

# The Japan Club Times



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## Thanks to Fall 2018 Board and Election for Spring 2019 Board

By TOMONORI NAGANO



Fall 2018 Japan Club Board Members

The Fall 2018 Japan Club's board members were elected on Wednesday, October 3, 2018. Each board member played an indispensable role in another successful semester for the Japan Club in Fall 2018. Thanks to all of the Fall 2018 Japan Club board members:

- President: Robert Rivera
- Vice President: Lauren Stephenson
- Secretary: Ramiro Campis
- Treasurer: Jimmy Franco
- SAC: Yasmin Stith
- SAC Alt: Scott Hill

An election for the Spring 2019 board will be held in the last club meeting in Fall 2018 (Wednesday, December 12, 2018). If you are interested in running for offices, please contact Prof. Tomonori Nagano, the faculty mentor for the Japan Club. Below is the list of offices for re-election and their responsibilities:

- **President:** President sets agenda for meetings, leads discussions, delegates tasks to e-board & general members, and writes proposals.
- **Vice president:** Vice President takes over for president when absent, creates meeting agenda for president, contacts mentor(s) and members when needed, and writes proposals.
- **Treasurer:** Treasurer sets and maintains budget systems, keeps track of budget, obtains quotes and invoices for funding request proposals. She/he works with the

campus life budget manager to process purchases & other budget related business.

- **Secretary:** Secretary creates & keeps records of minutes for all meetings (minutes are necessary to maintain good standing and obtain funding for events).
- **SAC Representative:** SAC Representative represents club at weekly sac meetings. SAC Representative presents funding request proposals to the SAC governing body. SAC Representative serves as a liaison between SAC and their organization to convey relevant information between the two.
- **SAC Alternate:** SAC Alternate assumes all the responsibilities of the SAC Representative when they are not available. Note that SAC Alternate & SAC Rep will alternate attending weekly SAC meetings.

## Japan Club's Activities in Fall 2018

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The Japan Club had another successful semester filled with a number of Japan-themed activities.

On the first day of the Fall 2018 meeting (Wed, October 3, 2018), the new club members discussed possible activities in Fall 2018 in groups and then presented their ideas. The Club conducted an online poll for the Fall 2018 activities and the following events were voted the highest: Maid cafe, Karaoke, Visit to Mitsuwa Market (NJ), Halloween costume party, dining event, Undokai (Sports fest), Anime-themed event, and How to make rice ball.



First club meeting

The second meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 was a socializing event, in which club members made Japanese-style business cards and exchanged their cards each other. The club members learned how to exchange business cards and bow appropriately in Japanese style.



Business card exchange event

The Club also hosted other Japan-themed events such as *Japanese Calligraphy Workshop* (Oct 17, 2018), *Japan Club Halloween Costume Contest* (Oct 31, 2018), *Japan Club's Karaoke event* (Nov 7, 2018).



Japanese Calligraphy Workshop



Japan Club Halloween Costume Contest



Japan Club's Karaoke event

We are planning two more events in the rest of Fall 2018. The Club is hosting a Japanese lunch experience event on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 (2:15pm-4:25pm @ M-107). The purpose of the event is to introduce the richness of Japanese food culture via a combination of gustatory experience and discussions about cultural/historical issues related to the Japanese cuisine. Everyone interested in Japanese culture and/or Japanese food is welcome.

We will conclude our Fall 2018 activities with Japan Club's Maid Cafe on Friday, December 14, 2018 (12:00pm-3:00pm @ E-111). Maid cafés are a subcategory of cosplay restaurants found predominantly in Japan. The Japan Club is hosting a maid cafe event to celebrate this year's holiday season in Jap-

naese style. Japanese traditional food will be served during this event. Everyone is welcome (free).



## Spring 2019 Events

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Spring is always an exciting season for the Japan Club since there are a lot of Japan-themed events such as *Sakura Matsuri* in New York City. Below is the list of events that the Japan Club often take part in.

- **Sakura Matsuri in Washington DC** (mid April @ Washington DC)  
The Sakura Matsuri - Japanese Street Festival is the largest one-day celebration of Japanese culture in the United States. Performers and vendors travel from all over the country and the world to Washington, DC to share their love of Japanese culture and traditions with the Festival attendees.

- **Sakura Matsuri at Brooklyn Botanic Garden** (late April @ Brooklyn)

A weekend celebrating traditional and contemporary Japanese culture. Known as New York City's rite of spring, the weekend offers over 60 events and performances that celebrate traditional and contemporary Japanese culture.

- **Japan Day in Central Park** (mid May @ Central Park)

Japan Day @ Central Park is an annual event designed by the Japanese community of New York to promote a deeper understanding of the Japanese culture and to say "Thank you, New York!"

- **Sakura Matsuri in White Plains** (early May @ White Plains)

This annual event in White Plains, NY not only shares the Japanese culture but also has the following goals: Japan Disaster Relief Fundraising Event and to plant cherry blossom trees in the City of White Plains, NY.

The Club will meet in the regular club hours (Wednesday 2:15-4:25pm). The room number will be announced in our Facebook and/or Google Groups. Please see below for how to receive updates about the Japan Club in Spring 2019.

### The Japan Club at LaGuardia Community College: Get involved and receive updates

Download a digital version of the newsletter:



- Meeting: 2:15-4:25pm on Wednesday (Check Discord for the room)
- Website: <https://t-nagano.com/projects/JapanClub/>
- Discord: Contact [LaGuardiaJapanClub@gmail.com](mailto:LaGuardiaJapanClub@gmail.com) for an invitation link.
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