Group Name: Japanese Cultural Association
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Category Status: III

Number of Active Members: 50 (approximately)

Events Held This Year (i.e. on campus, community service, conferences attended, etc). Please be specific:
  • Curry Night- First general body meeting. We served curry to the members and planned agenda for the rest of the semester
  • Conversation Hour: Organized two trips to a restaurant to provide a forum for students to practice Japanese
  • Tea Ceremony: We had a certified Japanese tea ceremony instructor come in and do a short demonstration and workshop.
  • Movie night: We showed a Japanese horror movie on Halloween
  • Cooking nights: We had two trial sessions of a potential regular activity, in which general body members are invited to come learn to cook a particular Japanese dish.
  • Asian American History Month: Sponsoring a Japanese taiko workshop.
  • Sushi Night: general body members a chance to try making sushi and eating it

Plans for Next Semester (PLEASE BE SPECIFIC):
  • Socializer event: trip to Fleet skating center to members a chance to get to know each other better
  • More conversation hours
  • More cooking nights
  • Valentine’s Day fundraiser: Make origami valentines and selling them at the PO
  • Ikebana: traditional Japanese flower arrangement. Possible workshop?
  • Spring Fest: host a food booth at the blue room with other East Asian cultural organizations.

Cat III Groups Only: How have your events either a) represented the Brown community to another community or b) impacted the Brown community.
  b) We have worked to bring together members of the Brown community who are interested in all aspects of Japanese culture and given them the opportunity to experience a part of it. By putting on such events as tea ceremony and Taiko (Japanese drumming), we were able to expose the Brown community to these aspects of Japanese culture. Also, by facilitating Japanese conversation hours, we were able to provide a forum for both native speakers and students learning the language here to practice at various levels.