

Research about which jobs students hope to get
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During my stay in Hawaii, I talked with a lot of people through interchange, class activity and also I asked UH students questions about my research topic after school. My topic is the job which Hawaiian students hope to get when they graduate and compare to Japanese students. The reason why I chose this topic is that I have to start job hunting in the coming year and I'm interested in the difference about future career between Japanese students and Hawaiian students.

Through the research, I found the most popular job in Hawaii was "teacher". (For example, Japanese art teacher in Hawaii, Chinese teacher in Hawaii or English teacher in China and so on.) I think they can see the world from a global perspective. On the other hand, there are few people who want to be a teacher in Japan. I think this is because keeping a good relationship between teacher and student is difficult in Japan.

In addition, I found another big difference. Hawaiian students started talking about their future career as soon as I asked. However, almost all of Japanese students including me couldn't answer my question and they said to me "I don't have a definite idea". I was surprised at this result. After I noticed the difference, I asked Hawaiian students how old they were when they decided their dreams (future career). Then about 80% of Hawaiian have decided what they are aiming for as a future work in recent years. For example, the woman whose major is accounting hopes to get an accounting work and to be CPA. She said what made her decide to be CPA was university lecture. She was interested in the accounting class and wanted to know more about that.

So I think Japanese students should study or attend a class with more interest!!! At the university in Japan, there are many Japanese students who prefer to sit in the back of the classroom and also use their smartphone in the class. It's not good and maybe it causes such a difference. Whether we have our dream or not will have an influence on our school life. Of course I know some Japanese students have already had their definite dream. Such people can make considerable effort and advance in the direction of their dreams.

Thanks to my research, I noticed the most important thing for Japanese students is that "Don't be shy!" If we don't be shy, we'll clearly express our own opinion, have a confidence, have energy to take action and get interested in everything. I feel I could spend a meaningful and fulfilling time in Hawaii because I could have a conversation with a lot of local people and know the most important thing.

Through this training program at UH, I can get my near future dream. It is to go various foreign countries and meet various people to expand my view. Therefore, I want to study not only English but also other languages much harder!!!!