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ZERO DOLLARS

Thanks to Fall 2018 Board and Election for Spring 2019 Board

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Fall 2019 Japan Club Board Members

The Fall 2019 Japan Club's board members played an indispensable role in another successful semester for the Japan Club in Fall 2019. Thanks to all of the Fall 2019 Japan Club board members:

- President: Jimmy Franco
- Vice President: Brandon Stephens
- Secretary: Tereece Goodman
- Treasurer: Jose Chavez

An election for the Spring 2020 board will be held in the first club meeting in Spring 2020. If you are interested in running for offices, please contact Prof. Tomonori Nagano, 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).

Japan Club's Activities in Fall 2019

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

We started the Fall 2019 club activities with the Fall Fest on Wed, September 25, 2019, in which the existing club members recruited new students who came to LaGuardia for the first time for the student orientation.



Fall Fest

During the first club meeting on Wed, October 2, 2019, the Japan Club members discussed possible activities and events in Fall 2019 in groups and then presented their ideas.



The first club meeting in Fall 2019

The club also participated in the performance by Bentenya, Japanese *Chindon* performers, on Friday, October 4, 2019. *Chindon-ya* is an advertising business in Japan, known for their flamboyant costumes and catchy music. *Chindon-ya* was popular until the post-war period, but their tradition and appearance on streets are fading in modern Japan.



Bentenya Chindon Performance

On Wednesday, October 23, 2019, the club hosted a calligraphy workshop. Club

members practiced Japanese calligraphy in absolute silence, following the rule "Calligraphy is a zen experience. Do not speak while practicing calligraphy."



Japanese calligraphy workshop

On Halloween (Wednesday, October 30, 2019), the Japan Club hosted the Japan Club Halloween Costume Contest 2019. Club members participated in the costume competition, using their favorite cosplay costumes.



Japan Club Halloween Costume Contest 2019

Finally, the Japan Club Karaoke Day took

place on Wednesday, November 13, 2019.



Japan Club's Karaoke Day

Last but not the least, authentic Japanese food and refreshments were served during these club events.



Japanese food and refreshments

The Japan Club concluded Fall 2019 with the Japanese New Year Celebration on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. We had the pleasure of introducing the traditional Japanese new year activities to both President Arcario and Vice President Seals

(thanks to the volunteers who explained the activities to them – you did very well!). We continue to organize different cultural events for students in the Japan Club. Please join us in our future events



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



- Meeting: 2:15-4:25pm on Wednesday
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/japanclub.lagcc/>
- Google Groups: <http://bit.ly/LaGCCJapanClub1>
- Email: LaGuardiaJapanClub@gmail.com
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