders involved.

The delegates discussed the ethics of mass incarceration and the different policies in Japan and the U.S.

Japan-U.S. Relations in East Asia

JASC 76 Roundtable

RT Leaders:

**Tachi Araki &
Mana Sakamoto
(Advisor)**

Ryne Hisada
Hudson Pitchfork
Ria Eda
Sakura Hayakawa
Aoi Watanabe
Tomoki Akase
Karin Shinohara



Dictatorships in East Asia, such as China and North Korea, threaten a free and peaceful world by causing various problems, such as the Taiwan incident and the abduction issue. In response, Japan and the U.S. have established a strong military relationship to check their advance into the Pacific Ocean and play a policing role for world peace. On the other hand, the U.S. is becoming increasingly nationalistic, and in Japan there is deep-seated opposition to Article 9 of the Constitution, so it is doubtful that either country would be able to exert substantial restraint through military force in the event of an actual crisis. In light of the international situation described above, this round table will discuss the ideals of US-Japan relations and practical measures to achieve them toward peace in East Asia.

Delegates discussed on the topic of nuclear ethics and nuclear deterrence in the context of Japan-U.S relations.

Social Movements and Human Behaviors

JASC 76 Roundtable



RT Leaders: **Mana Sakamoto** **& Kathleen** **Hikaru Buck**

Leyra Espino-Nardi

Taylor Vild

Sam Helman

Rika Bando

Riko Kobayashi

Kei Midorikawa

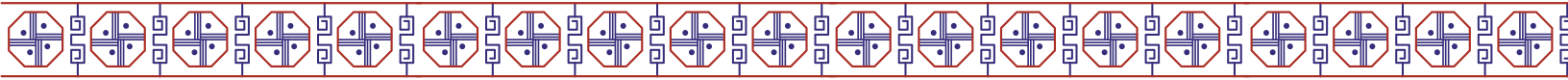
Yui Akahori

We live in a society that is layered with many beliefs, which we frequently take for granted but have a substantial impact on how we view ourselves, other people, and the world we inhabit. This roundtable will discuss how people's beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors are shaped and influenced by the social context, with an emphasis on the difference between internal human transformation and extrinsic repercussions of social change. We will primarily approach our discussion from historical (e.g. internment camps during/after WW2, Sugamo prison), political (e.g. protest), cultural (e.g. text comparison, nuance in different languages), and structural (e.g. social recognition vs. individual needs) perspectives; we aim to achieve a better understanding through different socio-psychological theories like cognitive dissonance theory, and concepts surrounding individualism and collectivism.

The delegates analyzed the differences of social movement experiences between Japan and the U.S. using data from interviewing the delegation.

Social Entrepreneurship

JASC 76 Roundtable



RT Leader:

**Yuki Tanizaki
& Taoto Fukui**

Emile Shah

Motohiro Tsuchiya

Andrew Lei

Karen Fujiki

Mayu Kitahara

Ryutaro Matsugi

Rena Oya



As social movements have continuously increased in the past few decades, the active need for change is more relevant than ever. Specifically issues of gender, race and more have been prevalent in the 21st century. With the internet's heavy influence, the emerging importance of DEI among consumers has pushed businesses to prioritize these concepts in their organizations. How can businesses feel motivated to resolve these issues rather than feel obligated due to the consumer's demands?

In America where entrepreneurship is encouraged, small businesses have always flourished and even experienced a substantial surge during the time of the pandemic, COVID-19. Comparingly, Japan's neutral, or almost negative stance on entrepreneurship deters the growth of business owners. How does this difference between the two countries impact their respective societies?

Delegates pitched a foster children's communication app, along with an analysis of Social Entrepreneurship and its challenges.

Culture, Arts and Technology

JASC 76 Roundtable



RT Leaders:

Ka Yan Tam & Yuki

Tanizaki (Advisor) &

Natsune Shida

(Advisor)

Sadie Peltz

Yasmin Cunha

Simon Socolow

Kai Masato

Nao Sekine

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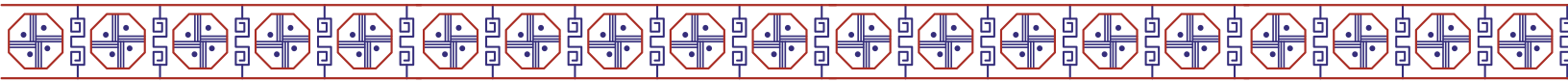
Digital platforms, such as Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube, serve as boundless canvases for digital creators to transcend geographical limitations and share their creativity with global audiences. Our experiences are no longer just bound to ones by physical proximity, but instead, it is extended into the digital community. In this digital age, we are the most connected we've ever been. The traditional notion of the 'starving artist' is giving way to the rise of the 'influencer' title, where artistic expression can be monetized and celebrated.

The fusion of culture, arts, and technology represents more than just a shift in artistic mediums; it mirrors our collective consciousness. At the heartbeat of the digital landscape are 'trends.' Trends are a result of our influences and community cultures.

Delegates explored how current technological advancements, like generative AI, are shaping the arts and considered the ethical implications of these changes.

Expression and Limitation

JASC 76 Roundtable



RT Leader:
William Sim-
Oliver &
Natsune Shida

Amy Wu
Salma Battisha
Bailey Meyer
Kana Masuo
Shiho Ogawa
Chiho Sato
Ryo Ishigami



From before we can remember, we have been expressing ourselves. Even at the beginning, we did so not just for material reasons such as the want for food, warmth, or rest, but also for more complex, existential ones.

When we express ourselves, we send something out into the world. Regardless of the motive, shape, or size of the expression, it does not always go exactly as we intend. Various limitations, such as differences in language, the opinions of those receiving or affected by the expression, and laws or societal rules, alter expression. Despite these difficulties, however, it's necessary—we want to express ourselves, need to express ourselves, need to connect with others and the world around us. Expression is fundamental to our humanity, to the human experience.

Delegates reflected on the role of expression in history and how expression plays a role in culture.

Environmental Economics and Energy Policy

JASC 76 Roundtable



RT Leaders:

**Nozomi Miyamoto &
Shintaro Tomizawa &
William Sim-Oliver
(Advisor)**

Alex Scott

Mao Kobayashi

Seitaro Kawanishi

Haruka Ishiga

Miu Sato

Masahito Tadano

Carlos David Rueda Segovia

Now, more than ever, we are experiencing the impacts of climate change and global warming and accordingly, have realized the urgent need for decarbonization. Under the 2015 Paris Agreement, countries all over the world have been working towards carbon neutrality through various technological developments such as biomass energy generation, hydrogen and ammonia fuels for energy storage and transfer, and next-generation nuclear power. Even so, none of these have reached any level of economic feasibility and achieving carbon neutrality by the target year of 2050 seems unlikely as most countries, including Japan and America, still rely heavily on fossil fuels. At the same time, the implementation of policies like carbon taxation and shifts in the energy market have created additional economic stresses and a widening disparity between the Global North and the Global South. Thus, the future requires a realistic solution to the complexities and challenges of decarbonization—one that we must create together as citizens of the world.

Delegates discussed the effectiveness of the Paris Agreement and proposed possible solutions for environmental issues.

LA HIGHLIGHTS



ICE BREAKERS AT SANTA MONICA BEACH

Delegates had a great time getting to know each other while enjoying the view at Santa Monica beach.

OPENING CEREMONY

Keynote speaker, Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson, welcomed the delegates to the start of JASC 76.



JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM

The students gained a deeper understanding of the 130 years of Japanese-American history.

LA HIGHLIGHTS

THE URASENKE TEA CEREMONY AND HUNTINGTON GARDENS TOUR

JASC 76 experienced the traditional Urasenke Ceremony hosted by the Urasenke Tankokai Los Angeles Association at the Shoya House in the Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens.



LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER

The delegates visited the Los Angeles LGBT Center to learn about the resources provided for the LGBTQ+ community in Los Angeles and a panel from the staff members of the center



LOS ANGELES MIDTERM FORUM

The delegates had the chance to present the beginnings of their research and discussion discovered throughout the Los Angeles site.



NEW ORLEANS HIGHLIGHTS



NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MUSEUM

The delegates visited the museum to understand the World War II experience from the American perspective.

THE HISTORIC NEW ORLEANS COLLECTION

The JASC 76 delegation explored the museum to understand the history and culture of New Orleans.



NEW ORLEANS REFLECTION FORUM

Delegates discussed in mixed groups and reflected on their experience in the conference.

NEW ORLEANS HIGHLIGHTS



DC HIGHLIGHTS



NATIONAL MALL MUSEUM VISIT

Delegates explored various museums from the National Museum of American History to the National Air and Space Museum

JASC 90TH CEREMONY RECEPTION

JASC celebrated its historic 90th Anniversary in Washington D.C. with esteemed guests and alumni.



INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

The delegates visited the headquarters to enjoy a program featuring a briefing by the Secretary's Department and Communications Department and a presentation from the Asia and Pacific Department.

DC HIGHLIGHTS

KOREA ECONOMIC INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

The delegates engaged in a multinational six-party talk simulation.



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY TOUR

Delegates explored the university with a guided tour led by a JASC alumna.



WASHINGTON D.C. FINAL FORUM

Delegates presented their research and discussions within their respective Roundtable topics to showcase their findings from the past month.



90TH Anniversary CELEBRATION *for* JASC

On August 15th, we celebrated this milestone at the 90th Anniversary Celebration in Washington, D.C. It was an evening filled with nostalgia, inspiration, and pride as alumni from across the decades gathered to reflect on the impact of JASC.

Highlights from the evening included:

- The announcement of a \$1 million donation from Glen S. and Sakie T. Fukushima, dedicated to ensuring the continued success of JASC for future generations. Join us in funding the endowment by visiting our [donation page](#).
- Congratulatory remarks and reading of a letter from the U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken by Deputy Assistant Secretary Robert Koepcke.
- A powerful video message from Yoko Kamikawa, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan.
- Remarks from Koichi Ai, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Japanese Embassy in Washington, D.C.



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JASCEr NOTES!



- **MELINDA NG:** JASC 47 (1995) was awarded the 2023 Grateful American Book Prize for excellence in literature for 7th to 9th grade readers. She is currently working on contemporary stories set in the San Francisco Bay Area.
- **TREY ROARK:** JASC 74 (2022) started her first semester at the Georgetown Data Science and Analytics (DSAN) Master's Program. She's had the opportunity to volunteer, participate, and present at DataKind's Hackathon.
- **KOTOMI IDEISHI:** JASC 74 (2022) is a research Masters student in Social and Health Psychology at Utrecht University in the Netherlands. She conducts research on contemporary sexism through the lens of social psychology and behavioral science.
- **KAITLYN LEE:** JASC 75 & ChASC 4 (2023 & 2024) graduated with her M.S. in Computer Science from Stanford University and is currently working as a software engineer at a startup in San Francisco.
- **JIN TANIZAKI:** JASC 69 (2017) worked in Japan at Nihon Kohden Corporate from 2019-2023 and is currently working in the U.S. at Nihon Kohden Orangemed in electrical engineering and project management roles.
- **YUKI TANIZAKI:** JASC 75 & 76 (2023 & 2024) is currently in her 3rd year at the University of California, Irvine double majoring in Business Administration and Informatics while advising JASC 77 as ISC intern.

***We are seeking news for future JASC journals.
If you are a JASC alum and would like to share news in
next year's journal, please email us at info@iscdc.org.***

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