

2026 SHU Japanese Language Study Awards

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

11:30 p.m. -12:15 p.m.

Fahy Hall Room 203C

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
Peter Shomaker, Chair, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
Jessica Wilson, Director, Global Learning Center
Shigeru Osuka, Director, Japanese Program

Seton Hall University has offered Japanese language instruction since the 1950s, establishing a long tradition of excellence in Japanese language and cultural education. The Japanese Program continues to provide students with a rigorous curriculum that promotes linguistic proficiency, cultural understanding, and global awareness. During the 2025–2026 academic year, more than 70 students are studying Japanese language and culture at Seton Hall. Through their coursework and program activities, these students engage in a challenging academic environment that encourages dedication, intellectual curiosity, and cross-cultural communication. The Japanese Program is proud of the commitment and perseverance demonstrated by its students; their efforts reflect a strong interest in international engagement and a deeper understanding of Japan and its culture. In recognition of their hard work and academic achievement, the Japanese Program is pleased to honor the following outstanding students with the 2026 Japanese Language Awards.:

Name	Year	Major
First Year Japanese		
Shawn Campbell	Junior	Exercise Science
Uriel Concepcion	Junior	Biology
Jonathan Felix	Sophomore	Physics
Kari Kaita	Sophomore	Biology
King Kamimura	Sophomore	Philosophy
Jahmai Le Blanc	Junior	Physics
Teresa Manlangit	Sophomore	Biology
Amara McCowan	Sophomore	Psychology
William Orr	Sophomore	English
JaeMi Son	Sophomore	Psychology
Adam Vigil	Sophomore	Computer Science
Second Year Japanese		
Ryan Gordon	Freshman	Political Sciences
Jake Redila	Sophomore	Asian Studies
Advanced Japanese		
Yianni Dedes	Sophomore	Diplomacy & International Relations
Tyler Hummel	Junior	Diplomacy & International Relations