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Maids and butlers at the Fall 2018 Maid Cafe event

The Maid Cafe on Friday, December 14, 2018 (12:00pm-3:00pm @ E-111), the finale event of the Japan Club in Fall 2018, was a huge success. We had 93 guests who enjoyed the Japanese maid cafe experience. A huge shout out to the Japan Club's board members and volunteer maids & butlers, who put their work together and made this event a major success.

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Japan Club's New Year Celebration event

Thanks to those who came and helped the Japan Club's New Year Celebration event on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. The Japan Club's New Year Celebration was hosted by

the Japan Club at LaGuardia Community College to introduce Japanese old traditions and customs on *shogatsu* (Japanese New Year Day) to LaGuardia students and the local community in Long Island City. We introduced various Japanese activities for the New Year Day such as もちつき (mochi-pounding), おせち料理 (Japanese traditional cuisine), 太鼓 (Japanese drums), たこあげ (flying kites), こままわし (Japanese top spinning game), かるた (Japanese traditional card game), 絵馬づくり (Japanese votive tablets), かきぞめ (Japanese calligraphy), and 年賀状 (Japanese new year greeting cards). The event was well attended by more than 100 guests. The following volunteers helped the event: Aminul Islam, Ayano Minami, Brittany Chan, Hideko Ishizuka, Jimmy Franco, Kae Kuratomo, Kaori Mochida, Lucius Park, Mai Shimada, Maya Omura, Melissa Hausner, Munkyoung Kim, Narin Sangped, Ramiro Campis, Ryan Ngao, Tamami Tanaka, and ZhongFa Lin

Call for Club Officers in Spring 2019

By TOMONORI NAGANO

An election for the Spring 2019 board will be held at the beginning of the club meeting in Spring 2019. If you are interested in running for offices, please submit your information at <https://bit.ly/2OZYHzk>. Below is the list of offices for re-election and their responsibilities:

- **President:** President sets agenda for meetings, leads discussions, delegates tasks to e-board & general members, and writes proposals.
- **Vice president:** Vice President takes over for president when absent, creates meeting agenda for president, contacts mentor(s) and members when needed, and writes proposals.
- **Treasurer:** Treasurer sets and maintains budget systems, keeps track of budget, obtains quotes and invoices for funding request proposals. She/he works with the

campus life budget manager to process purchases & other budget related business.

- **Secretary:** Secretary creates & keeps records of minutes for all meetings (minutes are necessary to maintain good standing and obtain funding for events).

Spring 2019 Events

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Cherry trees at Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Spring is always an exciting season for the Japan Club since there are a lot of Japan-themed events such as *Sakura Matsuri* in New York City. Below is the list of Japan-related events in spring in the New York metropolitan area.

- **Sakura Matsuri in Washington DC** (Saturday, April 13th, 2019 @ Washington DC)
The Sakura Matsuri - Japanese Street Festival is the largest one-day celebration of Japanese culture in the United States. Performers and vendors travel from all over the country and the world to Washington, DC to share their love of Japanese culture and traditions with the Festival attendees.
- **Sakura Matsuri at Brooklyn Botanic Garden** (Saturday, April 27-Sunday, April 28, 2019 @ Brooklyn)
A weekend celebrating traditional and contemporary Japanese culture. Known as New York City's rite of spring, the weekend offers over 60 events and performances that celebrate traditional and contemporary Japanese culture.
- **Japan Day in Central Park** (mid May @ Central Park)
Japan Day @ Central Park is an annual event designed by the Japanese community

of New York to promote a deeper understanding of the Japanese culture and to say "Thank you, New York!".

• **Sakura Matsuri in White Plains** (early May @ White Plains)

This annual event in White Plains, NY not only shares the Japanese culture but also has the following goals: Japan Disaster Relief Fundraising Event and to plant cherry blossom trees in the City of White Plains, NY.

The Club will meet in the regular club hours (Wednesday 2:15-4:25pm). The room number will be announced in our Facebook and/or Google Groups. Please see at the bottom of this newsletter for how to receive updates about the Japan Club in Spring 2019.

A major change in Student Advisory Council (SAC) in 2019

By TOMONORI NAGANO

Student Advisory Council (SAC) is a college organization that oversees and funds student clubs' activities. On November 28th, 2018, the Student Advisory Council's executive board have made important structural changes in SAC and the student clubs policies, which were unanimously supported by the representatives of the student clubs. Below is a snapshot for the proposed changes.



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- Meeting: 2:15-4:25pm on Wednesday (Check Discord for the room)
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