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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEMESTER

Left: Taking a silly photo, manning a booth at Novi Japan Festival, MJSA Conference.  
Right: Board poses for a group photo.



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# JEOPARDY NIGHT - Michigan's Favorite Quiz Show - by Maia Ohiro

JSA held a Jeopardy Night on November 10th at the lobby of Foundry Lofts. Close to 30 participants split into five teams (each named after an animal or plant) and competed against each other answering trivia questions. Categories for the night included This is Delicious, Know Your History, J-Pop, Sportscenter, It's LIT(erature), Where in the world?, and Japanese film.

The event was full of life and energy; participants cheered when their team scored points and jeered as another team stole their question. Each group came up with their own strategies, such as appointing the most knowledgeable member to be the designated "hand raiser," and whispering so that neighboring groups cannot eavesdrop.

The MCs Anna Carl and Ishi Mori added to this lively mood

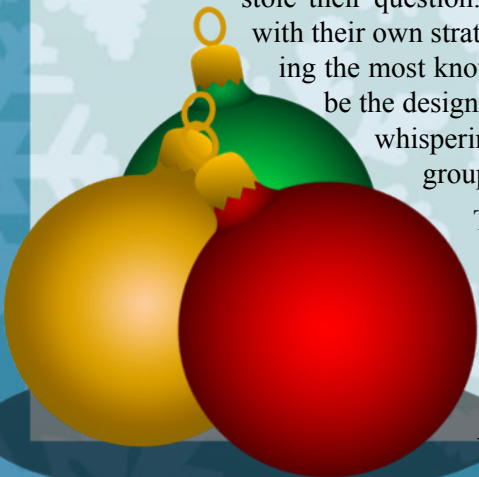
through their active interaction with participants, cracking jokes and expressing bewilderment on the breadth of some participants' knowledge. For instance, Engineering freshman Bill Hu dominated in the "Get to Know Your Board" category and LSA junior Alyson Grigsby was an expert at identifying jingles.

Every group did surprisingly well, even with the challenging questions. All of them got the final Jeopardy question right; take a guess at this one:

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## Editor's Note

2018 was a great year for Asians in pop culture, from Crazy Rich Asians to Sandra Oh to BTS. But for me, nothing beats the Facebook group Subtle Asian Traits. Filled with memes that relate to everyday aspects of Asian life, the page give me a good laugh every time I open it. *-IM*



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## KARAOKE PARTY by Maia Ohiro

On December 7th, JSA wrapped up the fall semester with a Karaoke Party event. Members gathered in their semi-formal attires at the rooftop lounge of Varsity Apartments to woo the crowd with their voice.

Throughout the night, members sang their hearts out to classic tunes like “Kiseki” (2005) by GReeeeN and “Don’t Stop Believin’ ” (1981) by Journey while dancing to K-pop tracks like “TT” (2016) by TWICE. One of the most memorable songs of the night was “USA” (2018) by DA PUMP, for which graduate engineering exchange student Ryo Tsunoda showed off his shoot dance, a signature move in the choreography of “USA.” Δ



## STUDY PARTY by Ellie Carl

On Sunday, December 9th, JSA members congregated in the North Quad multi-purpose room to study for upcoming finals. While stress has been high around campus, members were able to relax a little bit and eat snacks while spending time with their friends one last time before winter break.

External chair Anna Carl said, “I’m going to miss JSA a lot over break, but this event was the perfect way to say goodbye to everyone before we all disappear into the depths of the library.” Δ

## BOSTON CAREER FORUM 2018

A Special Correspondent Report by Ellie Carl

Over the weekend of November 9th, students from all around the country looking to work in Japan went to Boston to attend the annual Boston Career Forum, the world’s largest English-Japanese bilingual career fair.

Over 200 companies and thousands of participants attended the event. While the event was admittedly very stressful for participants, it was a wonderful opportunity to experience the Japanese job recruitment process and learn a lot about different companies.

After a long day of interviewing, seminars, and talking to recruiters at booths, participants were able to enjoy spending time with friends in Boston and eating delicious local cuisine. Anybody who is interested in working in Japan is highly encouraged to attend this event next year!

## HUMANS OF JSA with Kristine Bassett

*The Go Blue interviews members of JSA so we can learn more in depth about each other. This month features LSA sophomore Kristine Bassett.*



Ellie: Thank you so much for meeting with me Kristine! First thing’s first, tell me how long you have been on JSA.

Kristine: I have been in JSA since the beginning of October-ish, maybe longer, maybe shorter, I’m not sure haha.

Ellie: What do you mean you don’t know? [laughing] What was the first event you came to?

Kristine: I went to the volunteer event at Novi High School!

Ellie: Oh yeah, the Novi Japan Festival! I’m pretty sure that was in October so that sounds about right. So what drew you to JSA?

Kristine: I actually was really afraid to join JSA at first because I thought only Japanese students could join, but multiple people kept encouraging me to join and assured me that I would be welcomed. And then after I joined, I realized that I had been worried for no reason, and that everyone in JSA is super cool and amazing, so I’m glad that I finally went to a meeting!

Ellie: What does JSA mean to you?

Kristine: I think of JSA as something I can look forward to. I love all of the people in JSA, and I think it’s a very inclusive and friendly community.

Ellie: What is your favorite thing about JSA?

Kristine: JSA is a really fun, giant group of friends. I’m still in beginning stages of membership, but I’m looking forward for what is to come. My only regret is that I didn’t join earlier! Δ

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One of the first Japanese to earn a Ph.D at Michigan, in 1889, was Eijirō Ono, who later became president of the Industrial Bank of Japan. Eijiro’s granddaughter would eventually emigrate to New York in 1953 and become a famous artist as well as a famous wife. What is her name?\*

The champions at the end of the night were the seashell team, which dominated with the jingles. They each were awarded with the latest JSA T-shirt, which features a design inspired by the clothing brand Uniqlo. Δ

\*Answer to Final Jeopardy Question:

Yoko Ono (1933–), artist, singer, songwriter and peace activist; second wife of John Lennon of the Beatles