

Introducing JETAA

Jetaa USA USA



What is JETAA USA?

- JET Alumni Association USA is an organization comprised of alumni of the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program.
- The JET Program is one of the world's largest international exchange programs; participants from 35-40 countries work to promote foreign language education and international exchange in Japan

JETAA USA Structure

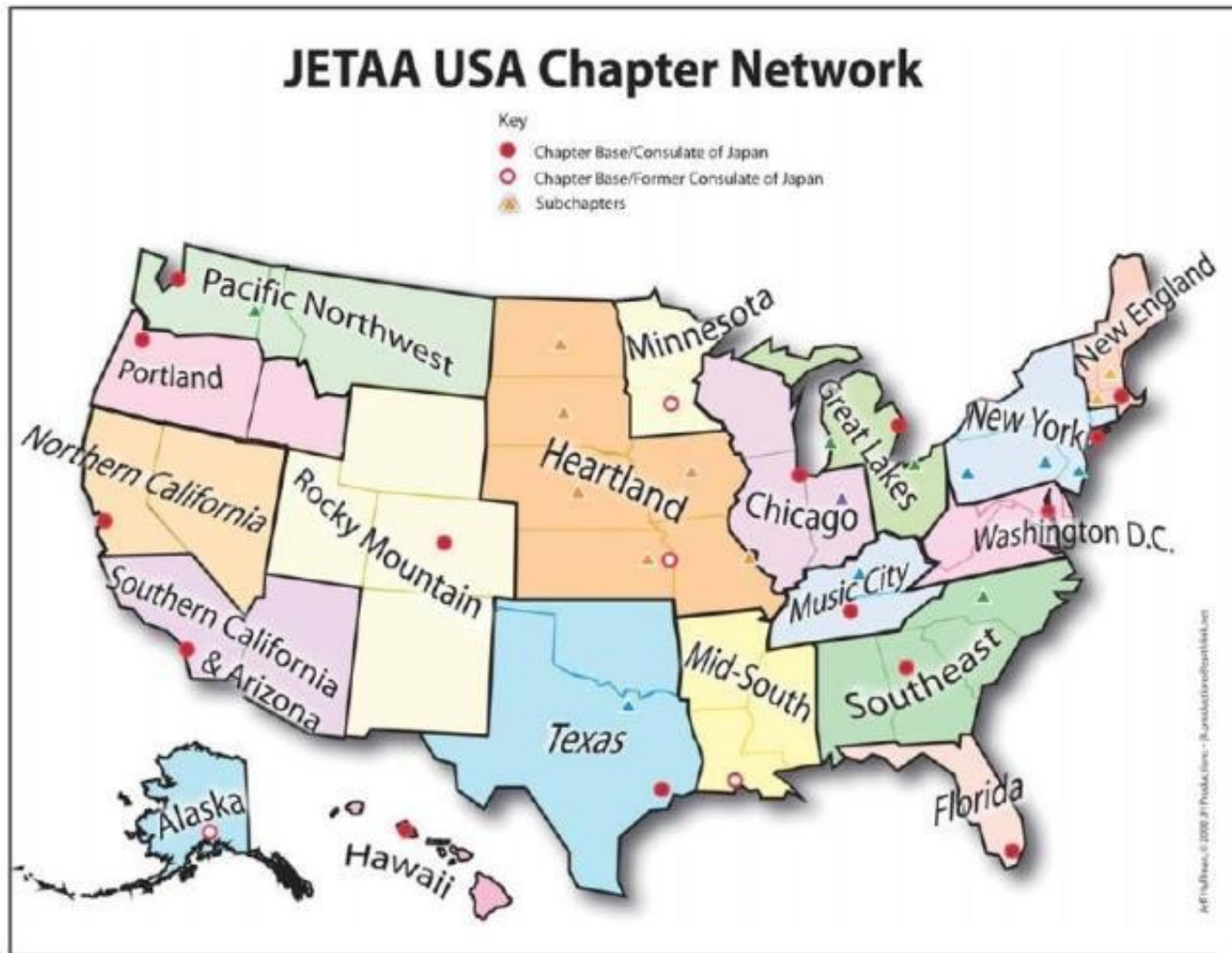
- 3 Country Representatives (elected -1 yr term)
- Board of Advisors (appointed - 2 yr term)
- 19 Chapters: each chapter operates autonomously and has its own governing body
 - Sub-Chapters
 - Regional Reps
- Local Officers



Where can I find these magical JET alums?

- Any city where there is a Japanese Consulate/ Embassy, you will likely find a JETAA USA chapter hub.
- Although the chapter hubs are the most active areas, there are outlying sub-chapters and members scattered all over the USA.
- There are 26,000+ of us- we are everywhere!

Where are the JETAA USA hubs?





How to connect with JETAA USA

- Jennifer Butler, US Country Representative
 - us3.jetaausa@gmail.com
- JETAA USA Official Website
 - www.jetaausa.com
 - Individual chapter contact information is posted as available

The Value of JET Alums to SCI

- Connections with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) at Embassy & Consulates
- Connections with Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR) - Japanese local governments
- Japanese language & cultural navigation skills
- Understanding of how local/municipal Japanese governments function





Historical examples of JETAA support to SCI:

- Assistance with exchange activities; particularly educationally focused activities
- English lessons to Japanese exchange participants
- Japanese language support during delegation visits, etc.
- Providing general delegation/ exchange trip support through JET networks in Japan
- Grant writing
- Social media outreach to JETAA community of SCI activities
- Service projects




Ensuring a Successful Relationship

JETAA Chapters are completely volunteer-run; they are challenged for time as well!

- Work with them to determine a realistic level of commitment on projects
- Partner up at local events (Asian festivals, etc.)
- Keep them in the loop regarding visiting delegations, etc.
- Advance notice is always a good

The Value of SCI to JETAA USA

- JETAA USA Chapters are looking for ways to engage with local Japanese communities to demonstrate their value as an organization
- JETAA involvement with US students introduces them to JET and motivates them to apply for JET in the future
- JET Alums are looking for ways to continue to connect with Japanese student youth groups
- Engaging with SCI helps with our mission which is to share Japanese culture at a 



Considerations

- JETAA Chapters host events and they are usually open to the general public; go meet them in person!
- Many JETAA Chapters work with their local Japan-America Societies on a regular basis as well as other Japanese-related organizations within their locales
- Many JET alums were “posted” to their sister-city or sister-state as JETs
- How would you like to see JET alumni engage with your Sister-City Organization?

Your local JETAA chapter can help strengthen ties between your US & Japan sister city/ state communities.



Rocky Mountain JETAA chapter (Denver) meets sister-city Takayama exchange students for a Rockies baseball game during their trip to Colorado!

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Reach out and connect!

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2. www.jetaausa.com
 - National Initiatives >> Sister Cities/ States
 - www.jetaausa.com/national-initiatives/sister-cities-states/support-services/
3. Contact your local JETAA USA chapter directly

