

BEYOND Tomorrow Japan Future Scholarship Program 2020



Nanami Okuma

Yamechikugo School of Nursing Nursing department (Graduate of Yame Agricultural High School, Fukuoka Prefecture)

While being abused and unable to find a sense of belonging at home, Nanami decided to seek help and lived in a child psychotherapy facility. Through this experience, Nanami thinks she has become considerate of her peers' pain, learned to support one another, and feels a sense of gratitude for the life given today. Her dream is to become a nurse in the future not only to support treatment, but also to be able to provide support to patients by relating to their pain. Nanami has been a part of BEYOND Tomorrow's activities since high school where she has made many friends. She has realized that she can "forge forward due to her painful experience," and is determined to broaden her horizons through the activities at BEYOND Tomorrow to make a leap forward.



Kaede Okamoto

Kitakami Training College of Welfare and Preschool Education, Senshu University (Graduate of Ichinoseki Technical High School, Iwate Prefecture)

Due to financial circumstances at home, Kaede had kept his dreams for the future a secret and planned to get a job after graduating from high school. However, he started to dream of becoming a childcare worker while living in a foster care group home, and decided to enroll in college. In the future, Kaede would like to work in an orphanage to support children who are admitted under various circumstances, and help them become independent. Before joining BEYOND Tomorrow's activities, Kaede had often kept things to himself, but he hopes to meet friends that can understand and sympathize with him at BEYOND Tomorrow so he can develop a multifaceted and flexible way of thinking. Kaede wishes to use his painful past as a way to make a leap forward into the future.



Urara Sunakawa

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During junior high school, Urara experienced a series of hardships: parting with her mother, losing her grandmother, and being dragged into a crime herself. Through these experiences, Urara realized that some people had sufferings in ways she could not have imagined, and became interested in supporting these people. Her dream is to study welfare in college to become a social worker, and interact with people from various angles by relating to them. Urara used to feel that she could not think of sadness and pain of others as her own feeling; however, she hopes to meet people with different thoughts and feelings through BEYOND Tomorrow's activities and learn to support people in pain.



Arisa Takasawa

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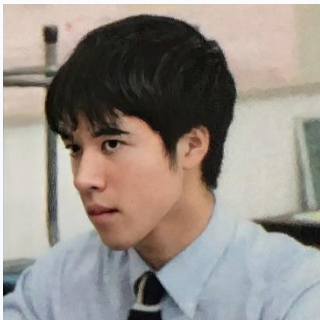
Arisa's parents were divorced, and she experienced financial difficulties as well as becoming a victim of bullying. However, she realized that revealing such experiences allowed her to sympathize with others and connect with friends who had experienced similar events. When Arisa was in high school, she had the opportunity to study abroad in the United States for a year as a representative of her high school, and worked hard to learn English there. It was also an opportunity for her to learn that there are people with diverse backgrounds in the world. Arisa wants to play an active part in the fields of foreign affairs and global business in the future, and through participation in BEYOND Tomorrow's activities, she wants to broaden her horizons overseas and discover areas where she can make contributions.



Yusuke Tsubohara

Faculty of Global and Science Studies, Yamaguchi University (Graduate of Kokuraminami High School, Fukuoka Prefecture)

Yusuke lost his father when he was in junior high school and became a child of a single mother household. Although his family faced financial difficulties, Yusuke decided to study abroad in Australia to pursue a strong interest in international cooperation. In order to support his Brazilian mother who was taking on multiple jobs to pay for his education, Yusuke helped with family chores and worked hard to improve his language skills. Through studying abroad, Yusuke started to hold interest in working for children overseas. His future dream is to contribute to improving public health and economic disparities in developing countries. Yusuke believes that BEYOND Tomorrow's overseas activities will help shape his aspiration to grow as a global talent that can contribute to the world by resolving global issues.



Yu Nagahisa

Prospective student of Natural & Mathematical Sciences Department of Physics: physics with Theoretical, King's College London (Graduate of Eisugakkan High School, Hiroshima Kake Educational Institution, Hiroshima Prefecture)

Yu lost his father at a young age, and was burdened by the fact that pursuing his dreams would place a financial strain on his family. However, Yu came to think that fulfilling his dream to become a theoretical physicist would be a gift to his family and his deceased father. In high school, he decided to enroll in university overseas, and taught himself advanced physics and worked hard to improve his English ability. His future dream is to earn a PhD in the United States, contribute to the development of theoretical physics, and show students around the world the fascination of theoretical physics. Yu would like to interact with active leaders through BEYOND Tomorrow's activities to learn ways to achieve his dream.



Haruki Nakamura

Human Health Sciences, Graduate School of Medicine Kyoto University (Graduate of Nara Women's University Secondary School, Nara Prefecture)

Haruki lost his father to cancer when he was in middle school. With the compelling feeling that his father might have been alive if he had had discovered cancer earlier, Haruki aspired to build a social system that could help detect diseases at their early stages, and decided to pursue the path of medical engineering. He dreamed of saving people like his father and reducing those who suffered like him. In light of the current medical disparities in geographical and family environments, Haruki would like to create a situation where everyone can benefit from medical care with the development of information technology. Haruki hopes that by conversing with peers that grew up in various environments in BEYOND Tomorrow's activities, he will be able to identify how he can contribute to the future of medical care and become a leader in the field.



Touma Hidaka

Regional Revitalization Group School of Regional Development, University of Kitakyushu (Graduate of Tanegashima Central High School, Kagoshima Prefecture)

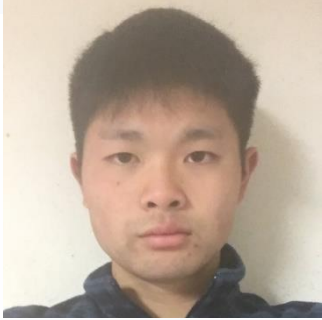
Touma was raised in a single mother household where he was brought up in an economically challenging environment. He had to give up his dream several times, but he hoped to pursue higher education in order to fulfill the dream of working on the vitalization of Tanegashima where he grew up, and replicate the methodology of regional vitalization throughout Japan. In order to give back to his mother who supported his dreams in the financially difficult situation and the people of Tanegashima, Touma decided to go on to study regional revitalization. Touma wants to participate in BEYOND Tomorrow's activities and work hard with friends from all over Japan. In addition, he would like to think of ideas for regional revitalization in Japan through overseas programs and utilize them in making his dreams come true.



Wakana Machidori

Faculty of Nursing, Department of Nursing, Kwassui Women's University (Graduate of Fukuoka Miike High School, Fukuoka Prefecture)

Wakana lost her father when she was in elementary school, and this experience made her to decide on becoming a nurse in the future. Since then, she has participated in hospital volunteers and nursing experiences, and joining the Doctors Without Borders has become her new dream. Although her father's death was a painful experience, Wakana feels that she has learned the preciousness of life and was gifted a big dream. Due to the financial difficulties, she repeatedly thought of giving up and going to work, but she did not want to give up on going to university where she could study advanced technologies and international nursing. By participating in BEYOND Tomorrow, Wakana hopes to be closer to the image of a sympathetic nurse who can stand by patients and share their pain.



Haruto Watanabe

Faculty of Social Sciences, HAGOROMO University of International Studies (Graduate of Niihama Technical High School, Ehime Prefecture)

Haruto had been struggling with his life at home, and began living in the care of a foster care group home. He had thought about getting a job after graduating from high school, but decided to go on to fulfill his goal to become a person that can help those in need. Haruto hopes to work as a police officer, staff at a child consultation center, or a civil servant in the area of welfare in the future. He plans to work hard in college so he can give back to those who supported him during the 6 years he spent in the foster care group home. By participating in BEYOND Tomorrow, Haruto hopes to broaden his horizons, make many friends, and transform his painful experiences into strengths to move forward.