

# Newsletter

Week 8 - March 21 - 23, 2022



## Thank You!

The CWU WSP staff would like to thank our students' parents and the Asia University administration for this wonderful opportunity! We are grateful for the energy and excitement the WSP students brought to our campus. The past two months were full of new friendships, lots of learning, adventure, fun, cultural exchange, new discoveries, and lots of laughter. Thank you for putting your trust in us during these uncertain times. It was a dream come true for everyone!



## BUSY BEES!

Special thanks to our two outstanding IPAs! AJ and Yo were there for the students every step of the way over the past two months! From problem solvers to cultural guides and all the hours put into building friendships ... You are the ultimate BUSY BEES!



## ありがとうございます。

このような素晴らしい機会を与えてくださった、WSP生のご両親、亜細亜大学事務局に感謝いたします。WSP生は、CWUキャンパスに活気をもたらしてくれました。この2か月間、新しい友情、多くの学び、冒険、楽しみ、異文化交流、新発見、そしてたくさんの笑いに満ち溢っていました。このような不確定な時期に、私たちWSPスタッフを信頼して頂き、ありがとうございました。皆の夢が叶った2か月間でした。

### Busy Bee!

2名の素晴らしいIPA生にも感謝の意を表します。この2か月間、IPA生であるAJとYoは、常にWSP生の側にいました。問題解決から文化ガイド、そして掛け替えない友情を築き上げました。彼らは、究極のBusy Beeでした!

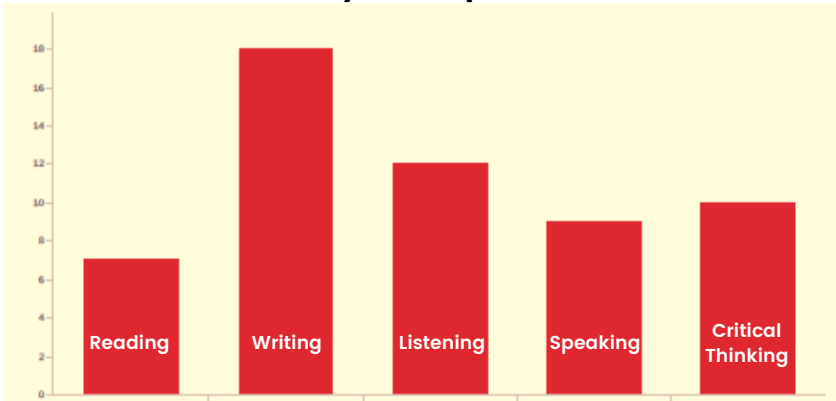


# Classes

- **Experience Ellensburg:** In class this week, students completed a final exam and course evaluation. Our final exam in EE consisted of 2 questions from each field trip, asking students to write about their experiences, job skills-related observations, and use their very best grammar. The final EE class was a debrief of the 6 field trips, and a review of student submissions for the Out-n-About photo assignment.

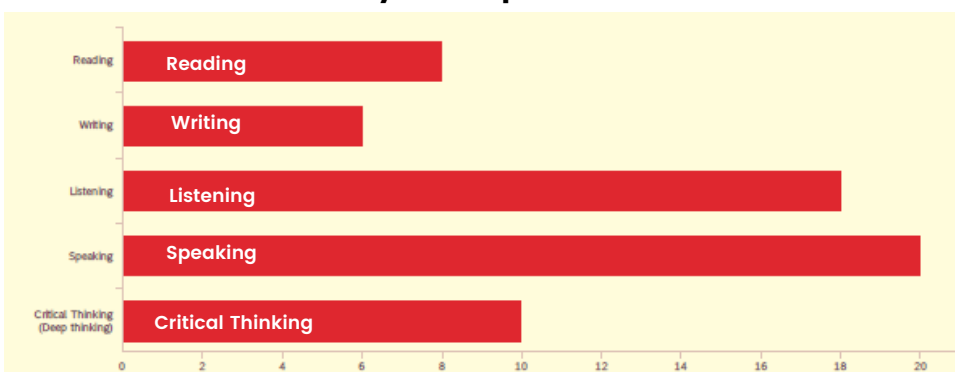


What skills did you improve in EE class?



- **English Communication:** For EC, the final exam was last week's 10 minute PowerPoint presentation from each student, including audience discussion. Students presented on the many aspects of their WSP experience: English skills, cultural discoveries, community interactions, campus life, career development, challenges and accomplishments. It was such a successful set of presentations with many CWU friends and WSP staff in the audience showing support and appreciation! Students also wrote a final essay called, "My WSP Story," essentially a written description of their personal goals, challenges, and highlights from the past two months. There was some definite writing improvement from all students. All had very positive things to say about their WSP experience. The final EC class had students sharing one final "What Have You Seen and Heard," students received written and digital critique/feedback on their final presentation, and completed the final class evaluation.

What skills did you improve in EC class?



## What did you like about EC class?

"I could speak English a lot! I cannot do it in Japan, so I was glad to have the class."

"I liked to communicate with CWU students and to make own opinion. Especially, greeting and farewell sentences were very useful for me when I met someone."

"I liked talking with CWU students. Because, I made a friend and I could learn a lot of English vocabulary and grammar."

"It was a lot of chance that I talked with CWU students. I could improve my speaking skills and say my opinion many times."

# Classes

## • Experience Ellensburg: エレンズバーグ体験

今週の授業では、期末試験と受講アンケートが実施されました。最終試験は、今まで訪れた校外学習からそれぞれ2問ずつ出題され、フィールドトリップを通して経験したことと仕事で必要不可欠な能力は何なのかを、最良の文法を使用し、文章を作成しました。最後の授業では、6回の校外学習について話し合いました。また、課題であった”Out-n-About” (外出) について提出した写真のレビューも行われました。

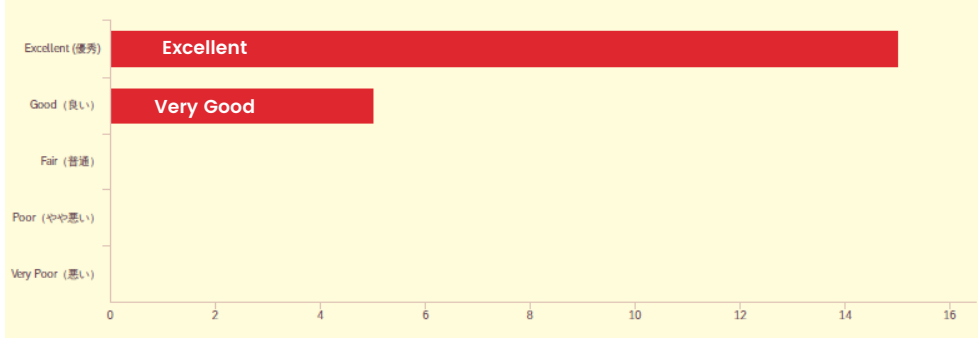
### What field trip did you enjoy most? Why?

- The Windrow hotel was impressive. Because I was able to hear in detail the necessary job skills and work contents of the employees.
- I went to the Windrow hotel and the Best western hotel. What I enjoyed here was that I was able to compare the hotels because I was able to go to two hotels. For example, there were many interesting things such as the difference in suites and the rooms that were the same price but completely different.
- I choose CWU museum and Thorp. Through this class I could learn about American experience and culture.
- Thorp Mill and Gallery One were a lot of fun. I really like the atmosphere and I like grocery stores.
- Hotel Windrow, Best Western Hotel. I was interested in the fact that horses are allowed in the Best Western Hotel.

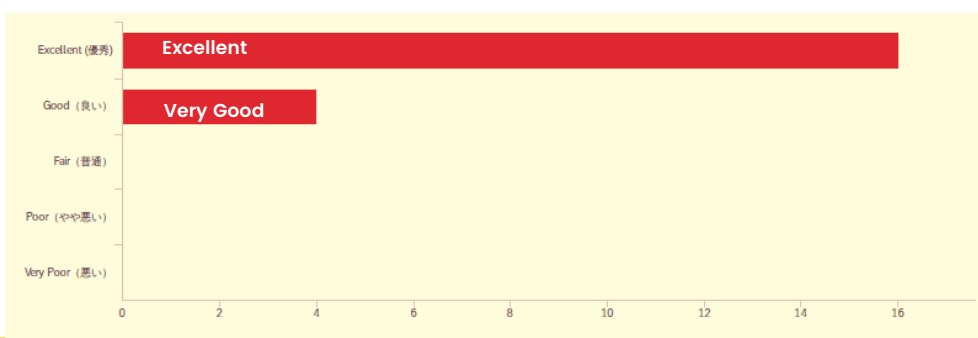
## • English Communications: 英語コミュニケーション

ECクラスの期末試験は、先週行われた各生徒による、パネルディスカッションを含めた10分間のパワーポイント発表でした。学生は、WSPでの様々な体験について発表しました。英語力の向上、文化的発見、地域社会との交流、キャンパスライフ、キャリア開発、挑戦したこと、達成したことなど、様々な角度から発表しました。たくさんのCWUの友人とWSPスタッフのサポートと感謝が溢れた大成功のプレゼンテーションとなりました。また、最終エッセイとして、この2か月間での自身の目標や試練について書きました。全生徒、明確なライティング力の向上がみられました。全学生がWSPでの体験について、非常にポジティブな感想を述べていました。EC最後の授業では、最後の「何を聞きしたか」をクラスメートと共有しました。他にも、最終プレゼンテーションについて、書面とデジタルで、批評とフィードバックを受け取りました。最終授業評価を完了させ、ECクラスが終了しました。

### How did you feel about activities with Classroom Volunteers?



### WSP Classes were...?



## What did you like about Experience Ellensburg class?

"Actually going to the site and studying there, rather than just watching videos or websites, I was able to learn in a fun and active way."

"In this class, I could go to a lot of famous places in Ellensburg and I also could talk with Ellensburg's people almost everytime. It was a good experience for me, and I enjoyed this class!"

"We had so many opportunities to visit interesting places. We could discuss many things with classmates. I could learn about their culture and values, as well as language."

"I loved the hands-on lectures that took place outside."

## What other skills have you improved in WSP?

"I think to make presentation and cooperate with other people skills were improved for me."

"I think diversity, because I was able to hear stories about diversity from many people."

"Communication skills, Time management skills, Computer skills."

"I improved my creativity because I created a lot of ideas in this class."



# Farewell Activities

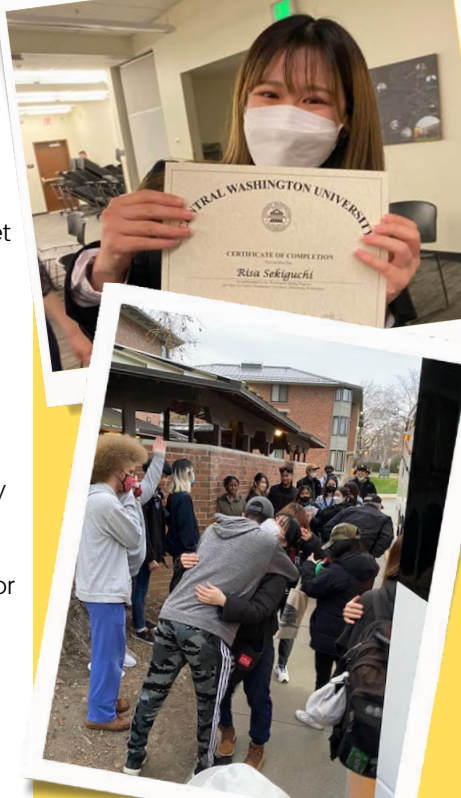
**Final Group Meetings:** Each IPA met for a final group meeting with his group to go over check out procedures and final preparations for departure. Following the meeting, each group had a final group dinner together.

**Farewell Banquet:** On Tuesday night, the students and WSP staff joined together to celebrate the accomplishments of the past two months. The festivities began with an Italian dinner buffet and concluded with speeches and awards. Sara Kumagai and Kota Watanabe were selected by their peers to represent the group by speaking about their WSP experiences. The WSP staff and IPAs also gave short speeches of congratulations and each student received a certificate of completion.

**Awards:** Earlier in the week, students voted for their classmates for fun awards such as best hair, best fashion, best smile etc... this was a fun way for the peers to recognize each other.  
**Perfect Attendance Award:** As noted in the past weekly reports, this group of students was very hard working and had a great run of perfect attendance! 13 students earned the Perfect Attendance award for never being late or absent to class.

**Outstanding Scholar Award:** Makoto Takeuchi and Tomoko Hara earned this amazing award for their excellent academic achievement of earning more than 100% in all three of their WSP classes!

**Departure:** WSP staff and about 15-20 CWU students met at 6:30am at the dorms to say farewell to the WSP students. Once at the airport, students checked in for their flight and bid a final farewell to Nicki and AJ. Students arrived safely at Narita on Friday afternoon.



**最後のグループミーティング:** 帰国に向けて、チェックアウトの手順や出発の最終準備について、IPA生と確認しました。ミーティング後は、各グループごと、最後に皆で夕食を楽しみました。

**送別会:** 火曜日の夜に、送別会が行われました。この2か月間の成果をお祝いする為、WSP生とWSPスタッフが集まりました。イタリアンのビュッフェから始まり、スピーチと表彰で幕を閉じました。他のWSP生から選ばれた熊谷咲良さんと渡邊航太さんが、グループを代表して、WSPでの体験についてスピーチをしました。WSPスタッフとIPA生から、プログラム修了のお祝いのショートスピーチもありました。最後には、学生一人ひとりに修了証が授与されました。

**表彰:** 週の初め、WSP生は、ベストヘア・ベストファッション・ベストスマイルなど、クラスメートの人気投票を行いました。その結果が送別会で発表されました。お互いを再認識する、楽しい良い機会となりました。  
**皆勤賞:** これまでのウィークリーレポートでも記載していたように、このグループは非常に勤勉で、何週にもわたる皆勤賞という快挙を成し遂げました。無遅刻無欠席であった13名の学生に、皆勤賞の表彰が贈られました。

**優秀学生賞:** WSP全クラスで100%以上の成績を修めた竹内真琴さんと原朋子さんに、優秀学生賞が贈られました。

**出発/帰国:** 日本出発当日朝6時半に集まり、WSPスタッフと約15-20名のCWUの友人たちとお別れをしました。空港到着後は、チェックインを済ませた後、ニッキーとAJと最後のお別れをしました。そして金曜午後、成田空港に無事到着しました。



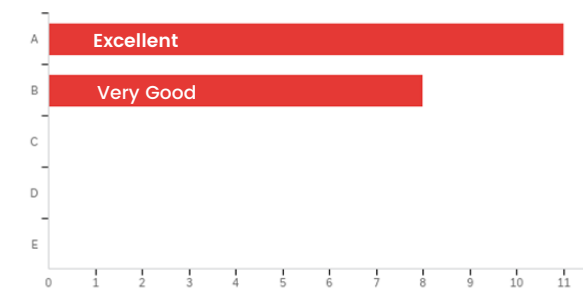
# Student Voice \* Final Program Evaluation

At the end of the program, each student filled out an evaluation form to give feedback on the various aspects of the program. The results were extremely positive and it was clear that students got a lot out of their experiences in and out of the classroom.

プログラムの最後に、WSPプログラムの様々な側面についての評価アンケートを実施しました。結果は非常にポジティブで、教室内外の経験から学生が多くのものでしたことが明らかでした。



## Opportunities to meet American students outside of class were...



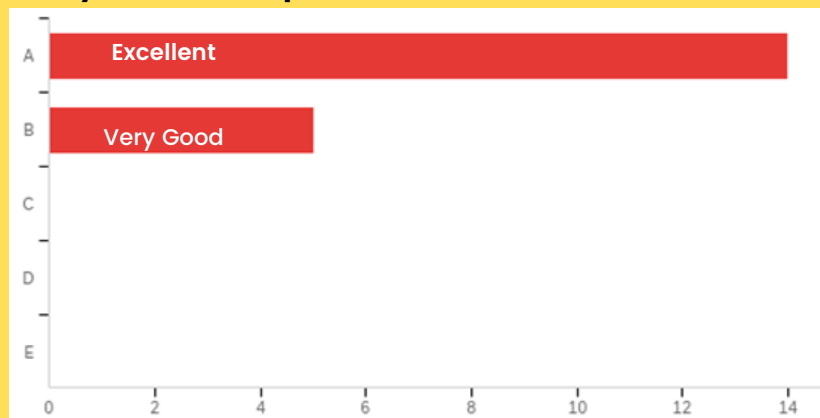
"I could experience a lot of things. The activities and events on campus or off campus are very nice. I enjoyed very much."

"I could improved my English skills and also I could make lots of American friends!"

"I could have so many experiences during about 2 months. Before I came here, I was so nervous to make WaSP and CWU friends. But I could forget this nervous soon because everyone were kind and we could make good relationship! 2 months was short, so I have some regrets. But I can say, "this 2 months was the richest term of 20 years!!"

"In this 2 month, everyday I got new and good experience and defenety it helpful for my future. It was too short but very valuable and important time!"

## My overall experience at CWU was...



## The WSP staff has been...



"I really want to say thank you so much for everyone who work for this program."

"I really appreciate that you guys gave us the opportunity to study abroad in the U.S during pandemic."

"I was not very good at English at first, but thanks to the staff at WSP, I was able to improve! Thank you so much!"

"Thank you very much. You are very kind and friendly. I'm shy, so I was very nervous when I came America soon. However, IPAs helped and support me, so I had a very good time in America to experience a lot of things."



"It was great experience for me. I studied English enough and went to a lot of places. I want to come here again!"

"I'm proud to be active during WaSP. I could visit a lot of places, joined many events and activities, communicate a lot with Americans. I think I could achieve the WaSP motto, "Bee Active."

"I appreciate that you guys helped us to live in CWU campus and supported us always!"

"It was so fun for this two months, thanks to IPAs!! You were always kind to us, so I had a great time. Thank you so much!"

## I would recommend WSP to my friends

