

JET Alumni Association of Washington, D.C.





The Role of JET Alumni in U.S.-Japan Relations



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Highlights:

- Co-hosted with Sasakawa USA
- Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.
- Attended by over 120 people.
- Recap, pictures, and video posted online.

1. **Discussion** with Matthew Fuller and Suzanne Basalla (Special Assistant and Senior Advisor to Ambassador Roos at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo in 2011)
2. **Screening** of Tohoku Tomo and 113 Project with Wesley Julian
3. **Reception** with remarks by the Embassy, Andy Anderson, and Shelley Fredrickson



Special Guests

- **Andy and Jeanne Anderson**, parents of Taylor Anderson
- **Shelley Fredrickson**, sister of Monthly Dickson
- **Minister of Public Affairs Tamaki Tsukada**, Embassy of Japan
- **Cannon Purdy**, Interviewee in Tohoku Tomo and friend of Taylor Anderson
- **Cameron Peek**, Interviewee in Tohoku Tomo and friend of Taylor Anderson
- **Steven Horowitz**, Founder, JETwit
- **Matthew Gilliam**, CLAIR New York
- **Monica Yuki**, JETAA USA Country Rep
- **Faye Valtadoros**, President, Great Lakes JETAA

JET Talks Series



Description

JET Talks are modeled after the famous TED Talks series. They are talks or hands-on activities (often featuring or led by former JETs) on a variety of Japan-related topics.

Range of events

- Talk by George Rose, Advisor for Pacific Rim Operations for the NY Yankees
- Ramen Night with former JET Josh Beatty
- Talk with Assistant Secretary of State, Daniel R. Russel, of the Bureau of East Asian Pacific Affairs

Tips

- Choose events that span a wide variety of interests
- Record events to put on YouTube
- Alternate between talks and hands-on activities
- Partner with new organizations

JET Ambassadors Program



Description

JET alumni visit D.C. area schools to share their experiences on Japan. Volunteers provide interactive self-designed presentations on topics ranging from school life in Japan and geography to Japanese culture, food, and many others.

Details

- Occurs throughout the school year; presentations happen from kindergarten to high school
- A small honorarium is provided to presenters for their time and travel.
- Presenters can present to a single class or to multiple classes

Tips

- Recruit volunteers at the end of August when new JETs return
- Outreach to language teachers and global studies directors
- If you'd like more information, pick up our informational "How-to" guide!