

New Jersey High School 2008 Japanese Language Study Awards

With the growing interaction and understanding of Asian and Western cultures, many high schools now offer Asian language courses, one of which is Japanese. These students are models for future generations. They strive to succeed in their language studies to become future “diplomats” between Japan and the United States. The following students are saluted for their academic endeavors and achievements in their high schools. Seton Hall’s Japanese Program appreciates the high school teachers, principals and the community, as well as the many sponsors, for providing a wonderful opportunity for recognition.

Student	School	Teacher	Principal
8th Grade Japanese			
Kelsey Kajioka	William Annin Middle School	William Paris	Nick Markarian
Kathleen Lau	William Annin Middle School	William Paris	Nick Markarian
First Year			
Laura David	Columbia High School	Loretta Graziano	Lovie Lilly
Second Year			
Khalym Burke-Thomas	Columbia High School	Rocio Lopez	Lovie Lilly
Lisa Chan	Northern Valley Old Tappan High School	Yoko Fukuda	Fred Hessler
Onasis Espinal	New Brunswick High School	Yoko Sugimura	David Aderhold
Robert Henry	Pope John XXIII High School	Michael T. Cibenko	Kieran McHugh
Anthony Higgins	Pope John XXIII High School	Michael T. Cibenko	Kieran McHugh
Grace Jang	Northern Valley Regional High School	Kei Sakayama	Bruce Sabatini
Sophie Johnson	Rutgers Preparatory School	Valerie Minakawa	Stephen Duffy
Minji Emily Kim	Northern Valley Regional High School	Kei Sakayama	Bruce Sabatini
Leonard Lopez	Kearny High School	Seth Davis	Al Somma
Mayukh Sen	Rutgers Preparatory School	Valerie Minakawa	Stephen Duffy
Tara Schmitt	Ramsey High School	Suzanne Ishii	Richard Lio
Meishi Zhang	Kearny High School	Seth Davis	Al Somma

Third Year

Eric Boyer	New Providence High School	Michael Mitchell	Paul Casarico
Samantha Callender	Southern Regional High School	Thomas Garneau	Eric Wilhelm
Austin Geary	Southern Regional High School	Thomas Garneau	Eric Wilhelm
Jonathan Gong	Tenaflly High School	Fumiko M. Bacon	Dora P. Kontogiannis
Keith Morris	New Brunswick High School	Yoko Sugimura	David Aderhold
James Murphy	Cranford High School	Catherine Fisco	Carol Grossi
Megan Shoemate	Northern Valley Old Tappan High School	Yoko Fukuda	Fred Hessler

Fourth Year

Genevieve Blesch	Ridge High School	William Paris	Frank Howlett
Robert Carter	Cranford High School	Catherine Fisco	Carol Grossi
Ray Clinton	New Providence High School	Michael Mitchell	Paul Casarico
Gabrielle Gulo	High Tech High School	Akemi Dobkin	Karol Brancato
Edward Lin	Ridge High School	William Paris	Frank Howlett
Marvin Ma	High Tech High School	Akemi Dobkin	Karol Brancato
Samuel Oh	Tenaflly High School	Fumiko M. Bacon	Dora P. Kontogiannis