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of the Japan-America
Relationship within a
Global Framework”*

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Director's Review



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The core of the JASC mission is the search for mutual understanding. I believe that the understanding achieved through JASC is beyond just mutual understanding between individuals, but includes a greater understanding of oneself, one's home country, and certainly a greater understanding of the world beyond college.

Most American students come to JASC focused on learning more about Japan. Yet starting from day one when they meet their fellow Amadeles from Alaska and Arkansas to Hawaii and New Jersey they are amazed at the diversity the U.S. has to offer. Then JASC travels, as they did this year, throughout the U.S. and students are even more impressed.

Touring their home country with people from another nation gives students the chance to view it through a new outsider perspective. This perspective builds a greater understanding that allows for a more open view of others and creates the opportunity for true mutual understanding. I believe this is part of what makes JASC unique.

Interactions with alumni, businesspeople, government and nongovernmental leaders also give the students a personal connection to both the historic legacy of JASC and the real world today. They start to understand how people like them are shaping the world and can begin to envision their future. 2006 was a great year for JASC with achievements in alumni relations, communications, and a successful

58th conference. Alumni were able to reconnect in person with JASC through regional gatherings in Boston, NY, DC, LA and San Diego and virtually with the new website and online directory. At the Alumni Weekend in Washington, D.C., JASC alumni from the U.S. and Japan had the opportunity to meet one another and enjoy activities with the delegates.

We are sincerely grateful for the cooperation, encouragement and funding JASC receives from our dedicated supporters. Without the tireless volunteer efforts and generous financial support from corporations, universities, alumni and individuals JASC would simply not be possible.

The mutual understanding gained by JASC delegates is a key to both their future and that of the U.S. – Japan relationship. JASC inspires respect and appreciation for culture, communication and each other – lessons that will last a lifetime.

As JASC moves forward it is my hope that we can continue to build strong partners in understanding with greater efforts in outreach and communication. Together we can achieve our mission.

Thank YOU for making JASC possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Regina". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Regina McGarvey
Executive Director

Highlights of the 58th JASC

I hadn't really known what to expect - but the friendships, I formed through JASC, and the depth of the conversations that I was able to have through roundtables, informal discussions, and small-group sessions definitely exceeded my expectations. I was able to discuss issues that I normally would not have been able to talk about, even with friends from home or at school.

Elissa Furutani
Princeton University

Ithaca College and Cornell University

- Cultural and historical overview with Dr. Joanne Izbicki
- Preparing lanyard crafts for new friends
- Chinese food and Japanese movies
- Joint Orientation and beautiful gorges
- Academic panel and Roundtable paper presentations
- Yakitori cooking project!



New York City

- Reception hosted by JASC Alumni & Board member Mariko Gordon at the Japanese American Association
- Sightseeing and World Trade Center memorial
- Briefing by Ambassador Kitaoka at the Japanese Permanent Mission to the UN





Washington, D.C.

- Trilateral and Conflict Resolution forums
- Tours of the White House, Capitol and monuments
- Embassy reception and State Department Briefing
- Okonomiyaki and fieldtrips

University of Oklahoma

- Warm hospitality of OU, homestay families and churches
- Native American Issues Forum
- Day trip to Anadarko
- Round dancing and eating Navajo tacos and whole turkey legs



I never expected the kind of friendships that formed. I learned a lot during my roundtable about cultural differences that I didn't pick up in a year of living in Japan because we were actively talking about them. I also didn't know JASC was so well connected and could provide such a great entry method into the working world.

Morgan Swartz
Kalamazoo College

San Francisco

- Business Day visits
- Relaxation on Angel Island
- Final Forum at the SF Public Library
- Elections at the LGBT Community Center
- Closing Ceremony at the Japanese Community Center



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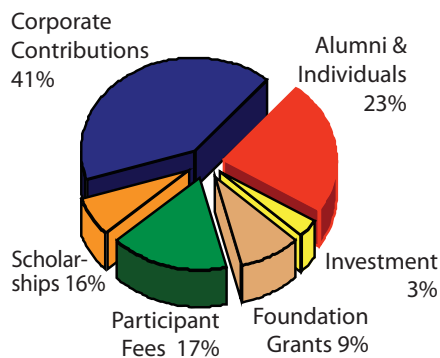
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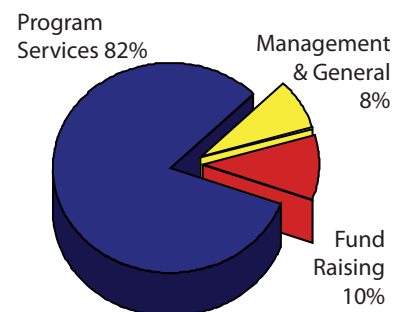


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