

CGJ EVENT REPORT

Event: 2014 Kentucky Japanese Speech Contest
Date: March 1, 2014
Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Location: Lafayette High School in Lexington, KY
Number of Attendees: 100
Comments: Consul-General Motohiko Kato presided as a judge in the 2014 Kentucky Japanese Speech Contest. This was the first Japanese speech contest in Kentucky and was presented by the Japan/America Society of Kentucky (JASK) and Lafayette High School. There were 32 participants who competed in four different levels: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, and Advanced Plus. These participants were all high school and university students studying Japanese language in Kentucky who were not heritage speakers.

Here is a list of the winners for each level:

Beginner

1. Blake Sims
2. Marta Martin
3. Hyewon Shin

Intermediate

1. Mark Stringfellow
2. Fanyue Kong
3. Hillary Hughes

Advanced

1. Faiyad Mannan
2. Douglas Urbino
3. Zane Barnette

Advanced Plus

1. Kailiman Ajimu

CG Award:

1. Lane Walker



The Judges (from left)
Dr. Michael Rich, Dr. Chris Connor,
Consul-General Kato, Miho
Sakaguchi and Hikaru Maruishi.



Master of Ceremony Josh Moore (left), Consul-General Kato
(center) and all the participants.