



AUAP CWU NEWSLETTER

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December Topics & Skills

American Studies

- Civil Rights movement
- 1960s Cultural Revolution
- Cold War
- Space Race
- Discussion of American culture with CWU students

International Communication

- UN Sustainable Development Goals
- SDG # 11: Sustainable Cities
- SDG #6: Clean Water & Sanitation
- News log presentations
- Cross Cultural Training #3: Revisiting Goals
- Travel Review & Problem Solving

Career Development

- Analyzing skills gained in AUAP
- Peer Career Counseling
- Making a US style resume
- Preparation for local business field trips.
- Discussion with CWU students

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- Word Families & Suffixes
- Listening practice - Parts 3 & 4
- Count/noncount nouns and quantifiers
- Adjectives and adverbs
- Practice with CWU students

Integrated English Skills

- Computer lab for typing and working on graphs for DP
- Global Service Learning team project presentations

Monthly Class Summary

Students are busy and having fun in classes. It's clear to see the improvement in confidence and English ability in the students.

One on Ones: Each student had the opportunity to meet with the Program Director for 30 minutes to process their AUAP life and set goals for Term 2. Students are positive and happy with their efforts to speak English and make American friends. Most students are trying English Only Days every day!

IES: GSL Presentations: Students participated in their third Global Service Learning activity. In the first activity, students briefly participated in an event to gain exposure to the concept of service learning. In the second activity, students joined an activity more purposefully, again with the goal of deepening their understanding of service learning. For the third and final Global Service Learning activity, students worked in mixed section teams to create a service learning activity that could take place at CWU or in the Ellensburg community within the next year. Groups spent several AUAP classes researching and putting together a PowerPoint. Members considered important event planning details such as determining the location, transportation, supplies, rules, and schedule of their event all within a \$1,000 budget. Students also created a poster to advertise their event. Five groups showcased their ideas in a roughly 10-minute PowerPoint presentation in front of the entire AUAP student body. Audience members took notes and participated in a brief question and answer session following each presentation. At the end of class everyone voted on the best presentation and the most creative idea, and winners received a small prize.





Central Class Experience

The CCE students wrapped up the quarter by attending the last week of CWU's fall quarter classes. Then they each gave short presentations to summarize their individual class experiences focusing on what they learned and how they personally benefitted from the experience. Students shared their insights regarding new knowledge and skills gained, the class environment, the teacher's style and CWU students' general attitudes and participation, specific highlights of the class, ways they participated and how they'd like to participate differently if they were to join this experience again, and their individual challenges as well as their personal development throughout the duration of the quarter. A common theme among the presentations was how surprised students were that CWU teachers were so engaging and CWU students were so active. After CCE students gave their presentations, they answered questions from an audience of AUAP students, faculty, and CWU students.

DAVE Classes

Career Development- Over a dozen CWU professionals came to class to be interviewed about the specifics of their jobs. They also gave valuable interview advice. Many of the CWU staff members brought photos of their workspace and/or examples of things that they do or use in their jobs. Students had a chance to talk with three different employees, and they really enjoyed this unique and engaging opportunity.

Career Development- Field Trips: This month, students attended field trips to visit two different businesses within the same industry. Site visits focused on the following industries: tourism, hotel, coffee and retail, and non-profit organizations. The focus of this field trip was for students to compare two businesses and better understand these jobs and industries. Having voted on field trip sites of interest last month, students prepared for the field trips this month by reading an article about each of their two sites as well as writing 3 thoughtful questions to ask per site. Students attended their two destinations and enjoyed learning from the friendly and accommodating staff they met at the various sites. These unique field trips proved to be an eye-opening and enriching experience. After the field trip, students completed a written reflection comparing the two visits and explaining connections between CD and IC class, their future careers, or their personal interests.





Student Services

AUAP students have had another active month. Students have passed the halfway point and have been trying their best to spend time with their Campus and Community Friends, CWU students, and try "English Only Days."

AUAP Friends Club: Each week AUAP and CWU students join club meetings and plan fun activities to do together. Activities have included a movie night, playing board games, teaching Japanese calligraphy, making Christmas card/年賀状, and having conversation together.

Community Friend Program: Students have enjoyed celebrating winter holidays with their local families. Things students have done with Community Friends are baking Christmas cookies & decorating them together, going to get a real Christmas tree at the Christmas tree farm & decorating it with family, and spending time together by making dinner & playing card/board games. They all have been very active with their Community Friends and everyone is loving the experience outside of the campus!

Snow in Ellensburg: Since this winter is supposed to be warmer than usual, Ellensburg has not really had much snow yet. But when we did get snow, students were all excited and stayed outside for hours having snowball fights with friends. Wet snow made it easier to pack and do the snowball fight!

Moving to winter dorm: On December 8th, AUAP students (and others who are staying on campus during the winter break) moved to the winter housing for the month of December. Their winter dorm is called Carmody-Munro Hall which locates north side of campus where many of AUAP students have never been. They enjoy having each other in the same dorm for sure. Bonus is that some of their CWU friends are also staying in Carmody!

Former AUAP student Visit: In last Connections Class before the break, we had two special guests. One of them was a former AUAP student from Cycle 2, 2016 and the other was her IPA. They came to CWU and surprised Nicki & instructors! AUAP students got to ask many questions including the future career plans, how to spend the rest of their AUAP life fruitfully, how to maintain English in Japan, and so many more! Current IPAs also had an opportunity to talk to the former IPA and seeked some advice.

Last day of Kikuchan: The Japanese restaurant which was located by campus has closed their business at the end of November after 20+ years of service in Ellensburg. Students and their friends gathered together and showed their appreciation to the owner. It was one of their go-to spots so students were pretty sad about the closing, but wished the owner good luck in their new chapter.

