

Hello!

My name is Tyler Leib, I am a student from California State University, Fullerton, and I was a CJS student in 2023 during the Fall Semester.

After returning to the United States, I began planning my next trip to Japan, to see other parts of Japan and visit Nagoya, especially Nanzan. Being that Japan was my first international country that I have been to, I wanted to go back and see more of Japan. When I arrived in Nagoya, I went to Nanzan to visit my Japanese friends and meet some of my former Senseis.

At Nanzan, I was able to meet with Doi Sensei and Kaori Sensei. They were my Senseis for my Intensive Japanese and Writing for Communication class during my time at Nanzan University. We talked about my time in Japan and how was my life going after I returned to the United States. I am very grateful for them making time to meet with me.

I also met with Fujimoto Sensei, who was the person overlooking the Janssen International Dormitory. This was also the dorm that I stayed at when I studied abroad at Nanzan. She asked me how was Janssen when I was here and if I am meeting with anyone else in Japan. I told that my Japanese friends and I were meeting throughout the week for lunch and dinner, and that we have kept in touch since I left to the United States. I was proud to tell Fujimoto Sensei that, with both my Japanese friends and Senseis, I spoke in only Japanese, and because of them, my Japanese skills have improved so much.

I am also thankful to the CJS office and staff at Nanzan. They helped me so much when I was there, like class setups, buying tickets, or just general questions that I had. I also would like to thank them for having the language buddy program available for me. Through this program I have become great friends with my language buddy. During my study abroad time, we practiced languages, saw many things throughout Japan, and met up during my return trip to Japan.

Some of my favorite memories are taking a Budo class with Sean Sensei, practicing and developing my Japanese with my Senseis, weekend trips with my friends throughout Japan, field trips offered by the CJS office, enjoying my time with my

Japanese friends. Because of Nanzan, I have created new memories and relationships that I will never forget.

In the United States, I am currently a student at California State University, Fullerton, planning to graduate with a major in Business Administration, Finance, with a minor in Japanese. In the future, I would like to return to Japan, through the JET Program, vacation, or working for a Japanese company.

Even to this day, I am very thankful for what Nanzan and the CJS office have done for me. They have done a lot for me during my study abroad journey and continue to do so. Just like my home university, I am proud to say that I am an alumni of Nanzan University. Thank you for everything and so much more! Congratulations to the CJS Program on their 50th anniversary!