

Washington Spring Program - CWU Newsletter



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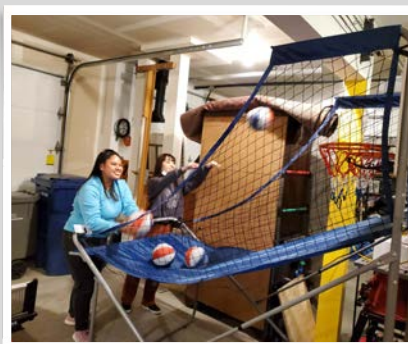
OUT-N-ABOUT

One of the unique homework assignments students have is called, "Out-N-About." Students must actively look around town and campus for things that are unique and perhaps culturally different than Japan. They must find at least one example on campus and one off campus, upload a picture and submit a written reflection about their findings.



Busy Bees!

Congratulations to this week's Busy Bees! While all of the WSP students are truly deserving, these students have made outstanding efforts this past week!



大学・街中散策

ユニークな課題のひとつとして、“色々な所に出掛ける”というものがあります。街中や大学内で、興味深いものや日本とは文化的に違うものを積極的に探すのが目的です。最低でもキャンパス内外で一つずつ探し、発見した物の写真と説明文を提出します。

Busy Bee!

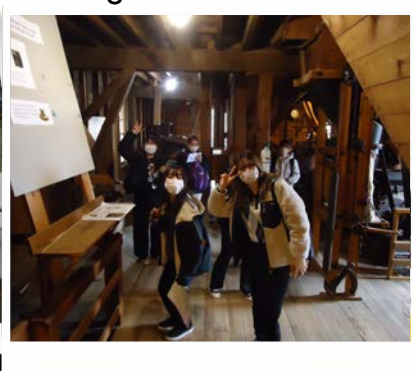
全生徒、評価に値しますが、今週は特にこの四名の努力が素晴らしかったです。





Classes - 4 weeks of perfect attendance!!!

- Experience Ellensburg:** This week we visited the Thorp Historical Mill and Thorp Antique & Fruit Mall. Both places are located about 10 km west of Ellensburg. At the Mill, students learned about the history of regional agriculture and technology from the late 1800s. They toured the grounds and first floor of the old grist mill. Then they went to the Antique/Fruit Mall where they observed staff, focusing on the job skills needed to work there. They also had a chance to check out the thousands of antiques for sale, getting a firsthand understanding of how old objects tell the story of the regional lifestyle and culture. Later in the week, students debriefed their field trip with CWU students, sharing their photos, captions and questions.
- Career Skills:** In class, students continued to explore various aspects of work in modern society. On Tuesday, 10 professionals from different offices at CWU came to class to be interviewed about their work, the skills they use daily, and how what they do now connects to their major and career goals from when they were college students. The departments represented ranged from the CWU police, International Office, Human Resources, the Diversity & Equity Center, library and more... WSP students had the opportunity to continue to think about how their skills will connect to the duties of various careers in their future in a variety of ways. This includes discussing the way work is changing by reading about "The Great Resignation" of 2021 in the US, interviewing CWU students about this phenomenon, and finally thinking about jobs and duties from a different angle by starting to design their own company as if they were the CEO.
- English Communication:** This week in class, students revisited the issue of their roommate and communication. Students who previously had challenges such as lights-out time, lack of communication, or cultural differences, happily reported that they had used conflict resolution skills learned in class, to overcome those issues and develop more positive roommate relations! Classwork also included ongoing study of restaurant communication in English, modal & count/non-count grammar, as well as lengthy discussion with CWU students on their recent experiences traveling to Seattle, Yakima, visiting local Ellensburg families and American culture in general.





Classes 4週連続皆勤賞

• Experience Ellensburg: エレンズバーグ体験

今週の校外学習は、エレンズバーグから約10 km西にあるソープという町で行われました。歴史的建造物の製造所とアンティークショップ&フルーツマーケットを訪れました。製造所では、1800年代後半に実際この地域で使用されていた農業や技術について学びました。アンティークショップ&フルーツマーケットでは、仕事内容やそこで働くために必要なスキルを中心に、従業員の観察をしました。また、販売されている多数のアンティークを見て回り、この地域の昔の生活文化を、骨董品を通して肌で感じることができました。週の後半の授業では、CWU生に校外学習の写真を見せたり、何を学んだかなどを報告しました。

• Career Skills: キャリアスキル

先週に引き続き、現代社会における職業の様々な側面について考えました。火曜日には、CWUの様々なオフィスで働いている10名のスタッフが授業に参加し、仕事内容や日々使っているスキル、そして現在の仕事と大学生時代の専攻やキャリアビジョンがどのように結びついているかについて、インタビューを受けました。参加した部署は、CWU警察・国際部・人事部・多様性/公平性センター、大学図書館など多岐にわたりました。WSP生にとって、自分のスキルが将来の職業にどう結び付くかを考える良い機会になりました。また、2021年にアメリカで起きた”大退職時代”を読んで、働き方がどう変化しているかについて話し合い、その変化現象についてCWU生にインタビューしました。最後に、自身が起業した会社のCEOになったつもりで、仕事と職務について、別の角度から考えるというアクティビティをしました。

• English Communications: 英語コミュニケーション

今週は、ルームメイトやコミュニケーションの問題について再び話し合いました。アメリカ到着直後は、消灯時間やコミュニケーション不足、文化の違いといった問題に直面したWSP生でしたが、今となっては、授業で習ったスキルを使い、このような問題を解決することができるようになりました。それによって、ルームメイトとより良い関係を築くことができたと報告がありました。他にも、レストランでのコミュニケーションの取り方、助動詞・可算/不可算名詞などの文法について学びました。また、シアトルやヤキマに行った話や、ホームビジットの家族やアメリカ文化などについてCWU生と話しました。





Student Life

Cultural Event: This week the final two halls held a Japanese Culture Night. This is a chance for the WSP students to meet and interact with their hallmates and teach them about Japanese culture. The events are always popular and highly interactive.

Home Visits: On Saturday, 18 students participated in the second weekend of Home Visits. The students enjoyed playing games, exploring in and around Ellensburg, shopping, cooking and sharing a meal, and spending time with local Ellensburg families and pets!

First Friday Art Walk: This month's Art Walk focused on feminism and female empowerment. Several students and our student programmer enjoyed the evening, walking around downtown engaging with the variety of art forms and galleries.

Leavenworth Trip: On Sunday, all 20 WSP students participated in the Office of International Studies & Programs spring trip to Leavenworth, WA - a small bavarian themed town about an hour north of Ellensburg. WSP students joined 20 other international and CWU friends and had fun shopping, eating German food, and exploring the nearby fish hatchery.

Other activities this week include Monday Movie Madness, a takoyaki party, pizza nights, working out at the Rec Center, playing games with American friends, and enjoying time in the residence halls.



文化イベント: 今週は最後の2つの寮で日本文化ナイトが開催されました。他の寮生と交流し、日本文化を教える絶好の機会です。イベントは毎回好評です。

家庭訪問: 土曜日は、二回目の家庭訪問でした。ゲームをしたり、エレンズバーグ散策、買い物、一緒に料理作り、食事をしたりと、今回は18名の生徒がエレンズバーグの家族とペット達と共に過ごしました。

第一金曜アートウォーク: 今月のテーマはフェミニズムと女性の社会地位向上でした。WSP生数名とCWU生兼WSPイベントコーディネーターが、ダウンタウン内の色々な芸術を楽しみました。

レブンワース: 日曜日は、国際部が企画したレブンワース日帰り旅行に全20名のWSP生が参加しました。エレンズバーグから車で約1時間北に位置する、小さなドイツ村です。他20名の留学生とCWUの友人達と一緒に買い物や、ドイツ料理、ドイツ村近郊にある魚の孵化場を訪れ、充実した休日をお過ごしました。

その他にも、月曜恒例ムービーナイト、たこ焼きパーティー、ピザパーティー、大学内のジムでエクササイズ、CWUの友人とゲームをして遊んだり、大学・寮で楽しい時間を過ごしました。

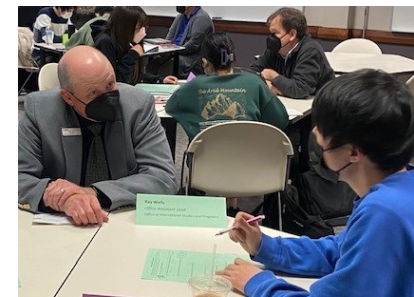


Student Voice

Career Skills Class: It was a very good experience to interview. I felt they both had pride and love in their job and they both had a lot of good experience. Now I not only need to study English but I have to get various experiences in US. I want to turn my experience into my strength and not just memories. This was an opportunity to think about new options.



I am thinking I want to work internationally in the future, so the interview was a good opportunity because both people are working at CWU office as a manager or coordinator of International Studies. Their jobs include not just helping international students but also many duties. It has changed the work style in many occupations since COVID-19 started. We have to be flexible and ready.



This is a photo of food in Thorp Fruit & Antique Mall. Not only Antique goods, but also vegetables, fruits, bread and alcohol and so on were sold. Everything was elaborate, So it was a little expensive. But Everything looks delicious! There are local food production and consumption in Japan, but I felt US values freshness more. and I was wondering where the food sold in Thorp Fruit & Antique Mall came from. I want to try various foods made in Ellensburg.



Home Visit: I went to Kittitas and had lunch at a cafe. After that, I walked on a bridge called A Transportation Corridor and bought clothes at an antique shop called Specialty Foods Wine Honeycrisp. Then I went to Jody's house and watched a Disney movie. When I first met, I was very nervous. However, the conversation was easy because Jody and the others were so kind and spoken in a slow and easy-to-understand way. And I was able to spend a fulfilling time. When I entered the house, I kept my shoes on. And what they knew about the history of many places also felt like a cultural difference.

Home Visit: I met Mrs. Gretchen Geltemeyer and Mr. Pat Coffey. I ate a hamburger, played card games and completed a puzzle with my host family. I felt so comfortable because they talked with me so friendly. I noticed that they use a table cloth on the table but I don't use it in Japan. I think this is a cultural difference. The advice I would give to another international student is that you can ask a lot of questions if you want to talk with your host family.



Home Visit: I think learning our country and culture is important to prepare for visiting American home because I was asked some questions about Japan by my host family. In addition, I show Japanese traditional culture to my host family, so they seemed to enjoy it. Therefore, I especially recommend to learn our traditional culture and show it.



You can read this book for free. It is really cool because this kind of book is not in Japan. I am able to learn a lot by reading these books.