

Clark Hosts Eighth Annual Japan Bowl



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Clark College welcomed over 100 high school students from across Oregon and Washington for the 8th Annual Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl on March 15. Organized by the Japan-America Society of Oregon (JASO), this year's competition was the largest yet, bringing together students to test their knowledge of Japanese language, culture, and history.

In addition to competing, participants attended a college fair, where Clark students, including volunteers Kai Welch and James Simina, shared their experiences and encouraged future language learners.

Not only do competing teams test their knowledge of arts, culture, geography, and language, but they get to attend a college fair to learn about schools and network with other students.

Two Clark students, Kai Welch and James Simina, volunteered at the event. James shared his experience learning Japanese at Clark with prospective high school students during the college fair.

2025 Results

Level 2

1st Churchill High School (OR)

2nd International School of Beaverton (OR)

3rd Woodinville High School (WA)

Level 3

1st Westview High School (OR)

2nd Woodinville High School (WA)

3rd Bothell High School (WA)

Level 4

1st Sunset High School (OR)

2nd Bothell High School (WA)

3rd International School of Beaverton (OR)



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About the Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl

The largest regional quiz competition on Japanese language and culture, the Japan Bowl invites 100+ high schoolers across Oregon and Washington to compete together. It's run by the Japan-America Society of Oregon (JASO). Every year, the top teams go on to compete at the national level in Washington, D.C.

Learn more about PNW Japan Bowl at <https://jaso.org/japan-bowl/>

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