

Happy Anniversary, Nanzan CJS!!! My name is Jamie Delieuze (formerly Mroczkowski), I am from the state of Wisconsin in the United States of America, and I studied at Nanzan from 2001-2002. I came back to Japan with my son this year to show him Nanzan and all the places I traveled to when I lived in Nagoya. I wanted to share with him some of the amazing experiences I had in Japan.

I have so many incredible memories from my time at Nanzan. I had just come to Japan when 9/11 occurred and I remember being so touched by the way the staff handled that delicate situation. As students, we were relieved of any class activities and we were also encouraged to join a vigil especially done for American students in the chapel. It was very heartfelt and made me feel so loved.

The faculty at Nanzan was absolutely incredible, I loved all of my teachers as they were all completely engaging and gave us all the skills to bring our Japanese from good to fluent. Class time was a joy, and every day was a new way to learn something. The extra shodo (calligraphy) class was one of my favorites, I still practice what I learned there today!

As a student of Nanzan, I was allowed to participate in every aspect of college life, including clubs. I was fortunate enough to stumble into the archery club, and the students in the club embraced me as one of their own. I was allowed to join as a full time member, practice every day with them, go assist at tournaments on weekends, join in on compas (student club parties), and I got to participate in a tournament, even though first year students don't usually get to do that!! We also went on several weekend long snowboarding trips together! These students were my family away from home, and I owe a lot of my experiences to them.

Thanks to the students and staff at Nanzan, my experience in Japan was the best time of my life. I loved every moment, and I truly cherish the memories I have from this wonderful university. 23 years after my time at Nanzan, my Japanese is still good enough to bring my 10 year old son to Japan and travel with no issues, have conversations in Japanese with old friends, and make new ones. Thank you Nanzan, for enriching my world and that of my son, I will forever be grateful.