



AUAP CWU Newsletter

April 2019



April Topics & Skills:

American Studies Class

- Skype Project - students skype with a CWU partner 2 times per month and discuss American culture
- America in the 1920s
- The Great Depression
- World War II

Functions of English Class

- Presentations about American culture
- Teaching Japanese culture at a local elementary school
- Travel language & problem solving

Career Development Class

- Research Japanese companies
- Discussion class with CWU students to learn about workplace differences between the US and Japan
- Mock Job Interviews

TOEIC Class

- Pronunciation practice - sound alike words
- Listening practice
- 2 hour Practice TOEIC test

Integrated English Skills Class

- Interview 10 Americans and 10 international students about their Discovery Project topic
- Global Service Learning Project
- Writing practice - using quotes and paraphrasing skills

CWU Class Experience

- 6 students have been regularly attending a CWU class

Monthly Summary

今月、生徒たちはAUAPの半分を終え、CWU生と関わりながらプレゼンテーション、リスニング、スピーキングなどのスキルを高める機会がたくさんありました。今月のハイライトとしては、AUAP生が現地の小学校に行き子供たちに日本文化を教えたことです。生徒たちはグループになり、授業計画から始まり、実際に授業を行い、プレゼンテーションスキルを磨く良い機会となりました。2度目のサービスラーニングも行われました。生徒たちはボランティア活動参加前には参加の意義について、参加後には感想や経験談をレポートします。また、キャリアディベロプメントという授業の中では実際に模擬面接をし、アメリカ式の就職面接を各視点から学びました。面接官役では人選の難しさを体験し、求職者役では自分のスキルや経験をどのように生かせるのかをアピールし、そして観察者役はインタビュー全体を見ながら分析をしました。

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

4月は地域の方々と接する機会が多くありました。具体的には、CWUで行われた春祭りでの運営の手伝い、キャンパスとコミュニティーフレンドとの交流、他の留学生と米国西部地方の文化学習、そしてイントラミューラル・スポーツを通して汗を流しながらCWU生との友情を築きました。更にAUAP生が住む各寮では日本文化祭を開き、習字、巻きずし作り、伝統的なおもちや、浴衣の着付けなどを披露しました。また、4月は"Earth Month"だったので、現地の方々と共に自然を大切にする様々なボランティア活動に参加しました。

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 and against 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.



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!



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!



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 & Sign 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



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