

## Let's put your comments on "VOICES"!!

Hello to all! We're very glad to release "VOICES 2005" that shows recent happenings of former TIUA students. The VOICES project started in 2004. It provides a chance to see what old and new alumni are up to. Please share your information, like special events such as "I got married", "changed to new job", "moving!" and "a new child!" etc., to everyone. If anybody wants to read "VOICES", have them join our project next year. Let's make our VOICES louder! Come and join us!!

Finally, we very much appreciate Prof. Gundersen's and Barby Dressler's great support and cooperation in editing the VOICES 2005 from Japanese to English.

VOICES staff ▲▲/ Sep/2005

## Special VOICES

**Chris Andresen / Associate Director, International Education, WU**  
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The TIUA students who have lived and studied on the Willamette University campus over the years have contributed greatly to the diversity of academic and campus life. We have benefited greatly by their presence, and Willamette University is lucky to have been a part of the relationship between WU, TIU, and TIUA.

**Jane Davis / Professor <jwdavis@willamette.edu>**

I'm looking forward to hearing your news via "Voices". Good wishes to you all.

**John Doan / Professor of American Society and Culture Through Music**  
**Also Class Guitar and private lessons for Guitar <jdoan@willamette.edu>**

Hello to all my former students. It was a lot of fun to teach you about American culture through music. I also enjoyed coming to Japan in 2003 to perform at TIU. It was great to see where you live and visit with you there.

Currently I am working on a DVD project titled "In Search of the Harp Guitar" as well as a music video, "A Celtic Pilgrimage". If anyone is interested in more information contact me at <jdoan@willamette.edu> or go to my website <www.johndoan.com>.

**Wayne Gregory / Director of Academic Affairs & Associate Professor**  
<>wgregory@willamette.edu>

Greetings to everyone from TIUA, Willamette and Salem. It has been my joy to teach so many of you over the past few years. We get to watch you grow, learn and develop during your year at TIUA, but we often don't find out how your lives turn out - what happens in your future. I hope that all of you are following your dreams and moving closer to having them come true. I also hope that your experience at TIUA/Willamette has helped prepare you for a rewarding and exciting life. I wish you all the best as you continue to walk along your journey through life and I hope you will keep in touch from time to time so we can share in your successes.

**Gunnar B. Gundersen / TIUA Executive Vice President <ggunders@willamette.edu>**

Greetings to all 1,659 former and current TIUA students. We are in the 17th year of the one-year program at Willamette and TIUA. We have 99 students this year. For the first time, we have

students from the new TIU School of Language Communication. TIUA and Willamette students are interacting, studying together and joining in recreational and community service activities in Salem and throughout the United States at greater levels than ever before. For the last 3 years, many of our students have received Presidential Awards from the U.S. President for their volunteer work. In addition, they have taken leadership positions in a number of Willamette clubs and sports activities. TIUA alumni and students have much to be proud of. They have contributed so much to the WU-TIU exchange and have strengthened and deepened the relationship between Japan and the United States. Here's wishing everyone all the best in this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of TIU and the WU-TIU exchange.

**Jennifer Jopp / Assistant Professor of History, WU <jjopp@willamette.edu>**

I have always enjoyed teaching at TIUA and talking to students from Tokyo International University!

**Bill Nelson / Information Technology Services <bnelson@willamette.edu>**

There have been exciting changes at TIUA. The faculty now have their own offices in the North wing of the TIUA building, and we have a couple of newer larger classrooms with built-in presentation computers and video projectors. One big change is that now most TIUA students use wireless notebook computers to access the internet anywhere on the WU/TIUA campus.

Some things do not change much over the years though. Such as students are still being dunked in the "chicken fountain" on their birthdays!! I hope you have a great reunion. Please come to visit us someday when you can!

**Marianne Stipe / Professor <mstipe@willamette.edu>**

Greetings from Salem. I hope that all my former students are doing well.

**Satoshi Kaneko / General Manager of the Office, Waseda satellite, TIU**

Last November, I transferred to the office at the Waseda satellite campus from the Office of International Exchange on the first campus. Staff of TIUA/WU Alumni regularly have meetings at the Waseda satellite campus on Saturdays, but I rarely see them because Saturday is my day off.

I hope that all of you keep your TIUA/WU wonderful bond for business, exchanging information and so forth. Your colleagues sharing the same memories of those days are really precious. Since I also studied abroad at Southern Oregon State University after graduating from TIU, I still have unforgettable memories of the beauty and life in Oregon such as blue sky, sunsets, green landscape, rivers and fresh fruits. I also understand the valuable aspects of studying abroad. Remembering such beauty and my school days in Oregon now makes me happy and even cheers me up when I am busy and having a hard time in my job. I really wish you success in the future.

**Aki Matsudo / the Office of International Exchange, TIU**

I am in charge of the TIUA study abroad program at the Office of International Exchange at TIU. I see many differences in students after they return from their year at TIUA. Every year, I find that TIUA experiences make students shine and be more self-confident, which helps my thoughts to be really happy. I hope all of you remember what you learned and what you did at TIUA. You can do whatever you want!

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## VOICES from Each School Year

### ■ 1989 ■ -----

#### **Mika Hayashi (Hayashi)**

How are you everyone? I miss you very much. I want to meet everyone and chat, but this year I am sad that I already have an appointment on that day. I hope I will join you guys next year. I'm looking forward to seeing you.

#### **Kiyoe Hoshi (Watabe)**

I failed to attend the party although I had applied to join it. I'm sorry I couldn't because of another engagement.

#### **Yukiko Iwai (Yoshikawa)**

I want to thank the TIUA Alumni staff. I was looking forward to joining the party, however, I can't because of going to my husband's hometown, Kagoshima. I got married on March 19, and had a wedding ceremony in Guam on May 28. I'm looking forward to the day I'll see you again.

#### **Masako Kikuchi**

I'm sorry that I couldn't join the event last year because of another engagement. So this year I want to join the party with you.

#### **Makiko Saito (Yamanaka)**

I can't join that day since I must attend my child's school visitation and lecture. I hope that everyone has a wonderful time.

#### **Hideki Shimayama**

How is the class of 1989 doing? I'm very sorry that I can't join because of my schedule. I will be visiting England at that time. I'm looking forward to meeting you next time.

#### **Yuko Suganuma**

I'm very sorry that I can't join this time either.

### ■ 1990 ■ -----

#### **Ken Fukuda**

I can't change my schedule and will be absent this time. I'm looking forward to next time.

#### **Toshimitsu Hayasaki**

Well, I'm doing all right. For me, the shining days of TIUA have flown far away. Now I'm in charge of accounting at a medical factory in Tomioka City, Gunma. I built a house of my own, and am living there with my wife and dear son. Our life is ordinary, but we are living humbly and peacefully. I really want to meet everyone, but I can't change my schedule. I hope to get an invitation again next time.

#### **Eriko Kado**

I'm sorry to be absent this time. How is the class of 1990 doing? I want to join the party with you all next time.

#### **Takae Misaki (Kobayashi)**

Thank you for holding the reunion party. Now I'm devoting myself to my children, ages 5 and 1. This time, I'll be absent, but next time, I want to join and talk with everyone.

#### **Toru Miyagi**

Thank you for your various kinds of help for the great Chyu-Etsu Earthquakes last year. We need a long, long time for the perfect reconstruction. Please keep watching over us.

#### **Fumiko Ueno**

I am sorry that I cannot take part in the party. I will go to Ikebou, in Kyoto prefecture, to learn flower arrangement on the day of the party. I miss you all so much. I hope you have a successful party.

#### **Etsuko Yamano**

I am looking forward to talking to my friends who shared the same experiences.

### ■ 1991 ■ -----

#### **Chihiro Isohata(Sue)**

Right now, I have a boy. I miss you a lot, but next time, I really want to join the party.

#### **Nomi Ogura**

I've gotten married since last fall and then I moved to Michigan, U.S. in April. Now, we are planning to move to another place. It would be great if I could see my colleagues from '91. I hope the Alumni will be successful in the future.

#### **Hiroumi Sakai**

My eldest daughter is very cute and feminine and tells me off ("What are you doing?") just like a wife! My younger daughter is now aware of learning language and how we evolved from chimpanzees to human beings. She says "Dear my pop, dear my pop!" My life is totally happy and funny. I want them to grow up early, but at the same time I want them to be like this forever...

#### **Harumi Sato**

I am so happy that I will meet many wonderful people through this TIUA/WU Alumni party. I am looking forward to seeing more and more colleagues.

#### **Minako Tamai (Nakabayashi)**

Thank you very much for your preparations for the party. I hope the party will be successful.

### ■ 1992 ■ -----

#### **Yuji Iwafune**

Long time no see. I'm looking forward to seeing my classmates.

#### **Go Naito**

Life is like a long voyage, so I've advanced my sailing step by step. On July 7, 2001, I got married to a Japanese woman. Please keep in touch with me!

#### **Yuichi Takamatsu**

I graduated from Willamette and TIU in 1995 / 1997. Currently, I work for the United Nations

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Headquarters, Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

## ■ 1993 ■

### Hiroataka Ikegami

I'll join you!!

## ■ 1994 ■

### Haruna Yamamoto (Kawamura)

I graduated from Lambert University in Hawaii last year and then I got a license to teach English for children. I started giving English classes at my house in April 2005. Now I teach 10 students who are infants and elementary students. I hope those children will spread their wings and fly all over the world.

### Yukiko Adachi

How are you guys doing?? I'm Yukiko Adachi. I couldn't join this event last time, so I really want to join it this time. I am looking forward to it very much. I'm interested in having relationships with students from other classes of TIUA. And I can't wait to meet professors from TIUA. Let's enjoy party!! See you soon.

### Kaori Sakai (Saruhashi)

Thank you for sending the alumni invitation. After I graduated from TIU, I didn't have an opportunity to go to Tokyo. When I received the letter about the party, I remembered TIUA life. I got married the year before last, and I have a baby, and we are now taking on the challenge of child raising. I'm so busy taking care of my baby. Therefore, I'm sorry I can't participate with you this time. Hello to all of you!

### Yukiko Takezaki

Now it's the end of June and I'm still making an audit from March. So I feel it is still March, even in such a rainy season. Thank you for doing nice work, alumni staff.

## ■ 1995 ■

### Hiroshi Mekarū

I got married on 3rd of March 2005. I've been working at the Taipei office since April, 2005.

### Yuki Takahashi

I've held some English seminars and TOEIC courses at various companies for business training, and also I've voluntarily taught English to people who live in or near my town. I'm disappointed that I have to go to Korea for work on the day of the party...

### Megumi Wasada

Since the city that I've lived in has been united with other cities, my address has changed.

## Let's comments on "VOICES"!

NOTICE: Anyone who didn't know about "VOICES" or anyone who forgot to give a message...

try to write a message next year. "VOICES" is coming up every June. You can get "VOICES" at the Reunion party. Or you can get a PDF file of it on web page.

---How to write on "VOICES":

- 1) When you send back a reply for the alumni party in June by a letter, fax or online entry, you can write a message to VOICES with your reply.
- 2) You can give E-mails to Alumni staff you know.
- 3) Send E-mails to [1300mill-ml@tiu.ac.jp](mailto:1300mill-ml@tiu.ac.jp).

---When you send "VOICES" comments, please remember:

Write your academic year at TIUA/WU.

Show your name in Japanese and the Roman alphabet.

PDF file will be stored down below:

<http://www.tiu.ac.jp/tiua/web/japanese/mediaarchives.html> (Japanese)

[http://www.tiu.ac.jp/tiua/web/english/en\\_mediaarchives.html](http://www.tiu.ac.jp/tiua/web/english/en_mediaarchives.html) (English)

## 1996 ■

### Kaori Furuya

Since January, I work for the public historical museum in Mito-city, Ibaragi. Although I wanted to

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be a curator, I'm doing my best as an exhibition guide now. This job is a step to my next goal to become a curator in the near future I think. People living around Mito-city, please come and see me anytime! Let's go to the World Cup in Germany next year!!

## **Natsuki Harakawa**

I am in love with foot massages. I'm going to study massage!!

## **Mikako Hasegawa (Matsunaga)**

Every now and then, I live happy with Shinya-kun.

## **Takeshi Igarashi**

From then on, I indulge myself in net-surfing at the web world, trying to find out the way to escape from there...I go to bed really late every day for that. Sometimes, I enjoy talking with Ryuta.

## **Ryosuke Iijima**

This year, I still work as a flower guide at the Libun-island, in Hokkaido. My life style now is far from that of a big city, but the good thing is the cool weather during summer. At the island, Usuyuki-sou, the one-of-a-kind Edelweiss will bloom soon!!

## **Kaori Isobe (Yamazaki)**

I am doing my best for raising a child and working!

## **Mayumi Kawamura**

This is Mami! Now, I am in Boston. I have lived here for a long time since I graduated from TIU and then studied at a university in the US. While I was really busy for some singing performances and musicals, I passed the world audition at the Berklee College of Music!! Getting a scholarship, I study at Berklee in Boston.

## **Nobuyo Kobayashi**

This year, in order to make a great advance for my future career, I am thinking and trying many things. At the moment, one of my goals is to display my Japanese-style miscellaneous goods web-shop, which was founded by me, at the Asian miscellaneous sample goods festival at Paris, February 2006. Wish me luck!!

## **Miho Konosu**

Recently, I started playing golf.

## **Osamu Matsumora**

Thank you very much for your invitation every year. After graduation in 1999, he studied abroad in the US. Now, he lives in Boston and works as an accountant. He is really sorry that he cannot participate in the party. I hope that the party will be successful. (from Osamu's mother)

## **Shuko Ueda (Oikawa)**

While waiting and preparing for the birth of my first child, I came back to my hometown, Niigata. Everyday, I am really looking forward to meeting my child. I haven't decided his/her name yet, but my mind already sees him/her play lively and healthy like my husband WEAPON (Yasufumi Ueda).

## **Katsuji Urao**

I live in Kyoto. When you come to Kyoto, any time, be my guest. I will wait for you at the Japanese style guesthouse, Urao.

## **Sachiko Yamasaki (Minamikawa)**

In these days, I love to ride a bicycle. Please tell me if there is someone who is crazy for bicycle!!

## ■ 1997 ■ -----

### **Tomohito Hirose**

I transferred to the head office from the Ikebukuro branch office last October. My new job at the head office is on-the-job training for younger workers, which is completely different from my last job. My elder colleagues are not only kind and nice, but also work hard, efficiently and wisely. Therefore, I make a desperate effort to catch up with them every day. One of my most difficult things right now is to make a business paper. This kind of work is my poorest field. So, there is no end to my worries...I need to confess that my talking and presentation skills are also poor. While I work for on-the-job training, I think the person mostly needing such training is definitely me. ☺

My jobs are not only on-the-job training, but also the job-recruitment and employment so that I am very busy from this March. In this year, because many companies make job-recruiting number limits wider in general, recruit activities are very severe. I did my best not to be a drag on my elder colleagues and have learned that it takes an amount of money and time for recruitment. I want to be like my elders, but I know it will be a long, long time from now.

My girlfriend left me last December...sooner or later, I will introduce my new girlfriend which is good news.

### **Kaori Iseki (Matsuta)**

My six-month-old boy surely needs my care, so I cannot meet you all this time. I really wanted to take part in the party. I am looking forward to hearing about your great experiences and future plans.

### **Masae Kanai**

Hey, guys!! How are you? Every day, I am doing OK in Office Lady life at Shinbashi, Tokyo. Though I need to finish a large amount of work from time to time, recently I often recall my student days ... When you come to Shinbashi, please let me know. Take a rest and refreshment with me. If you drop on by the cities on the Tobu-Isesaki-Line, you are really welcome!!

### **Koji Nakata**

I am sorry that I cannot come to the party because of a prior obligation. I hope the party will be wonderful.

### **Maki Shinohara (Tamura)**

I am too busy to spare my time for the party. I am really sorry for that. I hope for good progress in your future.

## ■ 1998 ■ -----

### **Kotaro Hirai**

When I was aware of an invisible stream from the cosmic space allowing not only society, but also the world to move, time told me "find a new job." Then I challenged taking on a new one. My brand new life started in February. Time goes by fast. Six years have already passed since my TIUA days. How are you?

### **Toshiyuki Homma**

Thank you very much for inviting me to the party. Because of my job, I will miss the party. Sorry. In the near future, my new house is being built. I will send you my new address later.

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## Shinka Kunugida

I expect to attend the party.

## Takashi Nishitate

I could enter a doctoral course from this April. I still look like a student even though time makes people around me more adult since we have graduated. I feel it's difficult to control my days because I don't have enough time to do anything.

## Marina Akie Toyama

Thank you for the invitation. I look forward to meeting everyone.

## ■ 1999 ■

### Aya Koita

I cannot go to the party because I will be attending a wedding party for my friend in Hawaii on that day. Now I've am working at Narita Airport.

### Mayuko Noguchi (Katsuta)

I will be absent from this party. I hope you all will enjoy it.

### Kazuyuki Kubo

Thank you for inviting me to this alumni party. I hope to be there if my future schedule allows it.

### Koji Takei

I forgot my student ID number!

### Yasuhisa Ushimura

I learned many things at TIUA. I also mad many precious friends there. All of those experiences have influenced my life. After graduating from TIU, it is a pity that we haven't seen each other. Now we have great opportunities to meet again and to meet people from older to younger! So, I'll try to attend this event, too. I wish many TIUA alumni will also participate. Thanks to all of the TIUA Alumni staff.

### Hiroyuki Yamazaki

Now I'm working at Sunnyvale, which is located in near San Jose, California. I'd love to have an alumni party of TIUA with people who live in California and in the West coast around San Francisco!!

## ■ 2000 ■

### Meri Sakatani

Meri has been abroad to study so she can't join the party. I hope this community will continue to grow! (From Meri's mother).

### Janet Locke

Hello! I am in my second year on the KET program teaching at six elementary schools and one junior high school in Kawagoe. It is a lot of fun. In the evenings and on the weekends I practice and perform all over Japan on a professional Japanese jump rope team called "Nawa Rangers."

If you want to see what I am up to, please check out my homepage :  
[www.geocities.com/lockejanet/janet.html](http://www.geocities.com/lockejanet/janet.html)

## ■ 2001 ■

### Emiko Araki

I'm working as a staff of TIUA Alumni from just this year! This time I will be the M.C. at the party. I believe enjoying life is really important, so I expect everyone will be able to be happy through this event!

### Seishi Kawamatsu

I've been back to Osaka and I'm looking for a job now.

### Tetsu Kozakura

TIUA & WU rule!!

### Yuichi Kuroda

I am really sad because I'll be absent from the party. Say hello to TIUA faculties. P.S. Suguru, you are doing good job at Alumni. See you all again in the near future.

### Suguru Yahata

Recently I become more adult.

## ■ 2002 ■

### Yoshihiro Matsuda

I've studied at a professional school because I couldn't find a job last year. Now I'm doing my best for my dreams. Everyone, try hard, keep doing everything you want! I believe that it can be fun even though it's so hard...

## Information

By using the internet, people who live far away can connect with each other. TIUA Alumni web pages are available to get in touch with folks from TIUA even across different ages, jobs, genders, and nationalities. We expect your access on the web!

■Tokyo International University of America (Japanese)

<http://www.tiu.ac.jp/tiua/web/japanese/index.html>

■Willamette University

<http://www.willamette.edu/>

■Willamette Alumni

<http://www.willamettealumni.com/>

■The Willamette Store

<http://thewillametestore.com/>

## **You are wanted!!**

**TIUA ALUMNI needs new staff to create the TIUA ALUMNI association.**

**Don't hesitate to contact us >> 1300mill-ml@tiu.ac.jp**

**Let's make our community more powerful! Come and join us!!**

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**If you want to show "married" "moving!" and any information about your  
business etc.,**

**We can help you out >> 1300mill-ml@tiu.ac.jp**

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