



AUAP CWU NEWSLETTER

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November Topics & Skills

American Studies

- Colonial America
- Civil War/Slavery
- Westward Expansion
- Gilded Age/Progressive Era
- Discussion of American culture with CWU students

Functions of English

- Ordering at a restaurant
- Idioms & Slang
- What have you observed
- Email skills & etiquette
- Speaking test - Ordering at a restaurant

Career Development

- Self-knowledge activities
- Skills, experiences, and personal qualities
- Researching AUAP Alumni
- Job related vocabulary quiz

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- Sound-alike words & pronunciation
- Synonyms & antonyms
- Prepositions of time
- Parts of speech review
- Suffixes & Word families

Integrated English Skills

- Creating interview questions for Discovery Project
- Global Service Learning activity #2
- GSL field work activities

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.

AS: One highlight this month was the AS field trip. Students first visited the Yakama Nation Cultural Heritage Center in the small rural town of Toppenish and saw some of the more than 70+ historical murals located downtown and got to visit a traditional Mexican bakery to try local pastries. Next, students visited the Yakima Museum, giving students a chance to see Native American and cowboy life up close.

CD: Japanese Professionals Job Panel: In late November, we hosted our Japanese Career Panel with four guests, all of whom are Japanese natives living and working in the U.S. The Ellensburg panelists have a host of occupations. Each panelist gave an introduction that covered his/her studies and career path, and then students asked the panelists questions. The Q & A session proved to be a great exchange; topics covered a wide range of information from dealing with culture shock to advice on skills necessary for success in a global job market to differences between working in the U.S. and Japan to and when/how panelists chose to learn English and work abroad.

CWU Student For A Day - This month, all students participated in the "CWU Student for a Day" activity. Students attended 1-3 CWU classes with a CWU peer as well as participate in a one-hour social activity with their CWU friend to more fully experience student life in America. This was an excellent chance for students to gain new perspectives about student life, meet new people, and be more engaged in their own AUAP classes. In a reflection assignment after the activity, students wrote about similarities and differences between American and Japanese classes.

"I learned I should be more active in class because I feel if I do more active in class, I can get more information. I think Japanese become more active."



DAVE Classes

FUNCTIONS – Students had a collaborative face-to-face class session with CWU Sociology students to discuss cultural comparisons. They used discussion cards to facilitate their conversations.



CD- AUAP class combined with a CWU ITAM Business class. The combined class involved AUAP students informally interviewing CWU students about part-time jobs and necessary skills for the workforce. A discussion and lively Kahoot game followed.

AS (with a Military Science class): AUAP students participated in an activity called “Walk to the Line.” The activity gave students a chance to compare cultural values on issues related to food, family, society, and themselves as individuals. They also ranked 20 different values from Japanese and American perspectives then talked about the rankings, cultural values, and stereotypes. The activity also allowed for small group discussions to debrief various answers, values, and perceptions. A one-page reflection helped students further process the activity.



IES- IES class combined with a UESL class. Students completed 1-2 interviews for their Discovery Project (DP). Students were able to learn fresh perspectives about their DP topics by interacting with other study abroad students including students from Mexico and students from other universities in Japan. Students enjoyed meeting new faces and challenging their English skills by talking and learning about their topics. Some students even exchanged contact information on SNS.



FUNCTIONS- Students had a collaborative virtual class session (via Zoom) with CWU Sociology students to discuss cultural comparisons focusing on topics such as family and lifestyle differences.

今月のハイライトの一つはASフィールドトリップでした。トップニッシュの田舎町にあるヤカマ・ネイション文化遺産センターや、ヤキマ博物館を訪れ、ネイティブアメリカンやカウボーイ、ワシントン州の歴史について学びました。

1 1月下旬には、米国在住の日本人4名をパネリストに迎えた「日本人キャリアパネルディスカッション」が行われました。米国と日本での仕事の相違点、パネリストが英語を学び海外で働くことを選んだ時期や方法に至るまで、幅広いトピックが取り上げられました。

他にも、友達であるCWU学生と一緒にCWUの授業に参加するという“CWU Student for a Day”という日がありました。大学生活に対する新たな視点を得たり、新しい人々と出会ったり、自身のAUAP授業への取り組み方に対する姿勢の見直しをする絶好の機会となりました。



1 1月も10月に引き続き、社会学・ITAMビジネス・軍事科学・UESLといった多種多様なCWU クラスとの合同授業がありました。社会学のクラスとは2回合同授業があり、2回目はズーム上で行われました。授業内容は、文化比較・就職面接をするにあたって必要なスキル・価値観の比較などでした。



Student Services

AUAP students have had another active month. Students have been trying their best to spend time with their Campus and Community Friends, CWU students, and try "English Only Days."

AUAP Photoshoot: AUAP group photoshoot! We gathered in front of the symbol of CWU "Wildcat Statue" and got a group photo taken.

International Education Week (IEW): Students participated in a variety of events to celebrate the national week dedicated to International Education. The week's festivities kicked off with the CWU Parade of Flags to recognize the diversity of students at CWU. Students also participated in events with other international students such as Sport Day, International student social, and International Cafe.

International Cafe: This month's cafe was hosted by the international students. Each table represented countries including Kenya, South Korea, Japan, Paraguay and more. Each table offered interactive activities based on their cultures.

Around the World in 80 Bites: As a part of IEW, some international students have prepared their home country cuisine and shared with other participants. AUAP students made Omuraisu & Onigiri for the event.

Thanksgiving Feast: Some students joined Thanksgiving dinner provided by one of the dining services on campus. Food included some favorites such as turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie. Students were also invited to a Thanksgiving feast at friend's house. They've tried new food and enjoyed the night celebrating with their friends.

IPA's mom in Ellensburg: One of the IPA's mom came to Ellensburg to visit AUAP students! She wanted to meet AUAP students and feed them the traditional Mexican cuisine. All AUAP students enjoyed the meal and had so much fun learning a Mexican dance and teaching a Japanese dance in return!





11月はAUAP写真撮影から始まり、国際教育週間(International Education Week)の様々なイベントに参加したりと、10月に引き続き多忙な月となりました。まず最初に、CWU生の多様性を称える「CWU国旗パレード」が開催されました。他にも、インターナショナルカフェやスポーツイベントにも参加しました。今月のインターナショナルカフェは、留学生主催で、ケニア・韓国・パラグアイ・日本など様々な国を代表し、それぞれの文化に基づいたアクティビティを各テーブル毎に提供しました。11月下旬には、アメリカの感謝祭があり、大学が主催した感謝祭ディナーに参加し、七面鳥・スタッフィング・マッシュポテト・パンプキンパイなど初めて食べる料理を楽しみました。Thanksgiving休み前には、IPAのお母さんが伝統的なメキシコ料理を振舞ってくれました。

Volunteering

Another busy month for AUAP students with lots of options for volunteering. Students engaged in the community through:

Boo Central - On Halloween evening, over 300 small kids came to CWU to trick or treat in the SURC Ballroom where CWU clubs and organizations made booths for kids to come play at and get candies. Some AUAP students worked at the AUAP Friends club booth, which featured a beanbag toss, fishing for candy, and the Japanese game, "Fukuwarai". Students had fun dressing up and interacting with local families!

Friendsgiving - Some students enjoyed volunteering at the Friendsgiving dinner event organized by the CWU Food Pantry. It was a Thanksgiving feast for CWU students. AUAP students welcomed guests, guided them to their tables, and ensured a smooth flow of people.

10月最終日のハロウィーンの夜、300人以上の小さな子供たちがCWUを訪れ、SURCボールルームでトリック・オア・トリートを楽しみました。AUAP生は、福笑いやボール投げ、魚釣りを擲擲したキャンディー釣りを地域の子供たちと共に楽しみました。他にも感謝祭ディナーのボランティアに参加したりと、授業以外でも、精力的に活動しています。

AUAP Student of the Month

AUAP Student of the Month is presented once a month. AUAP staff will present award to students who successfully contribute to their AUAP experience and enhance the AUAP image. In order for them to get the award, students have to do their best to meet the expectations, such as good participation, Having a positive attitude, inspiring, and so many more!



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