

## Heritage

1. アイデンティティ ..... Izumi Sparer (UCCS)
2. マブイグミ(魂込め) ..... Akira Niefert (JSD)
3. 古さと新しさを持つ日本人へ ..... Ibrahima Matsumoto Ba (CJS)
4. 私の日本語を学ぶ理由 ..... Kota Gotsch (USAFA)

## JET Program Presentation 3:05 pm

## SPEECH AWARDS 3:20 pm Closing Remarks

### School Abbreviations

BHS	.....	Boulder High School
CC	.....	Colorado College
CJS	.....	Colorado Japanese School
CSU	.....	Colorado State University
CUB	.....	University of Colorado Boulder
JAR	.....	Japanese Academy of the Rockies
JSD	.....	Japanese School of Denver
RCGC	.....	Ricks Center for Gifted Children
UCCS	.....	University of Colorado Colorado Springs
UNC	.....	University of Northern Colorado
USAFA	.....	United States Air Force Academy

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# THE 38th COLORADO JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

# 日本語弁論大会

**Saturday, November 15, 2025**

Koelbel Library

5955 S. Holly St. Centennial, CO 80121

Co-hosted by:

**Consulate-General of Japan in Denver**

**Colorado Japanese Language Education Association**



## Program

**Morning Registration 10:00 am-10:25 am**

### Judges

**Joan Erickson** Professor Emeritus of Japanese, Colorado College \*head judge

**Sanae Kanno** Consul, Consulate-General of Japan in Denver

**Hiromi Mochizuki** Manager, Sales and Office Administration, Sumitomo Corporation of Americas (retired)

### Master of Ceremonies

**Robin Lawrentz** CJLEA Member

**Opening Remarks 10:30 am**

**Hisako Schibli** CJLEA President

**Hiroyuki Okajima** Consul-General, Consulate-General of Japan in Denver

### Skit Presentations

1. Umi no naka no mahou (Magic Under the Sea) ..... **Dunn Elementary School**

Audrey Jackson	Autumn Jackson	Hollie Salazar
Roselyn Fordham	Walla Kurtz	

2. 清水寺へ行きましょう ..... **Japanese Academy of the Rockies**

Kathleen Cluff	Kazuyoshi Klein	Lea MonLouis
Maisie Kashima-Ellingson	Matilda Teshima Liss	

### Open Category

1. 『アイス、ぼくの日本の夏休み』 (Speech) ..... Kena Braaton (JSD)
2. ウィーアー！ (song) ..... EV Martinez (CSU)
3. バカみたい (song) ..... Aiden Blaha (CC)

**AWARDS (Elementary Skit & Open Category) 11:10 am**

### Skit Presentation

1. Hakone Ekiden: Fast Food Edition!.....United States Air Force Academy
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| Anderson Mills | Jackson Ecker | Mark Hamilton | Sonoma Caldwell |
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### Speech Presentations

#### Junior High School

1. 私の夢の日本旅行 ..... Aurora Marceau (RCGC)
2. 僕は誰でしょう ..... Abner Annis (RCGC)

### Speech Presentations

#### High School

1. 日本のナショナルサッカーチーム ..... Tiago Palacios (BHS)

#### College I

1. Sasebo's Shimmering Feast ..... Adanna Wharton (USAFA)
2. Language and Heritage ..... Maya McCormick (UNC)
3. A day with Suzuki-san ..... Jessica Scarpella (UCCS)

**AWARDS (College Skit, Jr. High School, High School, College I) 12:15 pm**

**Lunch Break 12:25 pm - 1:25 pm**

**Afternoon Registration 1:00 pm - 1:25 pm**

### Speech Presentations 1:30 pm

#### College II

1. 日本語の漢字 ..... Yuxin Jiang (UNC)
2. Different lives, same story ..... Denver Tran (USAFA)
3. Hokkaidō ni Iku! Building my Future in Japan ..... Simon Stroup (CUB)
4. Connections From Japanese ..... Nathan Peterson (UCCS)

#### College III

1. お土産としての御朱印 ..... Mohan Raghunath (CC)
2. 多様社会と異文化体験 ..... Anya Cabanis (CUB)
3. 台湾の朝食文化 ..... Bernice Chen (UCCS)
4. 心を極めるための芸 ..... Aaron Moore (CSU)
5. 私の留学体験 ..... Abraham Sanchez (UNC)

**Break 2:20 pm - 2:30 pm**

#### College IV

1. 言語が与えてくれる適応力について ..... Jonathan Nguyen (CUB)

#### College V

1. Studying Versus Acquiring ..... Joseph Marsh (UCCS)