April Class Highlights

This month, students finished the first half of their AUAP classes and had lots of opportunities to work with CWU students to improve their presentation skills, listening and speaking skills, and giving their opinions.

The biggest highlight this month was "Outreach." This activity challenges AUAP students to become teachers. Students created lesson plans and taught Japanese culture to elementary school children. This experience gave the AUAP students confidence and helped reinforce their presentation skills.

Students completed their second Global Service Learning Project this month. Each month students are required to participate in a volunteer event. Prior to the activity, they must think about how they will contribute to the community by participating. After the activity, they write a reflection about their experience, expectations, and how volunteering helped them learn more deeply about Ellensburg and themselves.

In the AUAP Mock Job Interview activity, students learn about and practice American style job interviews from all angles. They play the part of an interviewer by asking questions and selecting the best candidate, the interviewee by doing their best to connect skills and experiences to the job, and an observer by listening and offering their opinion on which candidate to select. CWU students provided feedback.
Monthly Summary

April Student Services Highlights

In April, AUAP students had many chances to get involved with the local community! They helped put on a Japanese Spring Festival, over 75% are playing Intramural Sports with each other CWU students, they have been active with Campus & Community Friends, and over half took part in an International Cafe with students from around the world.

Volunteering

Students participated in the following:
- Yakima River Cleanup - 300+ CWU volunteers clean up the valley
- Visits to a local Preschool
- Haru Matsuri - Assisting Diversity Office to put on a Japanese festival
- Ellensburg High School - Teaching Japanese culture in Japanese classes
- International Cafe - World & Slgn Languages topic with students from around the world
- Olmstead Cleanup - Clean & maintain a historical site with CWU students
- After School Safe Place Visit - interacting with elementary kids
- Hearthstone - Interacting with elderly

Japanese Culture Nights were hosted in the remaining 3 residences halls. AUAP students taught hallmates about Japan. CWU students enjoyed learning kanji, how to roll sushi, fold origami, & play with traditional Japanese toys. In addition to regular volunteering, two groups of students helped teach culture in local high school Japanese classes this month!

Activities

- Brooklyn's Pizza Night
- AUAP Friends Club
- Japanese Culture Nights in each hall with AUAP students
- CWU Intramural Sports
- Skateland & "Get Air" in Yakima
- IPA Easter Activity
- CWU Career Fair
- AUAP Ambassador Award
- AUAP Mid-Cycle Break
- House Cup Challenges & competition between IPA groups

Earth Month also created many opportunities for students to get into nature and volunteer! Almost all students participated in an Earth Month activity. Our first AUAP awards were presented, and three of four groups have already won the House Cup. This group is active!