March Topics & Skills:

American Studies Class
- Native American culture
- Field trip to Native American town and museums
- Slavery and US Civil War

Functions of English Class
- Greetings & Small Talk with CWU students
- Email practice
- Verbal & Non verbal communication
- Restaurant practice

Career Development Class
- Discuss "Success" and how to get skills and experiences needed to be successful in the future
- Job/personality inventory
- Strength and weakness

TOEIC Class
- Vocabulary building & Reading skills
- Listening practice
- Parts of Speech

Integrated English Skills Class
- Interview practice
- Presentations about AUAP staff
- Discovery Project topic selection
- Global Service Learning Project

Monthly Summary

This month, students started their regular AUAP classes and had lots of chances to work with CWU students to improve their conversation skills, listening skills, and giving their opinions. Students are becoming more confident in using English and their improvement is easy to see!

Students began working on the major project for AUAP, the "Discovery Project." Over the next 4 months, students will choose a topic to compare between Japan and the US. They will interview 10 American and 10 international students. Once they have their results, they will write a 4-6 page paper in English to summarize their findings and will give a 7 minute oral presentation to share what they have learned. Through this project students are able to improve all of their English skills and actively engage in conversations with Americans and American culture.

Another highlight this month was the field trip to nearby towns with heavy Native American influences. Students were able to visit two different museums, in addition to seeing over 100 murals that show the life of Native Americans and early pioneers in the area.
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Volunteering

- Japan Goes Central - teaching CWU students about Japanese culture in different halls around campus
- Visit to a local Preschool
- Habitat for Humanity - building homes for local needy families
- Visit to Hearthstone Retirement - spending time with the elderly and teaching them about Japanese culture
- Teaching Soranbushi to elementary kids and performing at a Culture Fair
- Sheep Shearing - helping a local farm family cut wool off their sheep
- After School Safe Place Visit - interacting with elementary kids

March Student Services Highlights

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One of the ways we challenge students to get the most out of their 5 months in the U.S. is by asking them to try for the Ambassador Award. Students complete tasks that get them involved in their surroundings, and then they reflect on what they learned. A recent highlight was when 10 AUAP students visited a local elementary school to teach children with Japanese heritage "Soranbushi" and performed with them at a Culture Fair at the school in front of over 100 people!

Another way we challenge students is through the House Cup Competition. All groups are issued challenges like "Speak Only English 9am-9pm for 1 day" or "Ask or answer a question in AS Lecture," and groups gain or lose points depending on what their members do. Every two weeks the group with the most points wins!