

# 2025 Japanese Digital Storytelling Award

**Monday, April 4 2025**

**12:00 p.m. -12:45 p.m.**

## **Award Presenters**

Jonathan Farina, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Christopher Kaiser, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Mary Balkun, Department English/Japan Week Committee

Diana Alvarez-Amell, Chair, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Jessica Wilson, Director, Global Learning Center

Shigeru Osuka, Director, Japanese Program

The Japanese Program has integrated technology into its language curriculum and encourages students to apply this technology whenever possible. Since 2009, the Japanese Program has emphasized the use of Digital Storytelling, which integrates essay writing and visual images into one movie. In recognition of students' hard work, dedication, and further commitment to their role in the global community, the Japanese Program honors the following 2025 Japanese Digital Storytelling awardees.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Major</b>
<b>Frist Year Japanese</b>		
Deandra Diggs	Sophomore	Theatre
Avery Belle Estoque	Freshman	Psychology
Bryan Takeshita	Senior	Financial Mathematics
Kendall Waters	Freshman	Visual and Sound Media
<b>Second Year Japanese</b>		
Mary Gabuya	Senior	Social and Behavioral Sciences
Jared Scharfstein	Junior	Environmental Studies
<b>Advanced Japanese</b>		
Akira Bofinger	Freshman	Business Administration
Lauryn Hill	Senior	Biology
Tasiah Mayfield	Senior	Misic/Asian Studies
Robert Villarin	Seniors	Diplomacy & International Relations