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**OLYMPICS**

Our very own Rino Yanagimoto competed in the Milano Winter Olympics achieved a very respectable 12th place finish! The International course, and everyone at Seirinkan, couldn't be more proud! Congratulations on your amazing run!



**Did you know that March is National Umbrella Month?**

Here are some more wacky things to celebrate this month:

- March 3: What If Cats and Dogs Had Opposable Thumbs Day
- March 11: International Fanny Pack Day
- March 13: National Earmuff Day
- March 16: National Panda Day
- March 16: Absolutely Incredible Kid Day
- March 23: World Meteorological Day
- March 31: World Backup Day

**MARCH**

## Graduation Ceremony Class of 2026



On Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, our third year high school students were celebrated by family and Seirinkan faculty and friends.

It was a joyous and fulfilling account of all their hard work and effort throughout their academic career. The laughter –and a few tears – were testament to the importance of their experiences at Seirinkan.

We wish all the graduates success and happiness in their bright futures. You will be missed.

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## Things to Do in March:

### Hinamatsuri

There are several shrines and temples that hold celebrations for the general public. At the Nagashibina (流し雛) event in Shimogamo-jinja (下鴨神社) in Kyoto, you can join the ancient custom of setting colored paper dolls adrift on the river.

### Spring Sumo

If you're in Kansai, you can catch the March Grand Sumo Tournament in Osaka. It's advisable to book early, as only a small number of tickets are available on the day.

### Plum Tree Viewing

The Kairakuen Garden (偕楽園) in Ibaraki, or the Bairin Park (梅林公園) in Gifu both have early and late-blooming varieties of plum trees. It's a beautiful way to welcome the spring.

