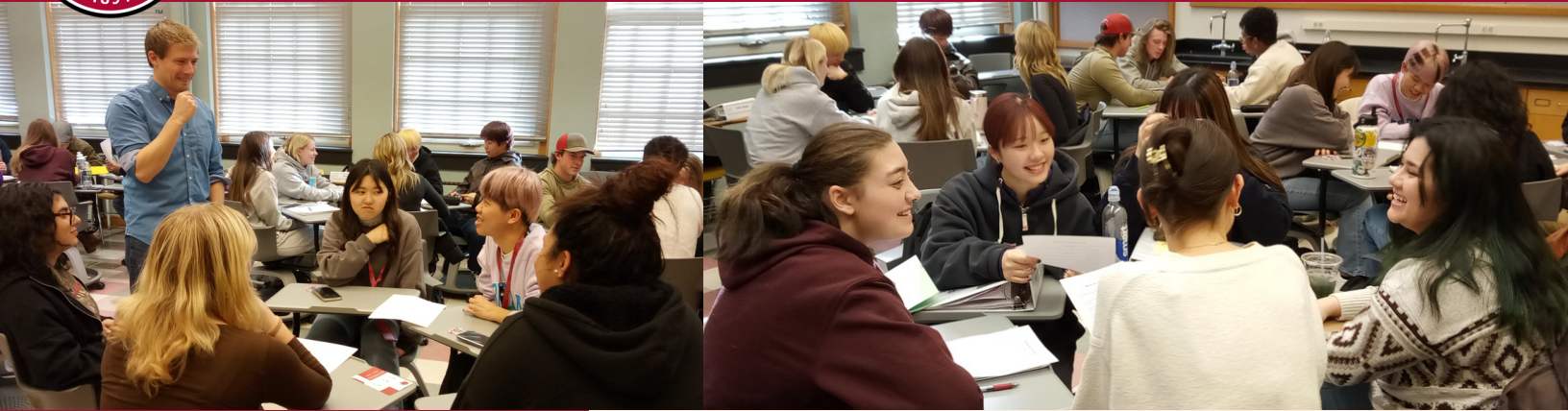




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March Topics & Skills

American Studies

- Field Trip to Native American town and museums
- Colonial America
- Slavery & Abolition
- Wild West & US/Indian Wars
- Discussion of American culture with CWU students

Functions of English

- Invitations and Small Talk
- American idioms
- Problem solving skills
- Shopping and restaurant language
- Cross cultural training & Goal setting

Career Development

- Discovering skills and interests
- Discussion with CWU students about future goals and jobs
- Discuss Success & AUAP alumni
- Job hunting in Japan and the US
- Strategies for self-promotion in an interview

TOEIC

- Pronunciation practice (Sound alike words)
- Listening practice - Parts 1 & 2
- Vocabulary building - synonyms and antonyms

Integrated English Skills

- Interview Americans and international students about Discovery Project topics
- Global Service Learning projects

March Class Highlights

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

DAVE class (FUN): In this special one-hour class with CWU Communication majors, students learned together about high and low context communication styles. After listening to the lecture given by CWU professor, Josh Nelson-Ichido, students worked in groups to discuss how culture is related to communication and how they would respond in various situations. This class was beneficial to the AUAP students as they begin to develop deeper relationships with CWU friends and will be able to use these examples in their daily lives.

AS Field Trip: This month, the students took a field trip to visit several museums in neighboring cities. Students visited the Yakama Nation Cultural Heritage Center in the rural town of Toppenish and took some time to see a selection of the more than 70 large-scale historical murals located downtown. The field trip gave students a chance to see Native American and cowboy life up close. Students also visited the Yakima Museum in the larger city of Yakima, and that museum visit included an old-fashioned soda fountain where students ordered drinks and ice cream.

Classroom Volunteer activities (all classes): CVs were available multiple days every week this month and were crucial in helping facilitate small group activities and discussions, especially with complex or challenging course content. Examples of activities include reviewing parts of speech—especially prepositions—and Part 1 skills like meaning problems and sound alike words (TOEIC), and discussions about future goals and job skills (CD), specific American cultural and historical events from the 1600s to the 1800s (AS), ways to effectively communicate with roommates to solve problems (Functions), and analyzing cultural differences (IES).



Interactive Assignments

An important part of our curriculum is providing opportunities to use what students learn in the classroom in real life settings and engage actively in conversation. This month, we had several unique and fun interactive assignments including:

Winegar's: Students practiced invitations, ordering, and small talk in this fun homework assignment. They were required to invite their roommate or CWU friend to join them for conversation and a free ice cream or coffee at Winegar's, a local coffee shop.

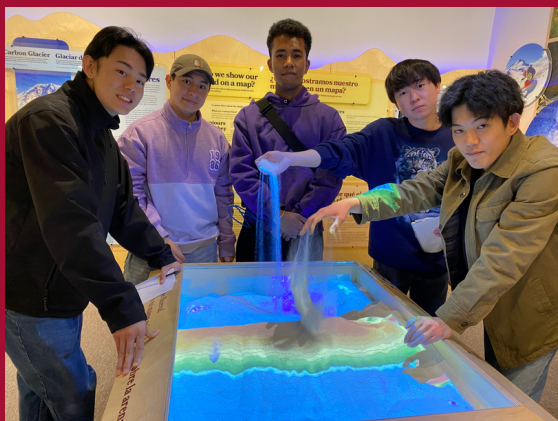
Staff Interviews: Students each interviewed an AUAP staff member in their office. Students had to create interview and follow up questions, make an appointment, and afterwards share what they learned by giving a small presentation in class.

Experience Ellensburg: Students were encouraged to explore Ellensburg by visiting places in town that matched their interests and/or majors. Students participated in three "mini-adventures" to visit these off-campus sites. They took photos and wrote a brief report about each site visit. In mini-presentations, students shared their experiences with their classmates including what places they went to, what interesting new things they saw and learned, and who they spoke with.

Global Service Learning #1: Students attended an on/off campus activity and were given the task to observe what kind of people attended and to think deeply about how the activity benefited the community. After reflecting, AUAP students interviewed three CWU students about the purpose of the activity in the CWU/Ellensburg community to learn more about service and community involvement.

Speaking Test #1: Students practiced their small talk skills, greetings and icebreakers, continuing conversations by providing nonverbal and verbal feedback, adding details and elaboration, and making invitations in their first speaking test where they teamed up with an AUAP partner and had a 5-minute recorded small talk conversation using a topic(s) of their choice.

Global Service Learning #4: This activity provides students with an opportunity to be involved in a large-scale community event. Students were separated into three groups, each working with a different type of event (CWU Symposium for Undergraduate Research and Creative Expression, CWU Community Garden, and Ida Elementary School's Culture Night). The first step of the project was to interview the event leader to learn about the history, purpose, and goals of the events.



Ellensburg Rotary in a community clean-up project

We mainly cleaned the garden.



Student Services

CWUに到着した初日から、時間を無駄にしないようにとAUAP生は、積極的に様々なことにチャレンジしています。セントラルの友達とキャンパス内のイベントに参加したり、エレンズバーグの町中を散策したりと、非常に活発的に毎日を過ごしています。

AUAP Student of the Month: この賞は、学業面・生活面全てにおいて最も努力した学生に送られ、毎月一名から二名選ばれます。選ばれた学生には、AUAP講師陣から賞状が手渡されます。

Connections Class: 週に1回あるコネクションクラスは、アメリカで生活にするにあたって、知っておきたい基礎知識・情報・多文化国家の価値観の違い・大学内外のイベント情報など、AUAP生にとって有益な情報を提供するクラスです。ゲストスピーカーが授業に訪れることもあります。右上の写真は、ウェルネスセンターのスタッフがクラスに来てくれた時のものです。日本を離れて異国のアメリカで生活するにあたって、セルフケアの重要性や万が一の為のカウンセリング情報などをAUAP生に提供してくれました。

AUAP House Cup: AUAPハウスカップとは、二週に渡って課せられたチャレンジにAUAP生ひとりひとりが挑戦し、チームごとにポイントを競い合うというものです。栄えある第一回目の勝利チームはWildcats、二回目の勝者はBody Armorチームでした。

AUAP Friends Club - フレンズクラブは毎週木曜日に、学生主体で行われるクラブ活動です。AUAP生はもちろんのこと、CWU生も自由に参加します。クラブ内容は週毎に変わり、ゲームやアート、映画鑑賞など自分たちでやりたいことを決めます。

Daylight Saving Time: 2024年は3月10日がデイトライトセイビングタイムの開始日でした。開始日は時間が1時間進み、終了日である11月3日には1時間戻ります。英語ではこれを"Spring Forward, Fall Back"と覚えます。午前2時に時間は変更されます。アメリカ国内のほとんどの州で採用されており、目的は、日照時間が長くなる時期に時間をずらすことで自然光の使用率を高め、電力を節約することとされています。それによって、日本との時差も17時間から16時間へと変わるため、デイトライトセイビングタイムを初めて経験するAUAP生にとっては、困惑だらけの日でした。

St. Patrick's Day: 3月17日はセントパトリックスデーでした。アイルランド発祥で、キリスト教カトリックの祭礼日です。緑色の物を身に着けるといふ習慣があり、子供たちの間では、緑色の物を身に着けていないとつねられるという遊びがあります。また、レプラコーン(Leprechaun)という小さな妖精を捕まえると黄金のありかを教えてくれるという言い伝えがあります。

CWU Spring Break: 3月16日~25日はCWUの春休みでした。CWU生不在の間は、IPAが様々なイベントを考えてくれました。Mac n Cheeseというチーズソースで和えられたマカロニパスタを夕ご飯と一緒に作ったり、天気がとても良かったので、外でピクニックをしたりしました。週末は天気も良かったため、半数のAUAP生がシアトルを訪れました。



International Cafe: International Cafe is an event which is hosted by different departments and student organizations each time. Domestic and International students join together for activities, conversation, and sharing of cultures and traditions. It is a great opportunity for students to meet new people. The very first one for AUAP students was hosted by Diversity and Equity Center (DEC). Students got to know each other and shared their opinions by playing some interactive games.



"I went to the water tank with some friends from CWU. It was written 100th Anniversary of the Ellensburg Rodeo."



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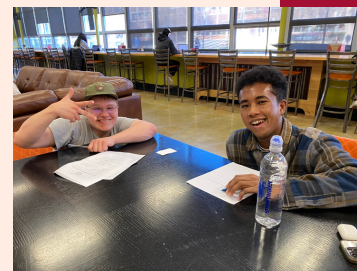


"The pictures of Pearl Street. There were very cute cats and many books. Those cats were very friendly so I could touch easily."



"I was ordered pepperoni pizza, but there was nothing! omg!!!"

Campus Friend Program: AUAP students had another mixer event with CWU Campus Friend. The Campus Friends Program is an opportunity where AUAP student gets paired with a CWU student based on their interests and things in common. They got to know each other by asking questions and all of them made a plan for their next meet up!



This photo is Old school. There a lot of DVD and Records. It is interesting for me, because My favorite musician is The Beatles. It has many thier Records. But it is expensive. So, I can't buy. And I asked to staff members about can I try on clothes. They said Yes. Also I asked Do you have movie of Mids 90s? It is my favorite movie. But they has'nt this movie.

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