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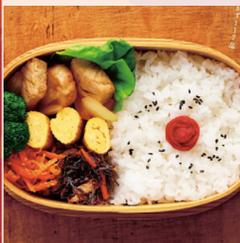
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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

Left: Bento box, dinner after Mass Meeting, tabling Festifall.
Right: Team JSA poses for a photo at the Cultural World Cup.



BENTO PARTY! - Come Hungry! - by Ellie Carl

JSA held its first official event of the year, a Bento Party, at East Hall on Friday, September 28th.

Attendees lined up on the stairs leading to the math atrium, eagerly waiting to eat delicious traditional bento food such as onigiri, shumai, mini hot dogs shaped like octopuses, vegetables, cucumber and turkey sandwiches, and hard-boiled eggs. The event drew a diverse crowd of over 50 students, and members rejoiced as they reunited with their friends after a long summer.

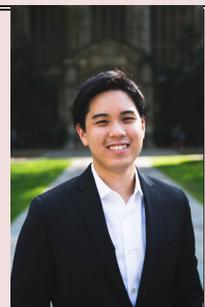
As the rain poured outside, members stayed dry and warm inside and enjoyed their food while catching up with old friends and making new ones. Some attendees were drawn to the event by the food, others by socialization, but it seemed like most people attended for both reasons.

“The event has a very social atmosphere, it’s relaxed but also fun,” said LSA Senior Jason Wozniak. “My favorite food was the hard-boiled eggs, it was simply delicious.”

Bento is a single-serving, home-packed or take-out meal that typically contains rice, some sort of meat, and cooked vegetables. Although bento can be very simple in terms of presentation, it has become increasingly popular, especially among Japanese children, to make fun shapes out of their food. Δ

Editor’s Note

Konnichiwa fellow JSA members! You may miss me and my superior emails from last year, but I’m alive and well! Ellie and Maia have done a tremendous job reporting on our events; I hope you enjoy their work and the relaunch of our newsletter. -IM



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FALL MASS MEETING by Maia Ohiro

JSA hosted its annual Fall Mass Meeting on Thursday, September 13th to an audience filled with both new and familiar faces. After a brief introduction of the organization, attendees enjoyed a game of human bingo, in which they were given a bingo sheet with a question in each box such as, “someone who went to Japan over the summer,” and “someone who likes natto (fermented soybeans).” Attendees then went around the room, getting to know each other by finding another attendee who matched one of those descriptions.

Manako Mukai, an exchange student from Japan, commented, “One surprising thing is that there are lots of different kinds of people, Japanese-Americans, exchange students, people who are learning Japanese. Everyone has different backgrounds, which makes it a lot of fun.” Δ



SportsMonday

CULTURAL WORLD CUP by Ellie Carl

JSA participated in the Cultural World Cup on Saturday, September 29th at Mitchell Field. The event was hosted by the Polish Students Association, the German Club, and the Chinese Students and Scholars Association. Sixteen multicultural groups came together to play each other in games of soccer.



The JSA team started off with a 5-2 loss against the Bangladeshi Students Association, then pulled an impressive victory against the Malaysian Students Association by 5-0. Hopes were high when the next game against the

German Club resulted in a 3-0 win, but the final match against the Polish Student Association ended in a 4-3 loss. JSA finished fourth overall out of the sixteen groups.

JSA Treasurer Fumiya Abe-Nornes recounted proudly the teamwork Team JSA displayed.

“The best part was we definitely got better as the games went on because our team chemistry became really high.”

Chubo Zhou, Vice President of CSSA’s Recreational Department, said he was happy the event gave multicultural organizations the opportunity to come together and promote diversity. “We share each other’s culture, we help each other and through this event we build closer relationships.” Δ

HUMANS OF JSA with Erica Kiyose

The Go Blue interviews members of JSA so we can learn more in depth about each other. This month features LSA junior Erica Kiyose and her first encounter with JSA.



Ellie: Thank you for agreeing to be meet with me, I know you have much better things to do than hang out with some girl in your Business Japanese class, but I really appreciate it!

Erica: Haha oh Ellie you know I love you.

Ellie: That’s what they all say (laughs). So how long have you been on JSA?

Erica: The short answer is I joined a year ago, the beginning of my sophomore year. The long answer is that my freshman year I heard (former JSA president) Marika (Shimomura) and some other JSA people come out of Espresso Royale speaking Japanese and I went up to them and was like “You guys speak Japanese!” And they were like, “We’re in JSA, come join!” I didn’t join (laughs). Fast forward two semesters, I realized I wanted friends that were like me and understood both Japanese and American culture. At that point I finally joined and I’ve loved it ever since.

Ellie: I can’t believe you weren’t immediately drawn to JSA, but I guess right now all that matters is that you’re a part of it now. So what does JSA mean to you?

Erica: I’ve spent exactly half of my life living in the States and the other half living in Japan, so sometimes it feels like I don’t belong in either country. In JSA, there are a lot of people from different backgrounds so it makes me feel like I belong.

Ellie: Very relatable, I feel like a lot of JSA members feel the same way. What is your favorite thing about JSA?

Erica: Easy. The people, the food, the drinks, and the people (laughs).

Ellie: (laughs) I feel that, sometimes I feel like I think with my stomach too. Thank you so much for meeting with me!

Erica: My pleasure! Δ