

They made it!! With Kayo Hishitani as coach, the Henry Sibley High School Level 4 team took first place at the J-Quiz Bowl in February.



Sarah, Mary, Kayo and Caroline

*GOOD GOING, GIRLS!!*

According to Ms. Hishitani, “We made it!! Level 4 team won first place, and we are going to Washington DC!!! Also, one of the level 3 teams won third place, too! They got tough questions, but they did well. I am proud of all my kids who participated in J-Quiz. I am sure the level 3 kids will go to DC next year!”



Kayo, Melissa and Renee

J-Quiz is an annual event sponsored by the Japan American Society of Minnesota, in which Midwest high school students test their knowledge of Japanese language and culture. The goal is to increase international understanding and cultural awareness. According to the JASM website, “Students. . .use their Japanese skills to write compositions, participate in cultural activities, and compete against the other schools to win the Grand Prize, a trip to the annual Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington D.C.” This year, Ms. Hishitani estimates that about 150 students from eleven schools participated.

KCC-JEE wishes the Level 4 group the best of luck in Washington, D.C.!

Note: Ms. Kayo Hishitani is a Kobe College alumna who currently teaches Japanese at Henry Sibley High School. Her position is funded by KCC-JEE.