



## CALENDAR

### Exhibits & Events

Through April 2022:

["It Sounds Like Love"](#)

[Suminagashi Exhibit](#) @

Frank Museum of Art,  
Otterbein University,  
Westerville, OH

Through March 7, 2022:

["Modern Abstractions"](#)

[Japanese Prints Exhibit](#) @

Kalamazoo Institute of Arts,  
Kalamazoo, MI

Wed., December 1

[Novi \(MI\) Library Japanese](#)

[Conversation Group](#) @

online platform

Thurs., December 2

[MSU-ASC Webinar on](#)

[Japan's Video Games &](#)

[Coding](#) @ online platform

[UM-CJS Webinar on Marine](#)

[Tourism in Japan](#) @ online

platform

Fri., December 3

[WMU Soga Center](#)

[Japanese Conversation](#)

[Table](#) @ online platform

Sat. & Sun., Dec. 4 & 12

[Ann Arbor \(MI\) Japanese](#)

[Language Meetup](#) @ online

platform

Tues., December 7

[J-Chat Japanese](#)

[Conversation Group](#) @

online platform

Thurs., December 9

[Hofu-Monroe Book Club](#) @

online platform

Fri., December 10

[Columbus Koto Ensemble](#)

[Holiday Concert Livestream](#)

@ online platform

[U-M Engineering Alumnus](#)

[Webinar](#) @ online platform

Wed., December 15

[JASGC Webinar on](#)

[Lafcadio Hearn](#) @ online

platform

Fri., December 17

[Van Buren District Library](#)

[Anime/Manga Club](#) @

Covert, MI

Sat. & Sun., Dec. 18 & 26

[Ann Arbor \(MI\) Japanese](#)

[Language Meetup](#) @ online

platform



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## Consulate Recognizes Spring 2021 Recipient of Imperial Decoration



The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit celebrated the conferment upon Mr. Philip Barth (pictured above left with Consul General Shindo) of an Imperial Decoration for his significant contributions toward promoting exchange and friendship between Japan and the United States, which was officially announced in April 2021.

On October 19, Mr. Barth, a former Honorary Consul General of Japan in Columbus and former President of the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio, received the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette. Mr. Barth, an executive at Honda Trading America Corporation for many years, worked toward the establishment in 1997 of the Japan America Society of Central Ohio (JASCO), serving as its President from 1997-2002, and continuing as a member of the Board of Directors to the present day. Congratulations!

## JET Program Participants from Michigan and Ohio Depart for Japan



On November 13, a group of 75 participants in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program from Michigan and Ohio departed from Detroit Metropolitan Airport for Tokyo, Japan. After undergoing the required quarantine and an orientation program, these participants will be dispatched to their host institutions in Japan to begin their new positions as either Assistant Language Teachers or Coordinators for International Relations. This group included individuals selected in 2020, but whose departure was postponed due to the pandemic. We wish the new JETs all the best as they begin their new journey! More information on JET Program USA may be found [here](#).

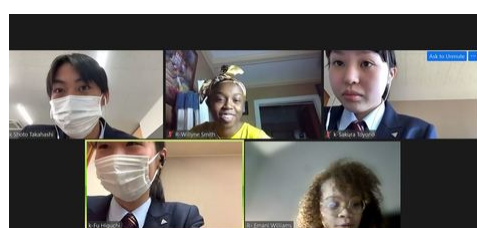
## Kakehashi Program Links Young People in Michigan, Ohio, and Japan



From September through November, dozens of students from Michigan and Ohio have been able to interact online with students of similar age in Japan, through an invitational exchange project called "Kakehashi" (meaning "bridge" or "bridging" in Japanese), hosted by the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE).

Participants included winners of recent Japanese language speech contests--Ms. Lucia Lee of Troy Athens High School in Michigan and Mr. Keegan Mulligan of Marysville High School in Ohio--as well as students of Japanese at Ohio University in Athens (along with instructor, Dr. Christopher Thompson) and at Renaissance High School in Detroit, MI (with instructor, Ms. Kate Davis), plus selected schools in nearby states and in Japan.

During each online session, after making presentations about their schools and communities in each other's language, participants met in breakout rooms for more informal discussion in Japanese and English. Thank you to all who made these intercultural exchange activities successful!



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