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Thanks to 2023-2024 Board Members

By TOMONORI NAGANO

Thanks to those who held the board positions for the Japan and Entertainment Club in 2023-2024.

Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

- President: Tafarei Knight
- Vice President: Justin Macas
- Secretary: Matthew Mercado
- Treasurer: Yadira Luna
- SAC: Sebastian Ramos

About the Japan and Entertainment Club at LaGuardia

By TOMONORI NAGANO

The Japan Entertainment Club is an official student organization with representation at SAC (the Student Advisory Council) through the Office of Student Life at LaGuardia Community College. Originating in the early 2000s, the Japan Club's initial goal was to support international students from Japan. Over time, the club's mission expanded to include non-Japanese students interested in Japan and Japanese culture, particularly its vibrant pop culture such as anime, manga, video games, and J-pop. In Spring 2022, the Japan Club merged with the Anime Club, resulting in the formation of the "Japan and Entertainment Club."

Student Clubs Fall Fest - September 20, 2023

By TOMONORI NAGANO

On September 20, 2023, the E-atrium and Cobblestone area at LaGuardia came

alive with the annual Fall Fest. Representatives from over 30 student clubs greeted new and returning students with a smorgasbord of interactive activities. The Japan and Entertainment Club's booth stood out with its display of Japanese calligraphy, artwork, and origami demonstrations. Club leaders engaged with potential new members, discussing upcoming events and showcasing the community spirit that defines the club.



NYC Comic Con - October 12 to 15, 2023

By TOMONORI NAGANO

From October 12 to 15, 2023, a few club members donned their best cosplay and headed to the Javits Center for the NYC Comic Con. The convention was a paradise for anime fans, with booths sprawling through the venue and fans of all kinds geeking out together. The club members particularly enjoyed meeting award-winning comic artists and Japanese anime creators. Discussions with like-minded attendees and exploring exclusive fandom gear were highlights of the trip. Whether they were caught up in the vibrant energy of the event, snapping selfies with cosplayers, or engaging in panel discussions, everyone found an aspect of Comic Con to cherish.

Temple University Japan Transfer Workshop - October

25, 2023 & March 8, 2024

By TOMONORI NAGANO

On October 25, 2023, students gathered in room M-156 for an illuminating workshop about transferring to Temple University Japan. Admissions Counselor Ryan Evan Goulding presented an engaging session covering campus life, academic programs, and student services in Tokyo. With the aid of both in-person and Zoom formats, attendees had the opportunity to delve deep into the transfer process, application criteria, and financial aid options. The discourse not only catered to academic aspirations but also gave a sneak peek into the bustling life of a student in Japan's capital.



Japanese Horror Movie Day - November 1, 2023

By TOMONORI NAGANO

The spooktacular event on November 1, 2023, invited members to room M-156 for an eerie marathon of Japanese horror movie classics. The chilling tale of "Ring" had the attendees gripping the edge of their seats. Between moments of fright and suspense, club members discussed the unique style and storytelling elements of Japanese horror films.



Dr. Kelly Aliano's Talk - November 8, 2023

By TOMONORI NAGANO

On November 8, 2023, Dr. Kelly Aliano spoke to a captivated audience about her new book, "The Performance of Video Games: Enacting Identity, History and Culture Through Play." Gathered in room M-156, students listened intently as Dr. Aliano shared insights from her research and personal gaming experiences, stirring discussions on how video games intersect with identity and society.



Anime NYC- November 17 to 19, 2023

By TOMONORI NAGANO

The anticipation was palpable as club members headed to Anime NYC from November 17 to 19, 2023, at the Javits Center. The three-day festival was a haven for anime aficionados, featuring exclusive screenings, exhibits, and panels. The club's subsidized tickets made the event accessible, culminating in an unforgettable experience of Japanese pop culture immersion.

Japan Club's New Year Celebrations-January 17, 2024

By TOMONORI NAGANO

On January 17, 2024, the Japan and Entertainment Club held a New Year Celebrations event at Poolside Cafe. The celebration showcased diverse East Asian traditions from Japan, China, and Korea, including calligraphy, mochi-pounding, and a lion dance. Attendees enjoyed food samples like sushi and sweet rice cake, experiencing a true cultural immersion.



Student Clubs Spring Fest - March 27, 2024

By TOMONORI NAGANO

The Gymnasium was a kaleidoscope of energy and colors as students from various LaGuardia Community College clubs gathered for the Student Clubs Spring Fest. Representatives from over 30 student organizations, including the Japan and Entertainment Club, welcomed inquisitive students. The lively atmosphere brimmed with interactive activities and a chance to meet Student Government Association (SGA) representatives. It was an ideal setting to learn about upcoming club events and to forge new friendships.



Japan Club's Game Day - April 17, 2024

By TOMONORI NAGANO

Room E-264 was transformed into a battleground for gamers during the Japan and Entertainment Club's Game Day. Students eagerly lined up to showcase their skills in *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* on the Nintendo Switch. The echoes of button-mashing, cheers, and gasps of excitement filled the room as contestants vied for the coveted \$50 gift cards awarded to the top players. Participants were fully absorbed in the spirit of friendly competition, creating a thrilling ambiance that left everyone anticipating the next Game Day.

The Japan Club at LaGuardia Community College: Get involved and receive updates

Download a digital version of the newsletter:



- Meeting: 2:15-4:25pm on Wednesday (Check Discord for the room)
- Website: <https://t-nagano.com/projects/JapanClub/>
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