

ライオンズクラブ海外派遣高校英語弁論大会 出場



～1年生1名、2年生1名が出場しました～

第40回高等学校英語弁論大会（大垣・大垣東・養老・大垣南・大垣水都・大垣城ライオンズクラブ合同事業）が10月16日（日）大垣フォーラムホテルで開催され、若原 知大君（1年生）、濱邊 可衣さん（2年生）が出場しました。

若原君は“Dream ～Music Is My Life”（夢～音楽と僕の人生～）という演題で、ピアノとユーフォニウムの演奏を通じた音楽への想いについて、濱邊さんは”If We Do It Together...”（一緒にやれば）という演題で作業療法士への熱い想いについてスピーチをしました。（下記に原稿を掲載）

ライオンズクラブ主催により41回目の開催となる今大会は、例年、参加者の熱意が高く入賞者はヨーロッパやアジアへ海外派遣されるなど、高校生の国際的視野を広くするために大きな成果を上げています。今回は西濃地区の高校に在籍する1・2年生23名が出場しました。

大会のテーマは“Dream”（夢）で、参加者が自由に演題を選び、スピーチをしました。入賞者は来年の夏に、1位がヨーロッパ、2位がアジア、特別賞3名がアジアに派遣されます。

若原君、濱邊さんも惜しくも入賞を逃しましたが、身振り・手振りを添えて表情豊かに流暢な英語で堂々と発表しました。二人の更なる活躍に期待します。





【若原君のスピーチ原稿】

Theme : Dream ~ Music for my life~

Ikeda High School Tomohiro Wakahara

What is music for you? For me, it's the meaning of my life. So, to convey the wonder of music is my dream. However, it is easy to be said, but very hard to be done.

I want to be a person who can show the joy of playing the music instruments. I have practiced the piano since I was an elementary school student. At first, it was really difficult for me to play it, so I wanted to throw up my practice. But I didn't give up. When I completed one piece, I was so happy. The sense of achievement gave me the power to challenge the next piece. My best piece I have ever played is "Baby, God Bless You Requiem". It was the main theme music for the TV drama "Kounodori". As you can see from the title of this music, it is the music to bless the birth of a new baby.

To play this music, I need some skills. What is more, performance skills are really important. Then I analyzed the music for better understanding. I had to feel the intention of the composer from the music score. The famous composer, Beethoven left the word, "To convey a drama behind the music, musicians should be actors. They must feel the music. They must express emotions by the face and the body." By playing my favorite music, I learned the importance to play the piano using my whole body.

In junior high school, I joined the brass band club. I was in charge of playing the euphonium. This instrument is not so famous like a trumpet or a flute, but the sound is soft and so beautiful. That rich sound can attract people. If I had not played the euphonium, I have not been able to find this great appeal of this instrument. I'm sure this instrument has much more charms that everyone doesn't notice. The euphonium is a fantastic instrument. I would like to

convey the charm to a lot of people.

In addition, I learned the joy of an instrumental ensemble. There are a lot of instruments in a brass band, and they have their own melodies. Each different melody makes brilliant music. That's amazing! However, it is very difficult. Each brass band member must have the responsibility of playing each sound. We have to practice over and over again. I sometimes bring my euphonium back home, and practice for a long time. I also increase my practice time to master basic skills. Thanks to my efforts, I have improved my Euphonium performance skills. I was able to play it better than before. My friends praise my improvement, so I am now confident in playing the instrument. I thought "I want to play the euphonium better and better."

Both my performance skill and my ability of expression are not enough. I will practice more and more, study music theories, and take some lessons. I will never give up to be a great musician. My parents always support me. Without them, my dream will never come true. I cannot possibly put my thanks into words for them.

Thinking about your dream, it is the purpose to live your own life. We have our own dreams. We have our own purposes of our lives. So we can do the best for our lives. It is important to have a dream. Stick out for your dream can be the meaning of your life.

Find your own dream to live your own life! Thank you for listening.



【濱邊さんのスピーチ原稿】

If We Do It Together...

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Do you know who is an occupational therapist? An occupational therapist is a health professional trained to help ill or disabled people learn ways to manage their daily lives. My dream is to be an occupational therapist.

I first came across this occupation when my father was in the hospital with hernia. I was a child then, but I remember that my father had to stay in bed for very long hours. I also remember watching him struggle to walk and oftentimes he would even fall. Then one day, I saw someone helping my father walk and encouraging him by saying; "All right, hang in there". After that, my mother told me that the person who was supporting my father was an occupational therapist. The rehabilitation exercises looked very severe and painful, but while we watched them, I was full of gratitude to this professional, and perhaps my mother was too.

Since I started high school, I have been seriously thinking about my future. "What can I do for people? What would I like to do?" I asked myself many times. Then I remembered

the occupational therapist I saw in the hospital as a child. I remember how impressed I was with how patient and kind he was with my father during rehabilitation. His patience and hard work allowed patients to still smile during rehabilitation. That's when I thought, "Yes. I would also like to be an occupational therapist."

Seeing my father get helped by an occupational therapist is one reason why I long for this job, but there is another reason. That reason is, I wish to protect disabled people from the constant stare and discrimination they experience when they are in public.

Two unfortunate incidents made me want to protect those people with a disability. The first incident took place one day while I was at a shopping mall. I thought it was normal that anyone could be out shopping, even if they were in a wheelchair. However, after a while I noticed a cold and unpleasant atmosphere toward a man who was in a wheelchair shopping with his family. At first, the family was happily going about shopping, until they too noticed the constant stare and became uncomfortable. I can only assume people shamelessly stared only because the man was disabled! That was my first time witnessing a moment of awful prejudice against someone with a disability, and it broke my heart.

The second incident took place while I was speaking with a staff member at a facility for the disabled. I was a volunteer there and so I had the chance to talk with him. As if desperate for help, he said, "I was rejected at a job interview because I am disabled. With no other chance, I had to work here". My heart broke a second time, when I realized that, even today, people with a disability are excluded from society.

Certainly, people with a disability are medically limited to what they can do. However, with the proper training, and the public's effort to understand and provide support, then I believe disabled people can do just about anything. One step at a time, with our help and patience, they can do what was thought to be impossible.

"What can I do for people?" "What would I really like to do?" By asking myself again and again, I found my answer: I want to be an occupational therapist.

Thank you.

