

AUAP CLASSES

Class highlights

International Communication

- "Big ideas" of sustainability - local, global connections, being a critical consumer
- Cause & Effect
- Looking to the future
- Changemaker presentations

American Studies

- Elementary school visit
- Education in America
- Women's Movement
- LGBTQ+
- American Values

Integrated English Skills

- Reading and discussion skills
- Writing skills
- Pronunciation
- Class exchanges with WWU classes
- AUAP speech

TOEIC

- Reflect and recommit to TOEIC goals
- Reviewed all tactics and language skills learned in AUAP
- Full length TOEIC practice test

Career Exploration

- Study abroad portfolios
- Local business visits
- Classmate affirmations

AUAP Experience Class

- Making the most of the time remaining in AUAP
- Activities and events and campus and in Bellingham
- Reverse culture shock
- Departure day information



Elementary School visit

Students continued to make excellent progress in improving their English skills and in their confidence after returning from Winter Break and in the final two months of AUAP!

In their **American Studies** class, to finish our study of the theme of 'Education in America', students visited a local **elementary school for a day** and students learned firsthand about elementary schools in the United States. Students shared aspects of Japanese culture with the American elementary students, for example, origami and Japanese calligraphy. Students also joined in a math lesson and they were surprised at the different ways math is taught. They also ate lunch with the students. Going to the elementary school is always a favorite AUAP activity!

In **Career Exploration** class, students completed an interactive **Mock Job Interview** workshop over several class periods. They chose companies to apply to and prepared final drafts of their resumes. They studied common interview questions and planned out how they would answer those questions in a way that related to the required and desired skills listed in the job applications. They learned how to dress and about positive and negative body language. In addition, they learned what they would do as hiring managers. The day of the job interviews, they put all these skills to use. In the end, successful students earned their first "payday"—which was a Payday candy bar.

Students also prepared for and went on **local business visits** to the Chrysalis Hotel and Spa, Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism Office, and Bellingham International Airport. The airport staff showed students how they maintain the runways in the winter with huge snowplows and they explained the benefits to being a small, but international airport.

Students also finalized their **International Portfolio**, which help them to explain highlights of their AUAP memories inside and outside the classroom. Students included photographs, descriptions of classes, and reflective writing about what they've learned over these last five months. This project helps them practice communicating about their experiences and also continues to improve their English, Word and other computer skills.



Mock Job Interviews





Local business visit to Bellingham International Airport - learning how staff keep the runways clean and clear



Class exchange with WWU classes



Students participated in several **class exchanges with WWU classes**. This gave them an opportunity to meet WWU university students. These opportunities are not only great ways to make new friends and practice their English skills, but also ways to think critically about certain topics. Students also joined the Japanese language classes at **Bellingham High School**. They were surprised at the large building and the number of students - around 750 high school students! They also ate lunch in the high school cafeteria!



Visit to Bellingham High School



AUAP Experience Class highlight: Student of the Month and Viking of the Month awards

Three times during the AUAP cycle, we recognize AUAP students who have excelled in class with their active participation and class leadership by giving them '**Student of the Month**' award. For students who are very active outside of class by participating in AUAP activities, joining campus events, and making new friends, we give the '**Viking of the Month**' award. At the end of the cycle, we invited all winners to a special ice cream party to celebrate their achievements!



Events and Activities

- Coming of Age ceremony
- Student and Viking of the Month awards
- Student club activities
- AUAP Cups
- IPA one-on-ones
- Bowling party
- IPA swap
- Cooking parties
- Going out to eat with American friends and roommates
- Summit trampoline
- Vancouver trip
- Trips to Seattle
- AUAP - WSP mixer
- Ice cream party
- Birthday parties
- Closing Ceremony!
- Departure day

Coming of Age celebration

Thanks to the help of all of the students' families, we were able to surprise the students in a special **Coming of Age celebration!** Families sent in childhood pictures that we made into a special slideshow. They were very surprised! Western's mascot, Victor E. Viking, made a surprise appearance too!



Day trip to Vancouver by train

WWU's close location to **Vancouver** makes this a short, easy, and cheap trip! If you buy your train tickets in advance in a group, roundtrip tickets can be as low as \$15! Students spent the day exploring & riding bikes around Vancouver including at the famous Stanley Park, the harbor, downtown, and more! Many also ate at yummy restaurants including ramen restaurants & even Gyu-Kaku! They also enjoyed the night views and night markets. Many students visited Vancouver several times during the 5 months!



Bowling party to celebrate Coming of Age Day!

AUAP students meet WSP students!

AUAP students had a special opportunity to meet the 24 **Washington Spring Program (WSP)** students who arrived Feb 1! It was a great opportunity for them to share advice and favorite things to do on campus and in Bellingham! AUAP students also helped WSP ride the bus and go grocery shopping.!



Closing Ceremony

Our **Closing Ceremony** was a time to celebrate all the accomplishments our students made during their 5-months at WWU. Several awards were given out including Outstanding Student, Most Improved and Most Inspiring. Ten students were also given Perfect Attendance awards! Three students gave speeches about how their AUAP experience had changed them and they brought tears to many eyes! The celebration wrapped up with a dessert reception and lots of pictures with friends, roommates, classroom volunteers and more!



Group picture of our wonderful 2022 Cycle 2 students showing lots of WWU spirit!



Departure Day smiles (and tears) for AUAP staff waving goodbye at the airport

