



# AUAP CWU NEWSLETTER

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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 small talk class with CWU ROTC students. Students took turns asking/answering small talk prompts on cards. CWU students also gave advice on things to do in Ellensburg. This class was beneficial to the AUAP students as they begin to develop deeper relationships with CWU friends and use these skills in their daily lives.

**AS Field Trip:** Students took a field trip to visit some 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.

**DAVE class (IES):** AUAP and CWU Education majors paired up for a special class. AUAP students chose topics based on cultural comparisons (ex. hobbies, music, sports, etc.) and interviewed CWU students about their topic. The second part of class involved CWU students leading teaching demonstrations in small groups followed by AUAP students giving honest feedback.

**DAVE class (TOEIC):** AUAP students joined a CWU class of Education majors. Half the class was spent working with prepositions (an interactive game of speed using gestures to act out the prepositions). The other half of the class period involved CWU students leading teaching demonstrations in small groups followed by AUAP students giving feedback.

**DAVE class (FUN):** Students had a special 1-hour class where they each brought their roommate or a CWU friend to class. The purpose of the class was to meet new people and practice small talk skills. Students were given constructive feedback on their conversations. It was a fun and busy hour of class.





## 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.

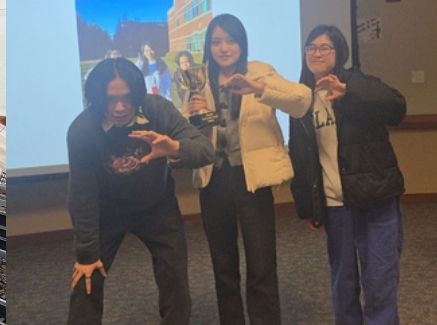
**Experience Ellensburg:** Students were encouraged to explore Ellensburg by visiting places in town that matched their interests and/or majors. Students participated in three "mini-adventures" to visit these off-campus sites. They took photos and wrote a brief report about each site visit. In mini-presentations,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

**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 - Field Experience:** 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.





## 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。

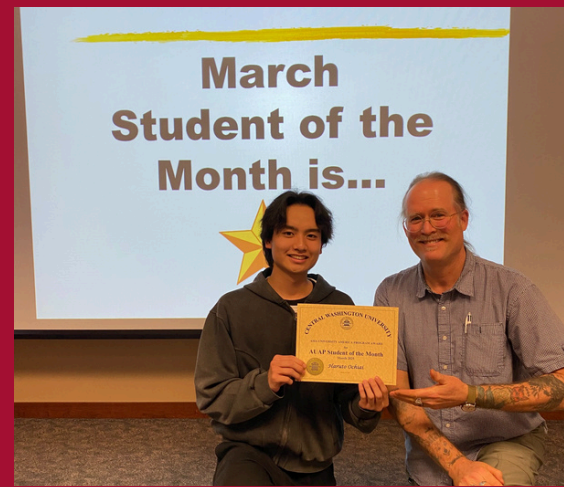
**AUAP House Cup:** AUAPハウスカップとは、二週に渡って課せられたチャレンジにAUAP生ひとりひとりが挑戦し、チームごとにポイントを競い合うというものです。栄えある第一回目の勝利チームはTeam Breaze、二回目の勝者はTeam でした。

**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:** 2025年は3月9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2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時には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う習慣があり、子供たちの間では、緑色の物を身に着けないとつねられるという遊びがあります。また、レプラーコーン(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22日~31日はCWUの春休みです。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。隣のヤキマにあるローラースケート場に遊びに行ったり、夕飯を一緒に作ったりしました。また数名のAUAP生はCWUの友達と一緒にエレンズバーグから1時間行った所にある、レブンワースというドイツ村にも初めて訪れました。





**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 the Counseling Center. Students got to know each other and shared their opinions by playing some interactive games and discussion.



"This photo is my first time riding a horse-drawn carriage. I was so excited."



Tasty looking bread



This is CHICKEN & WAFFLES and chai latte. It's the best food I've ever eaten in Ellensburg.



Lunch time

**Campus Friend Program:** AUAP students have started meeting with their 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's restaurant is Taste of India. I like Indian curry better than Japanese curry."



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