

Country Representative Platform

Monica Yuki

- JETAA New York (US-2) President: 2011-present
- JETAA New York (US-2) Board of Directors: 2011-Present
- JETAA USA Working Group Member: 2014-present
- JETAA New York (US-2) Vice President: 2008-2011
- JETAA New York (US-2) Social Chair: 2006-2008
- JET Program, ALT, Saitama Prefecture (2002-2004)

JETAA USA is an amazing network built on the strength and success of the individual chapters across the United States. With common goals in mind of promoting the JET Program, assisting returning JETs with acclimating to life in the US and strengthening the ties between JET alumni and the community, I feel it is imperative for us to work together to increase the visibility and success of JETAA on a national level.

As Country Representative I want to build upon the foundation we have created, incorporate the successes from the individual chapters and continue to drive the growth of JETAA USA organization. I have a strong knowledge of our history and am passionate about the path we can make in our future. The alumni network is strong because of the passion and dedication that so many of us have in our local chapters. We need to understand the power of our local resources and how that benefits all chapters across the country. I believe it is the country representative's role to understand the combined success of all of our chapters and work with all chapters around the world to elevate the JET Program and JETAA.

I have been a member of the New York alumni chapter since returning from Japan in 2005. My involvement with JETAANY for the past 10 years has allowed me to see this organization grow tremendously not only in membership but strengthening our visibility in the community. I have had the opportunity to represent JETAA at many high level meetings and events including several with prefectural governors. Creating an open forum of communication with the Tokyo Governor helped open the door to expand the JET Program in Tokyo. I have also met with many representatives of the CLAIR office in Tokyo to continually share the success and contributions that JETAA provides to the JET Program as whole.

As Country Representative, I will continue to leverage all relationships that I have made in New York to assist JETAA on a national level. I want to further the progress we have made in creating the US JETAA Non-Profit umbrella chapter to service the individual needs of the local chapters. I will increase communication to the local chapters on national level initiatives and use their feedback and suggestions to shape the future of US JETAA.

Having attended the past six national conference, I have had the wonderful opportunity to meet and work with the majority of the chapter officers. As Country Representative, I would like to increase communication and collaboration among chapters throughout the year in between the National Conferences. We all have so many successful ideas that work in our local chapter that need to be shared nationally.

Through skype meetings and e-mail, I have built a strong working relationship with the director of alumni relations at AJET and several block representatives. I believe this is very important to understand their efforts so we can help create a seamless transition from JET to JETAA.

I will continue to stay connected to the local chapter in New York but I feel it is time for me to focus my efforts on a national level. I am truly passionate in seeing the growth and longevity of the JET program and the alumni associations.

I truly believe my experience, passion and dedication can contribute to the national efforts of JETAA. I sincerely appreciate the consideration to be elected as one of the US Country Representatives.

Other Key Qualifications

- Involved with the increase of the JET Program participants in Tokyo in 2014
- Served on the panel of JET Alumni that presented the value of JET and JETAA in 2010 when there was a chance the program would be discontinued
- Organized meetings and events during the JETAA National Conference in New York in 2010 and have attend the past 6 National Conferences
- Strengthened JETAA's relationship with the local Kenjinkai, Japan Society, Hoshuku, JAJA, Japanese American Association, Japanese American National Museum, and many other Japanese organizations in New York which have benefits on the national level
- Strong working relationship with the Japanese Consulate in New York
- Works closely with the Japan Local Government Center (CLAIR) to welcome high profile Japanese officials to New York including prefectural governors from across Japan
- Coordinates information and recruitment sessions about the JET Program at local universities
- Supports the efforts of AJET through exchange of ideas and information
- Served on the panel of interviewers for new JET candidates
- Coordinates speakers and presenters at the Annual Career Forum to help recently returned JETs prepare for the their job hunt post their employment in Japan
- Presented and coordinated speakers for the Pre-departure Seminar to prepare new JETs for their teaching and living in Japan