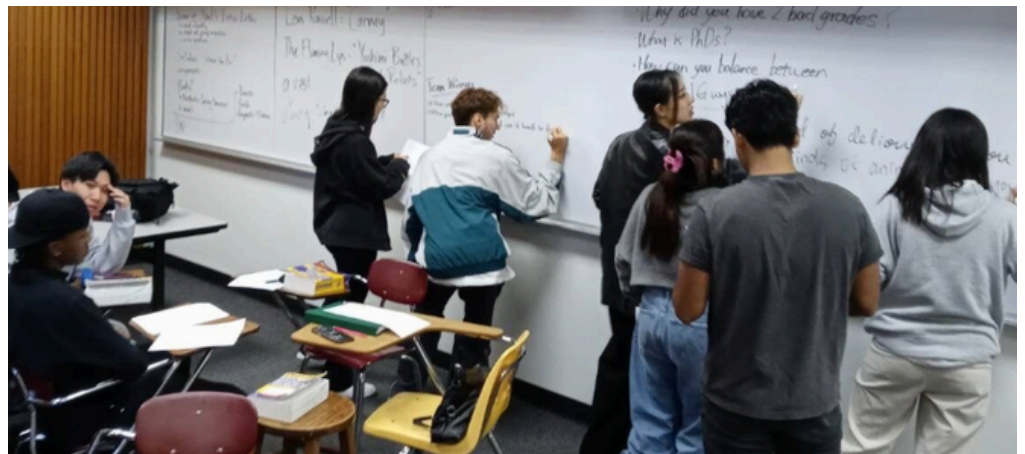


### ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

In October and November, AUAP students participated in several class exchanges with WWU classes including 'Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion,' 'Communication, Identity, & Difference,' and 'Interpersonal Communication.' These class exchanges were wonderful opportunities to exchange ideas in English on a variety of interesting topics, but also were chances for AUAP students to make American friends!



In classes, students have been active and enthusiastic about various learning activities, including impromptu and prepared presentations, interactive speaking exercises with classroom volunteers, conducting research for writing a research paper, and many group discussions in their Academic Communication class. In these past two months, it is clear that students have improved not only in their English skills, but also their confidence! They have also enjoyed making new friends with their international classmates who are from Columbia, Germany, India, Kuwait, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Japan, China, Vietnam, and Kenya!





**Seattle trip:** Several students went to Seattle by train for the day. They explored famous places like Pike Place Market, the Gum Wall, and the first Starbucks. It was great one-day trip and they want to go again!



**Halloween:** Students had fun dressing up in costumes and enjoyed carving jack-o'-lanterns! Many students went to downtown Bellingham where over 100 local stores were giving out candy to children who were trick-or-treating! It was fun to watch!



**Exploring Bellingham:** Students explored the local community through class field trips and AUAP activities!







### IPA Cup Challenges:

AUAP students competed in activities and games in October & November to see which IPA group would win the “IPA Cup.”

One challenge was to spell out ‘A-U-A-P’ as a group (above picture)!



### Friendsgiving:

Our two wonderful IPAs, Michelle and Ryu, organized a ‘friendsgiving’ meal for AUAP and IEP students. The IPAs helped students cook a traditional Thanksgiving meal, including a turkey! It was a great cultural experience!

