

1. I came from the United States of America's Los Angeles County in California. I majored in Psychology and Japanese in college. After I graduated, I worked as an English teacher at a Japanese supplementary school, and later as a legal assistant at a Japanese company.
2. As you may have guessed from my name, I am part Japanese. My mother is from the Tokushima prefecture in Japan, and as a result I visit Japan to see relatives often. Due to these visits, I was very fond of Japan from a young age. I have been interested in Japanese animations (anime) and comics (manga) since I was a child, and when I was young I would watch shows such as *Dragon Ball* and *Crayon Shinchan*, and read comic magazines like *Korokoro Comic* and *Shonen Jump* for comics like *Korokke* or *Yugioh*.
While working as a legal assistant I was often asked to translate and interpret. After a while, I realized that translation and interpretation was a career I wanted to pursue. I was aware of the JET Exchange Program since I was in college, and thought that applying would be a good opportunity to fulfill one of my goals since I was young: working in Japan. During my work as a legal assistant, my superior also happened to be a JET alumnus. He helped me through the application process, and I was accepted into the program. Now I am here in Ehime working as a Coordinator of International Relations.
3. My work as a Coordinator of International Relations primarily focuses on translation and interpretation. I also attend events where I help English speaking visitors as well as hold American culture classes at schools. I work at both the prefectural office and the Ehime Prefecture International Center (EPIC). My work here is similar to the career I wanted to pursue, and I believe it will prove to be a great experience for my future.
4. While I have been to Tokushima many times, this is my first time coming to Ehime. My first impression of the prefecture was that it was a lot like Tokushima. A calm and relaxing place surrounded by nature. However, I later learned about the Setouchi Shimanami Kaido and the numerous water sports in the Nanyo region of Ehime. While Ehime may be calm, it also has a very active side.
I have not been in Ehime very long, but I plan to bike through Shimanami Kaido and sweat it out doing various action-packed tourist activities. But I definitely will not forget to slow down and relax to enjoy the nature at places like Dogo Onsen and Matsuyama Castle.
5. When I am working at EPIC I will usually be wearing a checkered shirt and pants, so it should be easy to find me. I have recently started to show an interest in

cooking, and my goal is to be able to make fun and delicious foods in the future. If you ever have any questions about me and America, or maybe if you just want to talk about cooking, please feel free to shout out to me!