



AUAP CWU NEWSLETTER

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Culminating Projects

Cycle 2, 2023 concluded with the following projects:

International Experience Portfolio - Students finished working on their International Experience Portfolio (IEP) using Microsoft Publisher. The contents included topics such as English communication usage, cultural understanding and initiative, global service learning, problem solving, and accomplishments. Students typed detailed paragraphs for each topic including examples of experiences during AUAP, what they learned, and what skills they developed. Students also attached a personal photograph to help illustrate each page in the IEP.

AUAP Job Fair - On the last day of classes, all students attended the AUAP Job Fair. 13 CWU staff members and other Ellensburg professionals helped facilitate the interviews. Each AUAP student had two formal interviews. This capstone project for CD class gave students a chance to use the skills they learned in class, to talk about their skills and experiences positively and professionally, and to connect themselves competitively to the jobs they "applied" for. Students also used their American style resume and their IEP in their interviews.

"AUAP Show and Tell" - As a final assignment for IES, students participated in a "My AUAP Life: Show & Tell" mini-presentation by bringing a personally significant object to class. Students talked for a short time about their object and its connection to their AUAP life, and they answered questions from the audience. There was a good balance of entertaining objects and more serious objects, and students articulated their memories well.



Student Services

The students spent time in the last few weeks with their CWU friends, enjoying campus activities, and soaking up American culture.

AUAP Friends Club - AUAP and CWU students had a farewell gathering. Many of friends including Wellington came to spend the last time with AUAP students. Lots of laughter, but also shedding some tears. AUAP students made such an accomplishment making great connections and friendships with so many CWU friends within 5 months. So proud of them!

Connections Class - In the final Connections class of the cycle, students learned who had gotten jobs at the Job Fair, filled out the final program evaluation and learned about ways to stay connected to English upon returning to Japan.

Group dinner - IPAs planned a final group dinner for each group. Some were not able to make it, but they all enjoyed the last eat-out in Ellensburg with their group.

Saying good bye - All 18 of them made it back to Japan safely. Good bye is always hard...but, we look forward to seeing you again in the future! Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat!





Closing Events

Student Speakers - 2 AUAP students were chosen to represent their class by speaking at the Farewell Banquet. To honor these students, they met with Interim Provost & Vice President Dr. Kurt Kirstein. He presented each with a special CWU pin and commemorative coin to commemorate this achievement.

Farewell Banquet - The AUAP students and staff enjoyed a formal dinner together before listening to the final speeches and graduation ceremony. Each student received a certificate of completion. Additionally, several special awards were given out and the IPAs received certificates of appreciation. The AUAP students presented the teachers and staff with flowers and a thank you card, signed by all of the participants. It was a great ending to the wonderful cycle.

Super Scholar Award - Four students received the Super Scholar Award for earning 95% or higher in all of their AUAP classes for both terms.

House Cup Award - Beck group won the overall House Cup Award by completing the most challenges over the cycle.

