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## August Newsletter

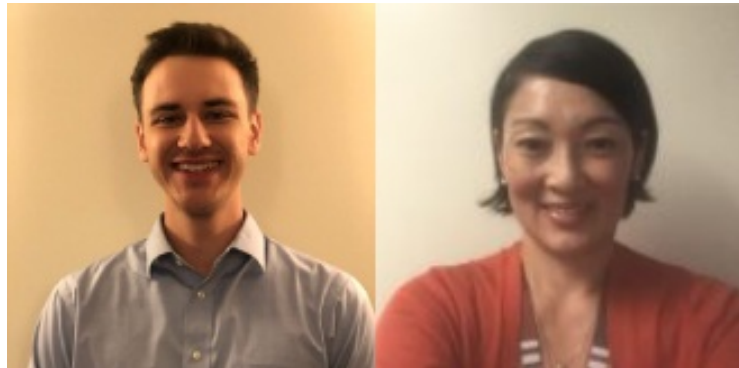
### JASDFW NEWS

#### CORPORATE MEMBERS

#### PLATINUM | \$5,000



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#### Two New Additions to the JASDFW Team

##### **Joshua Emero:** **Communications & Development Coordinator**

Joshua joins the team as a recent graduate with a Master's in Political Science in addition to having Bachelor's degrees in Sociology and Information Sciences & Technology. In 2018 he studied abroad in Tokyo, and while there he worked at the Embassy of Afghanistan in Japan as a Public Relations Intern. Joshua has also worked in the past as a Global Dialogue Facilitator, facilitating inter-cultural discussions between students in the U.S. and people in other countries.

##### **Ikuko Fujiwara:** **Education & Language Programs Coordinator**

Ikuko joins the team with an extensive academic and professional background in TESOL and Composition, which includes a Master's degree in TESOL from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She has experience teaching Japanese, ESOL and college composition at various colleges in the U.S. Ikuko has committed herself and devoted her career to creating inclusive and meaningful learning spaces where people engage in cross-cultural/intercultural understanding and learn to use language in empowering ways.

[To read more about our staff, click here.](#)



**[Online Event] Summer 2021 Family Program:  
Japan-in-a-Suitcase**

**Wednesday, August 25 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. CDT**

**Tickets: FREE**

Join the Japan-America Society to learn more about Tokyo and Japan as we follow Sakura, a 4th grader living in the Tokyo metropolitan area. Her summer vacation just started on July 22nd and, although things are different compared to other years, she has much to explore and enjoy around her. She goes to the school swimming pool, explores the new Olympic Stadium, visits Mt. Fuji, relaxes at the onsen... and much more!

This program is in celebration of the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games, JASDFW's Japan-in-a-Suitcase program for K-12 students, and JASDFW's new Japanese language courses. ***All attendees will be eligible to win a free Japan-in-a-Suitcase for a school of their choosing or a discount on an upcoming language class.***

[Register Here](#)

[To learn more about Japan-in-a-Suitcase, click here.](#)



**[Online Event]  
The U.S. - Japan Space Partnership: Fostering  
Collaboration on Earth and Beyond**

**Thursday, September 16**

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m. CDT**

**Cost: FREE**

Making up two of the five principal countries involved on the International Space Station, the United States and Japan continue to directly work together on exploring the final frontier. This program, led by several esteemed speakers from across the U.S. and Japan, will dive deep into the evolving landscape of historic and startup space industries, the business factors playing into current space exploration, the government policies affecting space regulations, and the benefits of U.S. - Japan joint research.

[Register Here](#)

[To learn more about The U.S. - Japan Space Partnership, click here.](#)

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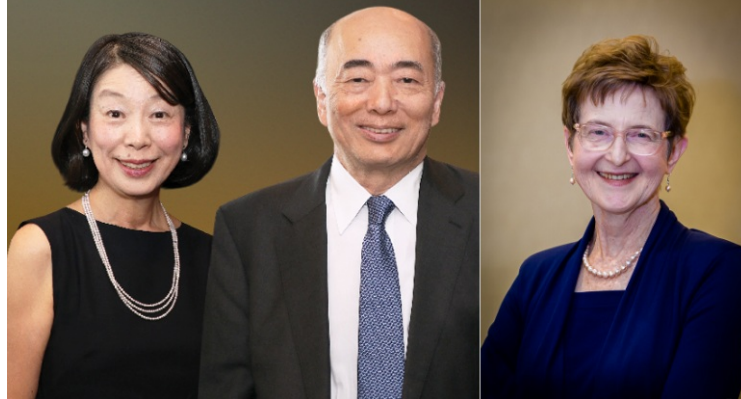
**[Online Event]**  
**JASDFW Japanese Language Class**  
**Thursdays, September 16 - November 4**  
**8:30 - 9:30 p.m. CDT**

Our popular Japanese Language Class is Back! This course is for beginners who are looking for a general understanding of the Japanese language and to practice some common expressions used in daily conversations. This **8-week course** will cover topics including Greetings, Characters & Sentence Structures, Numbers, Asking Questions, and more! There is **only room for 10 students** to attend this course, so please enroll quickly if you are interested.

[Register Here](#)

[To learn more about the Japanese Language Class, click here.](#)

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## 2021 Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner

Monday, October 4

6:00 - 9:30 p.m. CDT

Join us at the 2021 Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner as we honor exemplary supporters of the U.S. - Japan Relationship.

**Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the United States (2021-2018) and current President of the Japan Institute of International Affairs, and his wife Nobuko Sasae, President of the Nobuko Forum Japan and conference interpreter, will receive the **Sun & Star Legacy Award** for fostering cooperation and friendship between the two countries.

**Anna McFarland** will receive the **Bridges-to-Friendship Award** for her contributions to North Texas-Japan relations as former Executive Director of the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth from 1997 to 2019.

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[To learn more about the Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner, click here.](#)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES

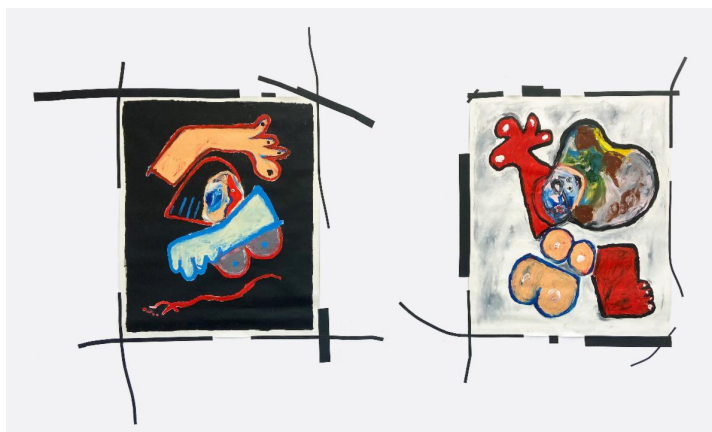
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**GOLD | \$2,500**

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**Joji Nakamura - Popcorn**

July 10 - August 28

Tuesday - Friday by appointment



Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. CDT  
PAO Projects  
830 Exposition Ave #103  
Dallas, TX 75226

P.A.O. Projects is pleased to present the gallery's summer show, POPCORN by **Jojo Nakamura**. This is the artist's first solo show in the United States and the exhibition will include 18 abstract works produced in 2021. Throughout his career, the artist has employed a painting technique using his hands to apply acrylic directly on asymmetrical canvas. His unconventional method of presenting work is on full display at P.A.O. Projects, with several unstretched canvas works taped directly on the walls. The exhibition's title comes from "Mother Popcorn", a song recorded by James Brown in 1969. Nakamura frequently cites music as inspiration when painting, and the tempo and mood of the songs can be seen in the finger strokes of his work. Nakamura was born in 1974 in Chiba, Japan, and currently lives and works in Yokohama.

[Learn More](#)



**The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth -  
Anime at the Modern**  
**Friday, August 20 - Sunday, August 22**

The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth welcomes you to journey into the visually stunning, richly imaginative, and poetic universes of Japanese anime. With a series of four hit films – cult classic Mind Game, sci-fi Patema Inverted, Studio Ghibli's new Earwig and the Witch, and rom-com Ride Your Wave – you'll experience the wondrous diversity anime has to offer. Special guest speakers will also introduce and discuss the films. Only one screening per movie will be offered, so go online or visit the museum's admission desk starting Tuesday, August 3 to purchase tickets. Films are curated and introduced by Dr. Marc Hairston and Dr. Christine Veras, both of The University of Texas at Dallas.



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### **Fort Worth Sister Cities International: Sake Sampling**

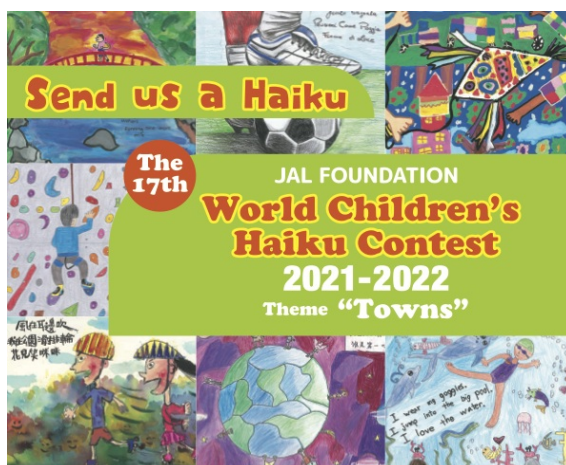
**Thursday, August 26**

**5:30 - 7:00 p.m. CDT**

**Tickets \$25 - \$35**

Join Fort Worth Sister Cities International for an evening of sake and sushi with the Nagaoka Committee. Sample sake all the way from the Asahi Shuzo Sake Brewing Co. in Japan while learning about the brewing process and the history of the famous Japanese beverage from the creators themselves who will join us virtually. A sushi demonstration will also be provided by the Culinary School of Fort Worth. Buy tickets today!

[Learn More](#)



### **Announcing the JAL Foundation 17th Annual World Children's Haiku Contest 2021-22**

**Closing Date: February 28, 2022**

JAL FOUNDATION biennially organizes the 'World Children's Haiku Contest', and we are happy to announce that the 17th contest is to be held this year. The theme of the 17th contest is '**Towns**.' Through the contest, children are given the opportunity to compose

haiku that will encompass their memories. The experience of composing haiku will also become a part of their pleasant memories of their childhood. All Grand-prize haiku will be collected and published next year as an anthology titled: Haiku By World Children, Volume 17. Originating from Japan, Haiku is the shortest form of poetry in the world. In a short descriptive verse, it captures a moment in the poet's life, or simply expresses the beauty of nature. Haiku is now enjoyed in many countries around the world.

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## 2021 Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner Sponsors

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City of Plano

# Events Calendar

## NEW MEMBERS

### Individual/Family

Ann Bever  
Yoshiko Fuji Gaines  
Heather Ann Guzman  
Patrick Rogers  
Jayme Smith

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- [August 20-22 | Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth: Anime at The Modern](#)
- [August 26 | Fort Worth Sister Cities International: Sake Sampling](#)
- [September 16 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] The U.S.-Japan Space Partnership: Fostering Collaboration on Earth and Beyond](#)
- [October 4 | 2021 Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner](#)
- [November 20 | Save-the-Date - 2021 Otsukimi Moon Viewing Festival](#)

### ONGOING:

- [Now - August 28 | PAO Projects: Joji Nakamura - Popcorn](#)
- [Now - September 5 | Crow Museum of Art: Divine Spark - Kana Harada](#)
- [Now - December 31 | Crow Museum of Art: Born of Fire - Contemporary Japanese Women Ceramic Artists](#)
- [Now - December 31 | Samurai Collection: Iron Men: The Artistry of Iron in Samurai Armor](#)

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