

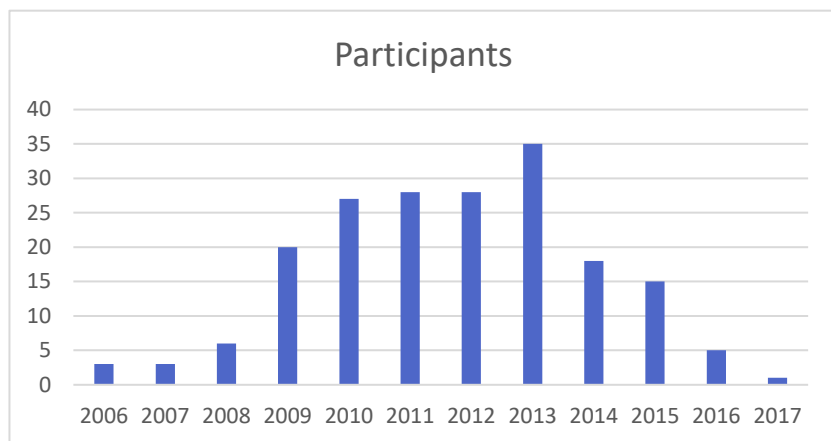
# National Japan Bowl Alumni Survey

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In 2017, the National Japan Bowl conducted a survey of alumni from a decade of National Japan Bowl competitions. This survey was designed to collect information on National Japan Bowl participants after they leave high school, so questions focus on their academic and career choices, as well as if and how Japan continues to play a role in their personal and professional lives. Our survey collected over 100 responses.

## 1. What year(s) did you compete in the National Japan Bowl? (ジャパンボウル大会の出場年度)

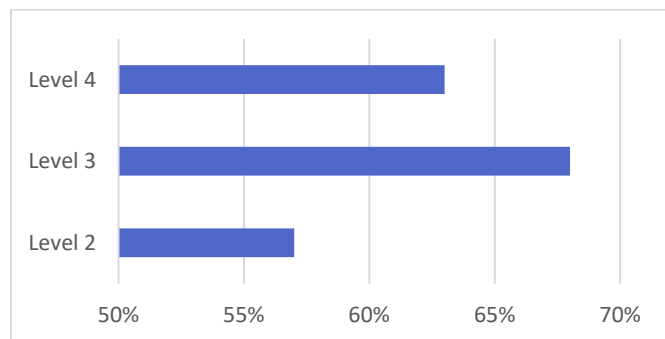
In a survey of over 100 National Japan Bowl alumni, responses came from participants who attended National Japan Bowl as early as 2006 – eleven years ago. Most respondents participated in 2011, 2012, and 2013.



2006	3
2007	3
2008	6
2009	20
2010	27
2011	28
2012	28
2013	35
2014	18
2015	15
2016	5
2017	1

## 2. At what levels did you compete in the National Japan Bowl? (ジャパンボウル大会の出場レベル)

Most participants were in Level 3 (68%), but the number of participants were fairly constant between all three levels.



Level 2	57%
Level 3	68%
Level 4	63%

### 3. What college or university did you attend? (大学の進学状況)

#### Universities in the US

Bard College  
Biola University  
Brigham Young University  
**Brown University**  
Carthage College  
College of William and Mary  
**Columbia University**  
Connecticut College  
Culinary Institute of Virginia  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Florida International University  
George Mason University  
**Harvey Mudd College**  
International University of Health and Welfare  
**Johns Hopkins University**  
La Salle University  
**Liberty University**  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
Mercer University  
Mount Holyoke College  
**Northwestern University**  
New York University  
**Princeton University**  
**Pomona College**  
San Diego State University  
San Jose State University  
Sonoma State University

**Stanford University**  
**Vanderbilt University** **Tufts University**  
Texas A&M University  
**University of California, Berkeley**  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
**University of California, Los Angeles**  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
**University of Chicago**  
University of Florida  
University of Iowa  
University of Louisville  
University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota  
University of Oregon  
University of Southern California  
University of Texas (Austin)  
University of Texas (Dallas)  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
**Washington University in St. Louis**

#### Universities in Japan

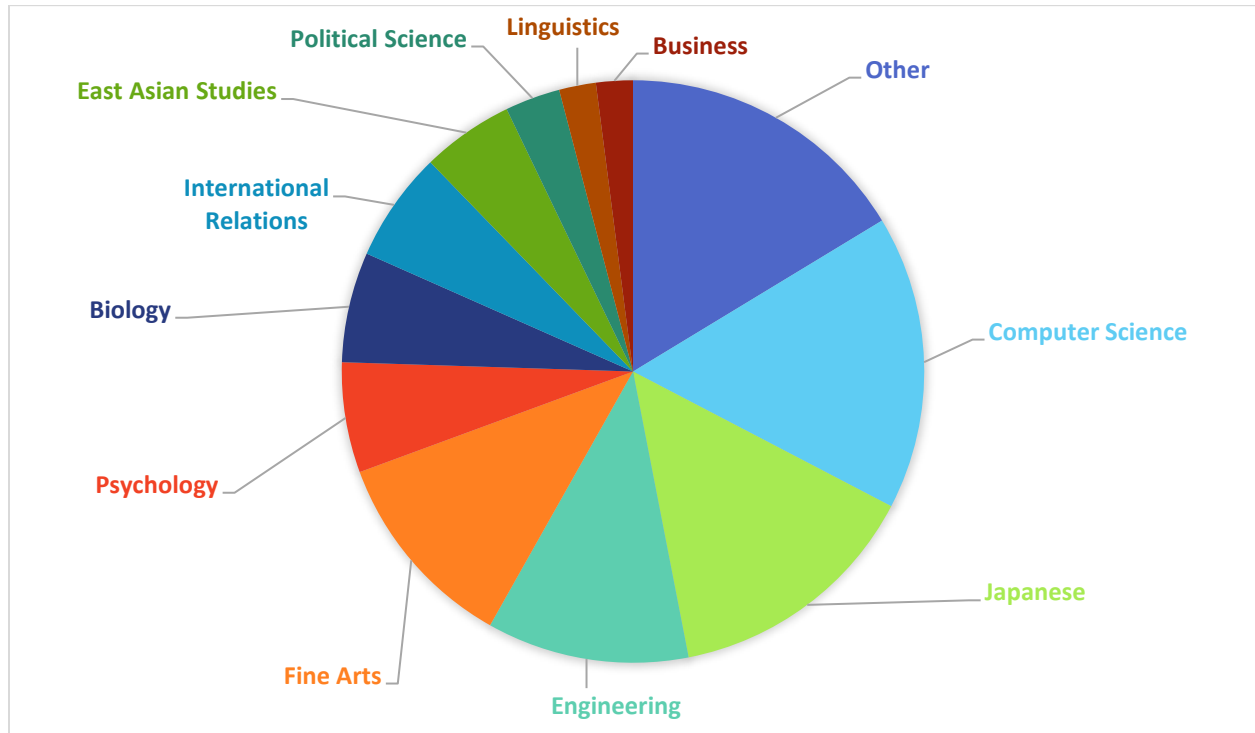
Hokkaido University  
Nagoya University  
Temple University, Japan Campus  
Doshisha University  
Waseda University

#### Universities outside US and Japan

National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan)  
University of Edinburgh

#### 4. What major did you pursue at college/university? (大学の専攻)

National Japan Bowl participants pursue several different majors at universities across America and the world. The highest reported majors were computer science, Japanese studies, engineering, and fine arts studies. In this case, fine arts studies include painting, illustration, writing, theater, and culinary arts, among others. The chart below categorizes some of the popular majors reported in the alumni survey.



#### 5. Did you continue your study of Japanese during college?

(大学で日本語の学習を継続したか)

Yes (はい) 68%

No (いいえ) 32%

## 6. Did you study in Japan after high school? (高校卒業後、日本に留学したか)

Yes (はい) 17%  
No (いいえ) 83%

Those that studied in Japan reported attending the following universities (日本の留学先) ;

- Japan Center for Michigan Universities
- International University of Health and Welfare
- Tokyo Christian University
- University of Tokyo
- Waseda University
- Nagasaki University of Foreign Studies
- Chiben Wakayama University
- Hokkaido University
- Temple University, Japan Campus
- Tokyo Gakuin University
- Nagoya University

## 7. Did you work or intern in Japan after high school? (高校卒業後、日本でインターンや就職したか)

Yes (はい) 15%  
No (いいえ) 85%

## 8. Who is your current employer (optional)? (現在の勤務先)

- JET
- GPI US/ISA
- Twitter
- Apple
- Facebook
- Google
- Active Gaming Media
- Neogov
- PayPal
- Amazon
- Enerpac
- Nissan
- Nara International Christian Church
- Morrison & Foerster LLP (Tokyo)
- Gear 8
- Aichi Toho University
- The Recording Academy
- Coach
- US Navy
- Matcha LOVE by ITO EN
- Tufts University
- Takarazuka Revue
- Stanford University

## 9. Would you like to live, work or study in Japan in the future? (将来日本で勉強、就職、生活したいか)

Yes (はい) 90%  
No (いいえ) 10%

## 10. How often do you use Japanese in your work or daily life? (職場や日常生活での日本語使用頻度)

Every day (毎日)	21%
A few times a week (週に数回)	26%
A few times a month (月に数回)	19%
A few times a year (年に数回)	18%
Never (使わない)	16%

## 11. How did participating in Japan Bowl help you achieve your goals? (ジャパンボウルへの参加が目的の達成をどのように助けたか)

“Learning Japanese language and culture gave me a huge advantage when pursuing a Japanese degree in college” (日本語や日本文化について学んだ経験は、大学での日本語専攻に大変有益であった。)

“Helped hone my skills of teamwork, leadership, mentoring other fellow Japan Bowlers, and self-discipline to study all the material.” (チームワークやリーダーシップ、指導力、自己鍛錬力を養うことができた。)

“Japan Bowl gave me a lot of confidence! I learned so much, some facts that I still retain today, and made lifelong friendships. It helped cement the importance of learning culture alongside learning a language-- that the two must go hand in hand.” (たくさん自信をもらった。多くを学び、現在まで続く友情を育むことができた。言語のみならず、文化を共に学ぶことの重要性を強固にした。)

“I developed a greater understanding of modern events centered around US-Japan partnerships. I also gained valuable knowledge of the Japanese language and culture. Had I not competed in Japan Bowl, my interest and knowledge of the language and culture would have been far diminished.” (日米両国間における近代の出来事について、深く理解することができた。日本語や日本文化についての重要な知識も身につけることができた。ジャパンボウルに出場していなかったら、これほど日本語や日本文化に対する興味や知識をもたなかったと思う。)

“It was a memorable experience that encouraged me to take risks and to try new things. It was one of the first major events/competitions I attended. It allowed me to meet new people, create new experiences, and strengthen the bond between me and my team members.” (ジャパンボウルに参加することで、リスクをとって新しいことに挑戦する勇気ももらった。私の人生で最初の大きなイベント・大会であり、人との出会いや経験、チームメンバーとの友情を育むことができた。)

“Participating in a Japan Bowl made me to study abroad in Waseda for one year!” (ジャパンボウルに参加したことで、早稲田大学で1年間学ぶことができた。)

“I was able to broaden my cultural experiences and appreciation for Japanese culture. I always make new friends when I find out that someone else speaks Japanese too. Being able to visit Japan under the kakehashi project is by far one of my most treasured experiences of my entire life. Visiting a host family and living with them was an extremely valuable time.” (文化的経験や、日本文化への理解を深める

ことができた。日本語を話せる人たちと新たに友達になれた。カケハシプロジェクトで日本に行った経験は、人生において最も価値がある出来事だった。ホストファミリーに出会い、ともに生活した時間は、大変貴重だった。)

“Made a significant difference to how I viewed team work, boosted my college application, and changed my future goals” (チームワークの大切さを学んだ。大学受験を有利にし、ジャパンボウルへの出場によって、将来の目的が変わった。)

“It helped me broaden my horizons and allowed me to have a better understanding of a culture different from mine - thus helping me become a more open minded individual.” (視野を広げ、他の文化について理解を深めることができた。)

“I think being 2nd in a national competition really helped my applications to universities. If I'm honest, my grades weren't stellar in high school, and I think my using extracurricular as a way to show my passion for academic subjects really helped me overcome the small troubles I had with letter grades in high school.” (ジャパンボウルで2位になって、大学受験に有利になった。正直に言うと、高校での成績は目ぼしいわけではなかったが、ジャパンボウルで日本語への情熱を示すことができ、成績表以上の結果を残すことができた。)

“I truly believe that Japan Bowl is one of the main reasons I was able to get into college” (大学に入れたのは、ジャパンボウルのおかげだと思う。)

“Participating in Japan Bowl built a solid foundation for me to excel in my Japanese language study in University, and eventually in the Japanese workforce after graduation.” (大学での日本語学習や日本での就職に役立つ知識を身につけることができた。)

“The high level of knowledge and language abilities of the other competitors inspired me to pursue as many opportunities as possible to increase my own knowledge, including gaining a Japanese language scholarship at my college of choice, applying for programs such as the CLS and BOREN, and leading me to be currently studying abroad in Tokyo. I find myself recalling all sorts of things that I studied for Japan Bowl both in my current studies and in daily life in Japan.” (他の出場者のレベルの高い知識や日本語能力に刺激され、各種スカラーシップや現在行っている日本留学など、さまざまな機会に挑戦することができた。今日本で学び、生活する中で、ジャパンボウルで学んだことの一つ一つがよみがえってくる。)

