



# AUAP CWU NEWSLETTER

Report #4 ~ December 2024



## December Topics & Skills

### American Studies

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

### Global Studies

- 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

### TOEIC

- 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 working hard to spend time with CWU friends and trying English Only Days!

**IES: GSL Presentations:** Students participated in their fourth 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 GSL activity, students had to help with an on-going CWU event. The fourth and final Global Service Learning activity, asked students to work in mixed section teams, using what they've learned about Service-Learning to create an 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 social media posts to advertise their event. Four 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.







## 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 local businesses. Site visits focused on the following industries: tourism, hotel, coffee, 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 GS class, their future careers, or their personal interests.

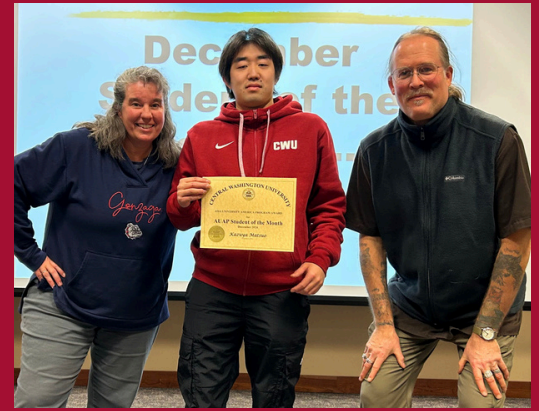
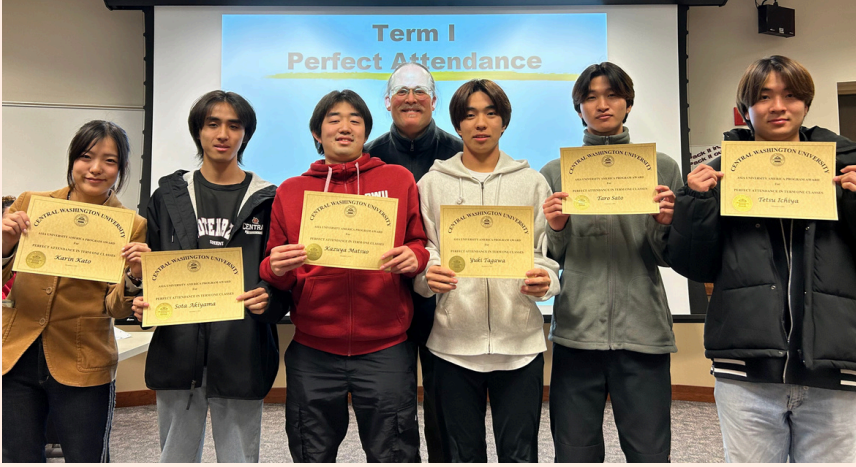


*"I learned from both organizations about being kind, honest, friendly, time management, and teamwork skills in order to work. I want to get these skills and use them in the future. HopeSource is especially connected to my major. My major is international relations, also learning about peace, so this field trip was very good for me."*

*"I got a really good experience from the field trip because I had never thought about my future deeply before but this opportunity gave me the chance to see the real job. This experience connected to Career Development class and my future."*







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## 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."

**House Cup Challenge & AUAP student of the month:** Every 2 weeks, we announce a winner of House Cup Challenges. The first one of the month went to Team Daijobu, and Team Blue was the second winner. It was their first time getting the award! Team Blue was surprised and happy at the same time.

**Snow in Ellensburg:** Even though this winter is supposed to be colder 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 13th, 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 Alford Montgomery 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.

## Short-term study abroad program:

As a part of class, some AUAP students have been helping CWU students who were participating the 2-week study abroad program in Japan. AUAP students had a presentation about Japan, 1 on 1 Q&A session, and final farewell party. CWU students got lots of good information regarding foods and places to visit. In Japan, CWU students got to visit AU and meet former AUAP students. Thanks to AUAP students, CWU students had a wonderful time in Japan.