

# The Japan Club Times

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ZERO DOLLARS

## SPRING 2019 BOARD MEMBERS

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Spring 2019 Japan Club Board Members at the Spring Fest

We would like to give official shout outs to the Spring 2019 board members for their leadership in the club activities. Below is the list of the Spring 2019 board members. Due to a change in the SAC guidelines in Spring 2019, the club board members now consist of only four members (we no longer have SAC representatives).

- **President:** Robert Rivera
- **Vice president:** Brittany Chan
- **Treasurer:** Jimmy Franco
- **Secretary:** Ayasia Sultana

If you are interested in running for office for Fall 2019, please contact Prof. Tomonori Nagano, the faculty mentor for the Japan Club. Below is the list of offices for election and their responsibilities:

- **President:** President sets the agenda for meetings, leads discussions, delegates tasks to e-board & general members, and writes proposals.
- **Vice president:** Vice President takes over for the president when absent, creates meeting agenda for president, contacts mentor(s) and members when needed, and writes proposals.

- **Treasurer:** Treasurer sets and maintains budget systems, keeps track of budget, obtains quotes and invoices for funding request proposals. Treasurer presents funding request proposals to the SAC governing body and serves as a liaison between SAC and their organization to convey relevant information between the two.

- **Secretary:** Secretary creates & keeps records of minutes for all meetings (minutes are necessary to maintain good standing and obtain funding for events).

## JAPAN CLUB'S ACTIVITIES IN SPRING 2019

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The Japan Club had another successful semester filled with a number of Japan-themed activities. In fact, the club has organized the largest number of funded and unfunded events in the last 10 years of the club history and has promoted the Japanese culture and cultural diversity on campus.

We started the new semester with rare guests from the University of Tsukuba High School in Japan. Six high school students who won the 19th Nikkei STOCK League visited LaGuardia and participated in cultural exchange activities with the Japan Club members.

- Cultural Exchange with Univ. of Tsukuba High School students on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 (1:00-2:30pm @ Room M-158)



Cultural Exchange with Univ. of Tsukuba High School students

We had the pleasure to welcome Ms. Ha Nguyen, Admissions Counselor of Temple University Japan (TUJ), who presented transfer opportunities for community college students in the U.S. to obtain a B.A. degree in Japan. The TUJ is a satellite campus of Temple University (in PA) and students of TUJ can earn a U.S. degree while studying abroad in Japan.

- Temple University Japan Campus Transfer Workshop on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 (3-4pm @ Room M-158)



Temple University Japan Campus Transfer Workshop

The Japan Club had a series of self-supporting (unfunded) cultural workshops in Spring 2019. The two workshops introduced Japanese calligraphy and the art of Japanese origami, respectively.

- Japan Club's Calligraphy Workshop on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 (2:15-4:25pm @ Room M-158)
- Japan Club's Origami Workshop on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 (2:15-4:25pm @ Room M-158)



Japan Club's Calligraphy Workshop

We are planning a few more exciting events in the rest of Spring 2019. The Japan Club is going to have a field trip to Brooklyn Botanic Garden during its famous Sakura Matsuri (Cherry Festival) on Sunday, April 28. Unfortunately all tickets were already distributed, but we still have some extra lunch boxes. Another field trip is scheduled on Friday, May 3 to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. We have scheduled a tour for its special exhibition on *The Tale of Genji* in Japanese.

- Sakura Matsuri (Cherry Festival) @ Brooklyn Botanic Garden on Sunday, April 28, 2019 (10am-5pm)
- The Tale of Genji Japanese Tour at the Met on Friday, May 3, 2019 (6-7pm @ the Met)



We will conclude our Spring 2019 activities with our regular main events:

Japan Club's Maid Cafe on Friday, May 17, 2019 and Game Day on Friday, May 31, 2019. Maid café is a subcategory of cosplay restaurants found in Japan. Last year we served over 150 guests at our Maid Cafe event. We are excited to host another Maid Cafe this semester. The Game Day is a game tournament (Super Smash Bros.) event and six winners of the Game Day in Spring 2018 received gift cards to purchase new games. This year we will compete for three \$50 Amazon gift cards for the winners.

- Japan Club's Maid Cafe on Friday, May 17, 2019 (12-3pm @ Poolside Cafe)
- Game Day Tournament on Friday, May 31, 2019 (2:15-4:25pm @ Room BA-10)

Please note that registration for the Game Day event will happen only in person between 2:00pm and 2:15pm on Friday, May 31, 2019 in Room M-158.



Japan Club's Game Day in Spring 2018



Last but not the least, the Japan Club is going to host an event for Japanese international students (F-1 and J-1 students from Japan) for the first time in the past few years. Japan Club's International Student Seminar for Japanese F-1/J-1 students on Friday, May 3, 2019 will deliver a seminar for the Japanese international students (in Japanese; lunch will be provided).

- Japan Club's International Student Seminar for Japanese F-1/J-1 students on Friday, May 3, 2019 (12:30-2:30pm @ Room B-310)



Japan Club's International Student Seminar for Japanese F-1/J-1 students

Other events in Spring 2019 include *Peace and Justice Talk by A-bomb Survivors* on Thursday, May 2, 2019 (6:00pm-7:30pm @ B-306) and *Learning About Japan Through Manga And Video Games with Benjamin Boas* on Friday, May 10, 2019 (2:30-4:30pm @ B-306).

### The Japan Club at LaGuardia Community College: Get involved or receive updates



- Meeting: 2:15-4:25pm on Wednesday
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/japanclub.lagcc/>
- Google Groups: <http://bit.ly/LaGCCJapanClub1>
- Email: [LaGuardiaJapanClub@gmail.com](mailto:LaGuardiaJapanClub@gmail.com)
- Faculty mentor: Tomonori Nagano ([tnagano@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:tnagano@lagcc.cuny.edu) / Room B-234FF)
- See <https://t-nagano.info/LaGCCJapanClubNewsletters> for the past issues of the Japan Club Times