The Bass Award for Asian Studies was established in 2010 by the faculty of Asian Studies to honor one student as outstanding. The award is named for Ms. Brenda Bass (Belmont, class of 2003) in honor of her generous support for Belmont’s Asian Studies program since 2001. The award recognizes the outstanding student’s contribution to the entire spectrum of Asian Studies at Belmont. In naming a person to this honor, we celebrate the student’s conscientious class preparation and participation, dedicated involvement in co-curricular lectures and conversations about Asia, the student’s love of Asia.

Past Recipients
Megan Waddell (09-10)
Carson Murphy (10-11)
Henna Jurca (11-12)

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Welcome to Belmont’s New Chinese Cultural Club

Jennifer Toppins (President)
Sam Hubner (Vice President)
Joseph Minga (Secretary/Treasurer)
Anna Croghan (Event Services Coordinator)

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Qingjun Li
Asian Studies

ジャンボ！
Jambo (Hello in Swahili)
Sung By
"Oh! The Kids from Belmont!"*
（おざキッズ！）

Introduction and Welcome
Ronnie Littlejohn
Director, Asian Studies

Award Presentation
Bass Award for Asian Studies
Presented to the Outstanding Asian Studies Student 2012-13

Student Presentations
“Ghost Schools: Public Education in Pakistan”
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Daniel Schafer
Chelsea Johnson

“Confucianism in China Today”
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Ronnie Littlejohn
Tara Clance

“Lost in Translation (and Found)”
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Naoko Ozaki
Erin Turberville, Christopher Richey, Troy Grooms, and Kyle Jeffrey

Student Presentations
“Mulan’s Reflection: Author-Intention and Reader-Response”
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Qingjun Li
Jennifer Toppins

"An Incidental Marxist: Sun Yat-sen as Ideological Progenitor of Maoism"
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Cynthia Bisson
Sarah Nelson

“The Role of Central Asia in the Dissemination of Buddhism”
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Daniel Schafer
Ryan Pino

つばさをください Tsubasa wo kudasai
(Please Give Me Wings)

*Pronounced "Oh-zah-key-dz from Belmont" which then sounds like the last name of Dr. Naoko Ozaki, our Japanese language professor. Jambo, a Kenyan song, was translated into English by Dr. Ozaki and then into Japanese by the Minister of Music Affairs of Belmont’s Japan Club

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Cynthia Bisson History Naoko Ozaki ASN/Japanese
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Judy Bullington Art Daniel Schafer History
Dennis Chen International Business Seraphine Shen-Miller Psychology
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Margaret Monteverde Literature Michelle Yang ComArts

Congratulations to Belmont’s Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET) Award Winners

Dianna Antenucci and Kyle Jeffrey

The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET) began in 1987 as a way to improve exposure to international culture and language throughout Japan. Since then, thousands of young university graduates from around the world have participated on the JET Program. Students wishing information about this program may consult http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/JET/about_JET.html and contact Dr. Cynthia Bisson, Dr. Naoko Ozaki, or Dr. Marieta Velikova.