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Takuzo Ishida Memorial Scholarship



Takuzo Ishida

For decades, Takuzo Ishida worked tirelessly to strengthen the JASM community and further US-Japan relations. He did so much for this community from becoming the President of JASM and founding the Minneapolis Japanese School to leading *tejime*, the traditional clapping to close events. His love and hard work live on in everyone he met. After his passing, the Ishida family wanted to continue the mission that Ishida-san had worked so

diligently toward. That is why it is JASM's honor to humbly announce the Takuzo Ishida Memorial Scholarship.

The Takuzo Ishida Memorial Scholarship is a fund raised by members of the JASM community to financially aid students enrolled in Minnesota high schools in their pursuit of studying abroad in Japan. Starting this year, JASM will select one Minnesota high school student each year to receive a \$1,000 scholarship that will go towards their travel and living expenses while abroad.

In order to apply students will need to provide:

- A copy of transcript(s) of all high schools attended,
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- An acceptance letter from a Japan study program of two weeks or longer
- Two letters of recommendation
- A two-page essay (12 pt. font and double-spaced).

The Ishida Family and JASM are so thankful for the support of this amazing community in making this scholarship possible. It is thanks to your generosity and kindness that we are able to provide this scholarship and continue the legacy of Takuzo Ishida.

JASM will be accepting applications as early as December 1st and as late as January 5th. In January, JASM will begin conducting interviews and in February the recipients will be announced. For more information about the scholarship or for application materials, please go to mn-japan.org. If you would like to continue to support this scholarship, feel free to donate on the JASM website linked above and encourage any eligible high school students to apply.

Roundtable with Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. and Upsher-Smith Laboratories, LLC



Kenzo Sawai (right) and Rusty Field (left) answering questions during the roundtable

Early in the morning on October 3rd, many attendees gathered at Upsher-Smith Laboratories, LLC in Maple Grove, Minnesota. After a brief introduction by JASM's Executive Director Rio Saito, Sawai Pharmaceutical

Co., Ltd.'s Kenzo Sawai, Director & Senior Managing Executive Officer of Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. and Chairman of the Board at Upsher-Smith Laboratories, detailed the steps that Sawai has taken to make their acquisition of Upsher-Smith as seamless as possible.

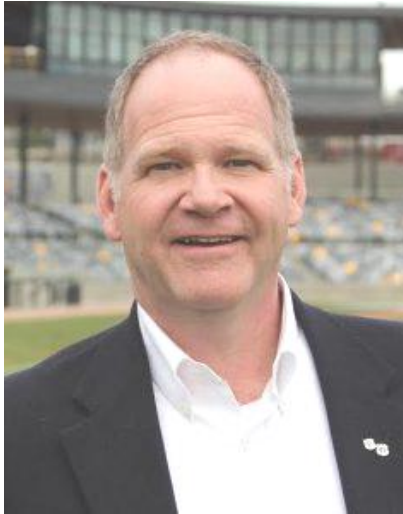
As a Japanese company, Sawai knew that acquiring Upsher-Smith would be a large undertaking and intentionally made efforts to ensure the success of their acquisition. One of their utmost priorities in this process was to ensure the comfort of their employees. In order to do this, Sawai conducted a survey to better understand what the top concerns of their employees were. Number one on the list was communication. Based on this information, Sawai was able to take their next steps.

First, they compiled a twenty-page document to better inform the employees of Upsher-Smith about Sawai. This was followed by employee exchange programs between the two companies to ensure that translation and cultural understanding could become better established on both sides. Additionally, Sawai and Upsher-Smith began to share their employee communication vehicles with each other to help inform everyone of changes, new employees, and general updates. They also began groups where employees of Upsher-Smith could begin to learn more about Japanese culture and language, as well as ways for Sawai employees to learn English.

Following Kenzo Sawai's talk, the room was opened up for questions from the audience. Here both Kenzo Sawai and Rusty Field, CEO and President of Upsher-Smith, answered questions about the medical industry and international relations as well as the reasoning behind their decisions about acquiring and being acquired.

We would like to thank Kenzo Sawai for coming all the way from Japan to speak, Upsher-Smith Laboratories, LLC for hosting this event, and all of the attendees for coming.

Meet Our Board Member: Tom Whaley



Tom Whaley, JASM Board Member

My name is Tom Whaley. I am an owner and executive vice-president of the St. Paul Saints Baseball Club. We play our home games at CHS Field in St. Paul. With the exception of a few years in the middle, I have been with the “new” Saints since their inception in 1993.

The Saints’ history in St. Paul actually dates to the late 1800s. I am a 30-year resident of Minnesota (which almost qualifies me for membership!) and have lived in Lino Lakes for 15 years. My wife and I raised three children there. I am an attorney by trade, but got into a career in baseball accidentally when I sold a team sponsorship and season tickets to one of my clients in 1992.

I am relatively new to the JASM Board, but the Saints have been members for a long time and we enjoy our membership very much. My first exposure to JASM occurred in the 1990s when the Saints participated in the Lantern Lighting Festival (now know as the Obon Festival) in Como Park, which is a beautiful, unique event that we enjoy each summer. We became members of JASM following a trip that our baseball team took to Japan in October 2006 to play a series of exhibition games. Our team had a magical experience and a lot of fun. Many players said it was the greatest baseball experience of their lives. We visited Kyushu and Shikoku to play against all-star teams and conducted several clinics with school kids. A trip highlight was the game we played against Kinchan’s “Golden Golds”. His game presentation was fantastic and hilarious! We felt at home! We were completely amazed by the passion that the Japanese people have for baseball.

One of the more special moments for us was a visit to the Peace Park in Nagasaki and a meeting with the Mayor of Nagasaki, St. Paul’s first Sister City. I’ve made two other baseball-related trips to Japan, but nothing will ever top the Saints going there.

JASM’s work to bring the people of Japan and Minnesota closer is a special thing. In addition to the Obon Festival, the Mondale Gala is a first-class event that celebrates a living legend, Walter Mondale. He is a Minnesota treasure and we are so fortunate to know him. The opportunity that our fundraising provides to young people to learn more and do more is a legacy of his work. I very much look forward to our events each year and encourage all of us to spread the good word about what JASM is doing to our friends and business associates.

-Tom Whaley, JASM Board Member

Recap: The Basics with Kado no Mise



Chef Shigeyuki Furukawa holding konbu also known as kelp

On Sunday, October 6th at 3:00 pm, twenty lucky attendees were able to enjoy a sold-out cooking demonstration by Kado no Mise’s co-founder, owner, and head chef Shigeyuki Furukawa. Chef Furukawa taught three different ways of making *dashi*, or soup stock, and explained the origins of each ingredient.

The first method was packaged powder *dashi*, which Chef Furukawa did not recommend due to how unnatural the ingredients are. The second was a method that Chef Furukawa recommends for home use on a general basis. This was a packaged *dashi* kit where all of the ingredients are more natural and when compiled and steeped make *dashi*. The last technique was the method he uses at the restaurant, which he demonstrated for all of the attendees. This method requires many ingredients that are not commonly available and is much more time consuming than the other methods. After the demo, Chef Furukawa answered audience questions and gave each person a packaged *dashi* kit with *konbu*, or kelp, so that they could make *dashi* at home.

Afterward, about half of the attendees stayed for dinner at Kado no Mise. One menu item that people could choose was *takikomi gohan*, or seasoned cooked rice, which was only available to attendees of the event and was made using the *dashi* that Chef Furukawa made during the demonstration.

Membership News

Thanks to the following new JASM members:

John Brisson, Jeffrey & Melissa DuBois, Peter Dyste, Gayle Fleming, Judith Fleming, Ryo Hamasaki, Gary Hanus, Kevin & Kathleen Hollahan, Takeshi Ishizuka, Donald & Abby Marier, Annie Muske

Thanks to the following renewing JASM members:

Michael & Yoshie Babcock, JoAnn Blatchley, Marc Blehert, Katherine Furleigh, Maureen Hunt, Susan Jacobsen, David Mixon, Karl Reinhard, Tom Robbins, Lee Strang, William Strang, Jutta Thompson, Katsunori & Yoko Toda, David & Anne-Lise Whitescarver

Thanks to the following renewing Corporate members:

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UMEI Boutique

Outreach Recap: Anime Fusion and Winona Sister City



JASM booth at Anime Fusion

On Monday, October 28th, the Winona Sister City Committee gathered at the Mall of America to show guests from their sister city, Misato, around. The following day they toured the Minnesota State Capitol.

JASM would like to thank the Mall of America for generously giving each of the Misato visitors a Mall of America gift bag to commemorate their time here.

On Saturday, October 19th, many people from the JASM office staffed a booth at Anime Fusion at Crown Plaza Minneapolis West. We asked for donations with the purchase of fox masks, and informed congoers of the JASM mission and many of our big events such as the Obon Festival and J-Quiz. Many of the congoers were college students who demonstrated a lot of interest in the Mondale Scholarship, to the point that we distributed all of our scholarship flyers by the end of the day.



Visitors from Misato at the Minnesota State Capitol

Corporate Spotlight: IACE Travel



IACE TRAVEL was established in 1970 in New York City. Even before airline deregulation occurred in the United States, we provided services such as arranging charter flights and offering discount air tickets (especially for Japanese customers living in the United States). Our experienced employees provide services that mainly consist of the sale of discount air tickets, travel packages, and the arrangement of a variety of travels such as business trip and group tours related to cultural exchange networks.

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We provide discounted flight tickets to Japan to both individuals and groups.

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Japan Airpass is a special offer for clients who have round-trip flights already booked, if you wish to visit different cities within Japan. This is only offered outside of Japan.

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Japan Rail Pass is a very profitable pass when traveling in Japan. Trains, buses and ferries of JR Pass including Shinkansen can be used within the validity period. We offer unlimited JR trains for one, two, or three weeks, at a cost that residents of Japan can only dream of.

Hotels:

We have many hotels with contracted rates. We can also help you book many hotels in Japan or other countries.

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We specialize in all sorts of educational trips regardless of your objectives. Also, one of the most enthusiastic groups we assist in visiting Japan is a Sister City Committee. For more details on these specialized trips, please contact our Asia Division.

Reservation Center:

We offer 24 Hour Assistance, with Japanese and English-speaking bilingual agents. You can contact IACE Travel 24/7 globally, even during holidays.

For any inquiries, please feel free to contact us.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Asia Division: 866-735-4223, info@iace-asia.com

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Obituary: Ken Port

Professor Ken Port is being remembered by his colleagues at Mitchell Hamline School of Law as a vigorous scholar and dedicated teacher in the world of intellectual property — with a particular passion for Japan. He loved traveling with his family, teaching abroad, writing articles and books, spending time at his cabin in Wisconsin, and cooking for friends and family. Port passed away peacefully in hospice surrounded by his family on Sept. 27, 2019. He was 58.

Peter Knapp, Mitchell Hamline's interim president and dean, noted Port's fierce dedication to helping students — even into the final months of his life. "When he was too ill to be here at school he continued to work with students, supervising their research and writing," Knapp says. "He was a valued member of our community and the intellectual property community, and he will be greatly missed."

Port joined Mitchell Hamline predecessor school William Mitchell in 2001 as a visiting professor, was named a professor in 2002, and spent the rest of his career at the law school. He founded the Intellectual Property Institute and served as its director until 2016. He was an associate director of the institute at the time of his death. He was also a faculty adviser to the Student Intellectual Property Law Association and the Cybaris Intellectual Property Law Review.

A prolific author, Port wrote ten books and authored dozens of law review articles focusing on domestic, comparative, and international intellectual property law. His work was consistently some of the most-downloaded legal research from the online research community SSRN.

He had a lifelong fascination with Japan and Japanese history and culture. Port received two Fulbright Research Grants to study Japanese trademark law at Tokyo University and served on ABA committees and international panels addressing the topic. He was not only fluent in Japanese but also read, wrote, and made presentations in the language. Port lived in Japan several times over the years with his wife and daughters. He also served as president and a board member of the Japan America Society of Minnesota.

Port is survived by his wife, Paula; daughters Emily and Elissa; parents Robert and Jean Port; and siblings Kathy, Mary Jean, Mike, Terri, Nancy, and Brenda. His family says donations in Port's name can be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation at <https://themmrf.org>.

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Remembering Ken Port by J. Bernard (Ben) van Lierop



Ken Port

It is with great sadness that I write in honor of Ken Port, President of JASM, 2008-2009. Ken was an inspiring leader in the Japan-related community in Minnesota. He was also my close personal friend and mentor.

Ken was fascinated with Japanese culture and society. He mused that growing up in Cloquet, MN, was quite the start to his adventure with Japan.

Ken told me that he was greatly inspired by Aiko and Jerry Fisher, both professors at Macalester College. Ken lived and studied in Tokyo as a Fulbright Scholar. He developed extensive Japanese language skills and became one of the foremost American authorities on Japanese law.

Ken led JASM thoughtfully during the economic downturn in 2008-2009. He was a "shoot from the hip" kind of person. You always knew where you stood with him. I found that reassuring as I trusted and valued his no-nonsense approach to problem solving. His sound advice was always helpful in my work as the executive director of JASM.

Ken always enjoyed taking part in JASM activities. Ken and his wife, Paula, and their daughters, Emily and Ellie, often served as volunteers for the Obon Festival. Ken served as head of the Mondale Scholarship Selection Committee. He thoroughly enjoyed interviewing candidates. Ken clearly understood how important volunteers are to furthering the JASM mission.

In recent years, Ken continued an interest in JASM activities even though his health would not allow him to attend events. When he was able, we met for lunch and conversation over his favorite Japanese food at Sakura Restaurant, conveniently located near his Saint Paul home. Ken listened to my stories concerning JASM challenges, sharing his perspective and wit along the way. He wanted JASM to continue a strong focus on its mission of providing cross-cultural and educational opportunities for students. Ken always passionately inspired students to view Japan as an unparalleled global partner of the United States.

Ken, we will dearly miss you. Your courage, wit and love for Japan will continue to inspire us in building bridges between Japan and Minnesota.

- J. Bernard (Ben) van Lierop, former JASM Executive Director

Hokkaido Students' Visit

Forty-four Japanese high school students, boys and girls ages 16 and 17 from Kaisei Gakuin High School in Muroran, Hokkaido, accompanied by five of their teacher-chaperones, visited Minnesota from October 2 through 9, 2019. The visit was designed as a home stay experience coupled with English immersion learning opportunities.

Our young Japanese visitors were warmly greeted by the JASM staff, Rio Saito and Yoko Ueno, at the JASM offices on Thursday, October 3, ready to embark on their 4.8-mile Great Urban Hike. Rio arranged with JASM corporate sponsor The Mall of America who graciously extended a special shopper's package for them at MOA. Earlier in the day, the students were the guests of the Honorable Walter Mondale at a reception hosted by him at his downtown law offices. Mr. Mondale greeted every student, provided insights into global affairs and politics, participated in a Question/Answer dialogue and posed for pictures. This is a tradition going back to 2008.

In the fall of 2011, Kaisei Gakuin students donated and planted a sakura tree on host school Benilde-St. Margaret's campus to memorialize victims of the Tohoku tragedy. They brought four liters of waters from the Tohoku area for the planting while BSM students gathered water from nearby lakes. The tree was planted during a uniquely designed, ecumenical Shinto-Catholic ceremony. Later, Benilde students collected and donated over \$2,000.00 for recovery efforts in Japan.

This was Kaisei Gakuin's 11th annual visit to Minnesota. Their lead teacher, Hiroshi Yamane, believes this longevity is largely due to the kindness exhibited by Minnesota host families welcoming the young visitors into their homes and hearts. This hands-on billeting arrangement has proved quite successful. This year saw several siblings from prior years reprise the experience, too. Yamane-sensei observes that the students will now have a heightened motivation to learn English. One of the host families has six children. So, if you want to eat at the supper table, well, you better know your English.

This Hokkaido-Minnesota connection is quite remarkable at an academic level, too. Benilde-St. Margaret's High School generously donates their campus as a transportation hub, welcomes the Japanese students to attend classes and makes available to them their theatre for the Sayonara Party. In 2010, former JASM president and Honorary Consul to Japan, Bill Strang, officiated a signing between the two schools bonding them as sister schools.

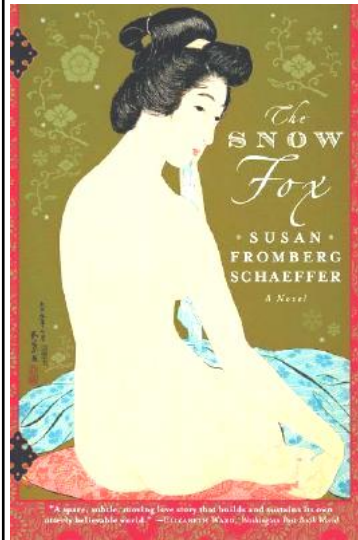
Kaisei Gakuin has already asked to return in 2020, and Benilde said yes. Their itinerary will include revisiting Rio and Yoko at the JASM offices.

- Tom Haeg



Hokkaido Students with JASM Executive Director Rio Saito

Tom Haeg's Book Review



The Snow Fox; Susan Fromberg Schaeffer, W.W. Norton & Co, 2004; 434 pages.

In this historical fiction of 12th century medieval Japan, Schaeffer attempts to write a romantic novel amid contradictions between aesthetics and cruelties in a fated feudal social system. Her ideas are imaginative, her motives noble. But, it still disappoints.

Why? Much of the dialogue, and there is a lot, is monotone and oddly unnecessary. Too much 'he said' or 'she said'. And, the plot was just plain too difficult to follow until the conclusion. Events occur over decades, *dramatis personae* seem to randomly appear and exit. Then there are all the dreams, flashbacks, multiple narrators — all useful tools, but only to an extent. Events just seem to sporadically happen, so credibility suffers. Surprisingly, the book's prologue apologizes for this gap: "It does not matter where you begin a story, or in what sequence you tell it..." Excuse me, yes it does. (See: *The Elements of Style* by William Strunk and E.B. White).

The rendition of this era is told through ghosts, superstitions and fairy tales. And that's fine if you like that storytelling genre. Personally, I was expecting more realism. Perhaps Schaeffer's imagination is just a little too much to label this as historical fiction. And for this she is not without controversy. In her biography of a Holocaust survivor, she was taken to task by her subject for her imagination, lapses, and failure to access proper credit. The case was settled before going to trial.

While reading *The Snow Fox* I was reminded of Hemingway's quote in *The Sun Also Rises*. It goes something like this: *How did you go bankrupt? Two ways: gradually, and then suddenly.* In *The Snow Fox*, I became slowly disinterested in the main characters, and then officially disinterested at the end. This should not occur in a romance novel.

That said, the book's subject matter is worthy, namely: assessing women's roles in medieval Japan. I was quite eager to learn more about this era, especially from a feminine perspective rather than rely on a *Seven Samurai*-style movie (which coincidentally inspired Schaeffer to write the novel). And I never felt that it was just a modernist revision of the author's social agenda. Her literary portrayals are honest and her poetry ornate. Plus, the imagery technique coupling fire and snow richly endows the novel's thematic attraction.

But, I expected more from this award-winning author. Unfortunately, I will just have to find another storyteller.

- Tom Haeg

A Word from Yoko Breckenridge

MN Nihonjinkai closed out the season with our Annual Fall River Cruise on Sunday, October 13th in Stillwater. We had approximately 120 guests join us this year aboard the Empress Andiamo, a beautiful Riverboat with a wonderful staff. Cruisers enjoyed a delicious buffet style dinner along with the company of many friends, family and Nihonjinkai volunteers.

Each year we try to honor a few volunteers who have gone above and beyond helping with our events and with the upkeep of the Japanese Library. This year we recognized Suzuko Erickson, Rodney & Sachiko Friese, and Osamu and Masako Nakayama. The recipients get their names placed on the "Yoko Breckenridge Service Award" Trophy which is on display in the living room of the library. THANK YOU to these very faithful volunteers for all your hard work.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 11th at noon. As always, please bring a dish to share and offer a ride to someone if you are able to do so!

I am trying to update my Minnesota Japanese Friends contact list as I have quite a few "bad" emails and phone numbers. If you wish to remain on my contact list could you please do me the favor of calling me at (612) 839-0008, or emailing me with your updated contact information? Please use the following email: ybreckenridge@cbburnet.com.

Happy Fall and please enjoy some pictures from our cruise! Don't forget to join our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1644814705588014/>.



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Global Citizen Talks w/ Mason Williams: Southwest High School



Mason Williams (top left) with students from Southwest High School

On Tuesday, October 22, former JASM intern and previous Mondale Scholarship recipient Mason Williams went to Southwest High School with JASM

Executive Director Rio Saito. Here Mason talked to the students about what it means to be a global citizen and steps that can be taken to achieve that goal. Mason encouraged students to consider study abroad and participate in postgraduate programs that would allow for further global study. He also promoted the value of an internship with organizations like JASM. He did this by telling stories of his experience studying abroad and working as a JASM intern. Towards the end of their time, Rio Saito talked more about JASM and how we promote the idea of becoming global citizens in our work to improve US-Japan relations. Here they promoted the Mondale and Takuzo Ishida Scholarships as well as JASM internship opportunities.

In the future Mason and Rio will be going to more schools in the region to give similar talks. We will be sure to keep you updated on future talks as they occur.

月例日本人会のお知らせ

毎月日本語図書館で日本人会の昼食会 (Monthly Nihonjinkai) を行っています。電話などでお誘い合わせの上、お友達やお知り合いとご一緒においで下さい。可能の方はどうぞ料理を1品ご持参願います。ミネソタ州在住の日本人達で良い事を考え、ご馳走と日本語で楽しい時間を持ちましょう。

日程：毎月第2月曜日正午より

場所：日本語図書館

(4231 Bloomington Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55407)

また、毎週土曜日午後2時から、日本語図書館のお手伝いして下さる方の集まりがあります。是非ご参加ください。この図書館には、漫画や宗教誌約25000冊や約2500本のビデオDVDがあり、希望者にはセルフサービスで日本人会と同じく無料で貸出しています。お問い合わせは下記までどうぞ。

Yoko Breckenridge

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(Nihonjin-kai monthly meeting is every 2nd Monday at noon. The meeting is held at 4231 Bloomington Ave S. Minneapolis, MN 55407).

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**Questions? Contact
the JASM Office
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Calendar

November

Mondale Gala - November 2nd, 5:30-9:00 pm

Japanese Conversation Clubs



The Japanese Speaking Club is an informal group for those wishing to practice Japanese. We encourage those just beginning the language as well as

intermediate and native speakers to gather at **Corner Coffee** in Uptown Minneapolis to meet new people, discuss experiences in Japan, or simply to speak Japanese. Come when you can, leave when you must.

Date/Time: Every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. (however, most people do not show up until at least 3:30).

Place: Corner Coffee, 1414 W 28th St, Minneapolis, MN 55408 (Just east of Hennepin Avenue)



Another group for studying Japanese!



Check out Twin Cities Japanese Language Study Group <http://meetu.ps/c/3fPSK/FQBBY/d> on Meetup! (This is a private group. In order to join, several questions must be answered by following the link above.)

New Intern: Peter Schroer



*Peter Schroer,
Event Coordinator*

Hello dear readers, my name is Peter Schroer. I will be taking on the role of Event Coordinator for JASM. I'm a student at the University of Manitoba where I am very near graduating with a major in Asian Studies and a minor in Computer Science.

In my second year of university, I began studying Japanese after a trip to Japan where I visited my brother who works for the English conversation school AEON. I continued my study of the language for two years and decided to study abroad in Japan. I was recommended to enroll in a program at Kokugakuin University in Tokyo. My experiences there changed my life. I switched my major and my minor in order to pursue classes about Japanese culture and history.

Now, I am excited to have the opportunity to work at JASM as an intern where I can learn more about the connections between Minnesota and Japan. I hope that one day I will be able to live in Japan again, whether it's through the JET program or graduate school. I can't wait to go back!

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The Japan America Society of Minnesota is a non-profit, non-political association engaged in bringing the peoples of Japan and the United States closer together in mutual understanding, respect, and cooperation. Through programs and interchange, it endeavors to promote an appreciation of cultural, educational, economic, public, and other affairs of interest to both peoples. Membership in the society is open to individuals, corporations, and other organizations interested in furthering its programs.

The Japan America Society of Minnesota is a member of the National Association of Japan-America Societies.

(Please report any inaccuracies you find in this publication to jasm.interns@gmail.com)

Corporate Roundtable, Nihonjinkai Cruise, and Outreach



Mason Williams talking to students about global citizenship



Chef Furukawa explaining dashi techniques and ingredients



Kenzo Sawai giving his speech at the corporate roundtable



JASM President Bob Luck at Corporate Roundtable



Attendees of demonstration learning from Chef Furukawa



Sarah Walbert of the MN Trade Office at Corporate Roundtable



JASM table at Nihonjinkai Cruise