

Students grow in their potential through studies and club activities

Campus life that helps students develop a greater sense of individuality

JASSO Students of the Year for 2011

To help nurture leaders of the next generation, the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) runs the Students of the Year program, which recognizes students who make outstanding achievements in academic studies, the arts and culture, sports, and social contributions, and awards them prizes paid out of donations.

The following three Tohoku University students were honored as JASSO Students of the Year for 2011.

| Name | Faculty | Year | Prize | Field |
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| Hideyuki Shimizu | School of Medicine, Medicine | Sixth year | Excellent Prize | Academic studies |
| Miki Hosaka | School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Pharmacy | Sixth year | Student Encouragement Prize | Academic studies |
| Hiroki Sato | Faculty of Economics, Business Administration | Senior | Student Encouragement Prize | Social contributions |



Orienteering Club wins 2011 Sendai City Sports Prize

The Tohoku University Orienteering Club, a member of the University's Students' Friendship Association, received a group encouragement award of the 2011 Sendai City Sports Prize, and one of its members Yoshitaka Fukazawa, a senior of the School of Engineering, received an individual encouragement award in an award ceremony on February 6, 2012. The Sendai Sports Prize recognizes groups and individuals who make outstanding achievements in amateur sports.

Individual Encouragement Award:
Yoshitaka Fukazawa, a senior of the School of Engineering, Orienteering Club
Group Encouragement Award: Orienteering Club



■Orienteering Club

Members of the Tohoku University Orienteering Club constantly hone their orienteering skills by training on weekdays, attending practice sessions in a Sendai suburb on weekends, and participating in orienteering meets held around the country.

The club is seen as a powerhouse at the national level, and its members have made the top six finalists at the Japan Collegiate Orienteering Championships every year. One of its members represented Japan at the 2011 Junior World Orienteering Championships.

2011 Ishida Cup and Umino Award for non-sports clubs



At an award ceremony on March 19, 2012, the Ishida Cup—which recognizes a non-sports club in the Students' Friendship Association for contributing to the development and promotion of the association's non-sports clubs—was presented to the Jugglery Club, and the Umino Award—which recognizes a non-sports club that achieves an excellent performance or contributes to the University and the community—to the Japanese Music Club.

■Jugglery Club

Members of the Tohoku University Jugglery Club practice their skills in magic, card tricks, juggling, ball tricks, and diabolo, and perform juggling and magic shows at the Cultural Festival, the Magic Festival in Sendai, and the Tohoku University Festival. In 2011, they held shows in communities affected by the March 2011 earthquake.

■Japanese Music Club

Club members play old and modern Japanese tunes on traditional Japanese instruments such as koto (harp), shamisen (banjo), and shakuhachi (flute) in concerts held twice a year. They also perform at the annual Jozenji Street Jazz Festival in Sendai.

2011 Students' Friendship Association Awards for sports clubs

At an award ceremony on February 21, 2012, the Tohoku University Students' Friendship Association presented awards to the University's Swimming Club and six other sports clubs and four individual club members for their outstanding performances during the 2011 academic year.



■Sports clubs and club members recognized by the Students' Friendship Association

| | Award | Club/Club Member |
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| Four Sports Awards | Kurokawa Cup Awarded to a sport club that achieves the best performance during the year | Swimming Club |
| | Shimura Cup Awarded to a sport club that makes the most outstanding achievement in competition during the year | Orienteering Club |
| | Suzuki Award Awarded to sophomores considered to be the most promising sports talents | • Kazumasa Susuda, sophomore of the School of Engineering, Triathlon Club • Jun Seki, sophomore of the School of Engineering, Orienteering Club • Shinichiro Fukawatari, sophomore of the Faculty of Arts and Letters, Track and Field Club |
| | Otani Award Awarded to a sports club that wins a championship at the annual Seven Universities Athletic Competition | Women's Japanese Archery Club, Women's Table Tennis Club, Men's Volleyball Club, Men's Soft Tennis Club, Women's Soft Tennis Club |
| | Chairman's Award Awarded to a senior who has consistently achieved an outstanding performance in a sport club throughout the four years at university | Takuya Tanabe, senior of the Faculty of Agriculture, Orienteering Club |

■Swimming Club

Club members compete at the annual Seven Universities Athletic Competition, Collegiate Swimming Championships in Hokkaido and Tohoku Regions, and other swim meets held around the country. They practice four days a week to improve their records.

Tohoku University Jazz Orchestra performs at National Cherry Blossom Festival in the United States

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the gift of cherry trees sent from Japan to the city of Washington, D.C., a series of commemorative events were held in D.C. from March 20 to 27, 2012. During the National Cherry Blossom Festival, the Tohoku University Jazz Orchestra performed with a jazz orchestra from Howard University, and performed at a firework event and at the pre-opening ceremony.

