

For those of you who don't know me yet, my name is Katherine Huskin, one of the two new JET ALTs at Koyamadai High School. The last few weeks at Koyamadai High School have been extremely busy, and I am sure that all the students are very tired after organizing an exciting Sports Day and a wonderful School Festival. For someone brand-new to Japan, taking part in these events was a real privilege. In high schools in the United States, we do not have events quite of the same caliber, so I was very impressed with Koyamadai students' hard work.

Koyamadai High School is nothing like the typical high school you would see in the United States. It seems that it is unique to Japanese high schools as well, since everyone I meet knows what a special school Koyamadai is. My high school growing up was considered to be a good school, but I do not remember being as mature or hard-working in high school. What I am trying to say is that I am touched by the warm welcome I have received at Koyamadai, and I look forward to the rest of my time here.

初めまして、私はキャサリン・ハスキンです。小山台高校のJETの一人です。小山台のこの数週間はとても忙しく、生徒たちは運動会や文化祭に一生懸命になって、疲れたことと思います。日本に来たばかりの私には、このような行事に参加できるのは本当に幸運なことでした。合衆国の高校ではこのような行事はないので、小山台の生徒たちの真剣な取り組みはとても印象的でした。

小山台高校はアメリカでよく見られる高校とは全く違います。日本の高校の中でも特別な学校だと思います。なぜなら、会う人が皆、小山台は特別な学校だと思っているからです。私の母校の高校も良い学校だと言われていましたが、自分がこんなに一生懸命やる生徒だったかという、確信が持てません。小山台で受けた温かい歓迎に感激しました。これからが楽しみです。