



# THE HOKKAIDO ENGLISH CHALLENGE NEWSLETTER

July's newsletter is a long one! This month we've got some heartfelt goodbyes and a bunch of new faces. Here's to another year of HEC!

*July 2021*

July means a new year for HEC, and this time around we'll be saying goodbye to three of our wonderful team members. Their dedication, creativity, and hard work have been critical to the successes of HEC, and we will miss them dearly! **Casey, Madison,** and **Rose, THANK YOU** for everything you've done! We wish you the best in your future endeavors!



It has been an awesome four years of serving the Hokkaido ALT community as a volunteer of HEC. My journey started with only wanting to attend the summer camp back in 2018, but the experience was so spectacular that I wanted to contribute more to the success of this organization. Despite the ongoing pandemic, it's been wonderful to see the enthusiasm of students all over Hokkaido who participated in the HEC 2021 test. I hope the HEC summer camp will be able to pick up again when it's safe to do so. Good luck to all future volunteers and participants of HEC! I'm now officially a proud HEC alumni.

*Rose Nguyen*  
-Co-Director

Volunteering with HEC turned out nothing like I expected, but it was an incredible time full of a few surprising challenges. This year was a lot of trial and error, trial and error, and even more trial and error, but in the end, I think we were able to put together a great year with fun fundraisers and successful tests. I want to thank everyone on the executive team: Casey, Nicole, Rose, and especially Queena! Working with all of you was so much fun. Although this year wasn't the typical HEC most of us have come to know, it was special in its own way. Thank you to everyone who participated in virtual events, encouraged students to take the HEC test, marked tests, and everything else! Good luck to the future team. I hope you'll have as much fun working with HEC as I did.



*Madison Perkins*  
-Treasurer



Goodbye, Hokkaido! In the past two years that I served as the HEC Test Coordinator, it's been amazing to see local JETs stepping up to help. Every time you helped with fundraisers like the Art Auction or Holiday Grams, ran, biked, or walked to raise funds, or encouraged a student to participate, you helped HEC and the students of Hokkaido. I hope that HEC continues strong into the future and that many more students can gain confidence in their English abilities! Thank you all so much!

*Casey-Lyne Lodge*  
-Test Coordinator



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# HEC TEAM

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While we will miss our outgoing members, **we are also very excited to introduce our team for the 2021-2022 HEC year!** We have quite a few new faces this time around, and are looking forward to seeing what kind of wonderful things this group can bring to the table. To the newcomers, welcome! And to our readers, hello! Let's make this year another great one~



**Queen Xu**  
**DIRECTOR**

Born and raised in California, returning to another year as HEC Director, Queena is dedicated to making sure things runs smoothly. She advocates for raising students' confidence in English through positive experiences.



**Colin Takeo**  
**CO-DIRECTOR**

From Oregon, USA, Colin is currently living in Mukawa. Having already been a part of the team in 2019/2020, he is excited to return for another year of HEC.



**Kylie Winger**  
**TEST COORDINATOR**

A third-year JET living in the small town of Chippubetsu, Kylie will work to ensure the HEC test runs smoothly in order to give students of all backgrounds an opportunity to use their English outside the classroom and experience their own potential.



**Kyla Kerr-Wilson**  
**TREASURER**

Kyla is a fourth-year JET from Canada, currently living in the city of Noboribetsu. She wants to support the kids however she can, and is looking forward to being a part of such an encouraging experience for the students.



**Jess Chen**  
**SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER**

Jess is a first-year Aussie JET currently living in Otoineppu. She thinks that HEC seems like a fun way for the kids to interact with English, and is excited to help foster joy in learning the language!



**Adelyn Westerholm**  
**PUBLICATIONS EDITOR**

Coming up on four years in Hokkaido, Adelyn believes that people can always challenge themselves and learn from any situation, and is excited to see this put into practice once again this year with HEC!




**Felix Mouangvong**  
**EVENTS ASSISTANT**

Felix is a first-year JET from Sydney, Australia. Attending events and gatherings where people can relax, unwind and connect is where Felix finds himself at home. He hopes to assist with events which create good times and build lasting connections.



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