



SOPHIA 100th ANNIVERSAR  
SOPHIA JUNIOR COLLEGE 40th ANNIVERSARY  
SOPHIA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE 50th ANNIVERSARY



Sophia Junior College Alumnae Association

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## 1. Sophia Junior College Alumnae Association

The Sophia University Junior College Division is a two-year college for women in Hadano, a western suburb of Tokyo, known for its big campus, strong English education, and intimate relationship between faculty and 500 students.



Career-planning class.

The alumnae association called “Sophia-kai” was established in 1976, and its membership reached 10,000 in 2012. Besides holding reunions, Sophia Junior College alumnae are reaching out current students through scholarships and career seminars.

The alumnae group provides grants to qualified students. Eight students received financial aid from 50,000 yen to 300,000 yen in the year ending March 2012. The group also raised donations for the students affected by the March 11 natural disaster, in addition to fund-raising support for the Junior College’s 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013.

To help students’ job hunting, 25 graduates who work at prominent companies or organizations speak at a career planning course, taken by more than 100 students. The invited alumnae share their experiences and advice on career and life planning in the classroom.

## 2. Reunions and publication



Reunion party for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary graduates.



Alumna receives a certificate of merit from the President Howell.

The alumnae group also publishes a junior college bulletin with the cooperation of school employees to stay in touch with each other.

The Sophia Junior College Alumnae Association holds a ceremony to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of graduation as the “silver celebration” every October, on the same day as the annual Sophia Junior College Festival. The president gives a certificate of merit that says in Latin, “May you be the light of the world and the salt of the earth.” This is the same as for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary graduates of Sophia University. After the ceremony, the recipients enjoy a reunion with their old friends.



Mass to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary graduates