November 2019

Monthly Summary

This month, students finished the first half of their AUAP classes and had many great opportunities to work with CWU students.

The biggest highlight this month was the AUAP Mock Job Interview activity. Students learned about and practiced American style job interviews from all angles. They played 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.

In IES class, students gave presentations about their Global Service Learning Project. Students met in mixed section classes to share their experiences, what they've learned, and how volunteering has helped them learn more deeply about Ellensburg and themselves. Every student did a great job sharing pictures and details from their GSL.

In Functions class, students learned about major US travel destinations and working with Classroom Volunteers, practiced using problem solving skills and important vocabulary that helped them during their individual travels during Thanksgiving break.

In CD class, AUAP students had fun interviewing a variety of CWU employees who came to class to share about their job duties and answer questions that the students had for them. This is a great way for students to learn more about the US workplace.

November Topics & Skills:

American Studies Class
- America in the 1940s and 50s
- Post WWII
- Civil Rights Movement
- Malcom X & Martin Luther King Jr.
- Skype Project

Functions of English Class
- Presentations about American culture
- Travel language & problem solving
- E-pal project

Career Development Class
- Interview CWU employees about their jobs
- Discussion class with CWU students to learn about workplace differences between the US and Japan
- Mock Job Interviews

TOEIC Class
- Suffixes & Parts of Speech
- Part 5 Practice
- Listening practice
- 2 hour Practice TOEIC test

Integrated English Skills Class
- Presentations about Global Service Learning Project
- Writing practice - using quotes and paraphrasing skills
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The Quigley/Meisner Group had their Japanese Culture Night on November 1st. Six students remain working towards the Ambassador Award, and three are now separately setting up an international student Christmas Party and 2 volunteer opportunities for students in December. CWU Intramural Sports ended this month with the soccer team and both basketball teams AUAP students were on being eliminated the quarterfinals.

November Student Services Highlights

The most exciting part of the month for students was probably Thanksgiving Break, when they had a 5-day holiday break. Many activities this month also had a Thanksgiving theme. For the break, 7 students stayed at an American friend’s house, 6 traveled to Seattle and/or Portland, two went to L.A., two to Disneyland, and only one stayed at CWU. IPAs also meet 1-on-1 with each student to help them get the most out of their experiences.

International Education Week was November 18-22, and AUAP students learned about cultures from around the world from other international students who lived there; Six AUAP students also gave poster presentations about Japan and their lives at home!

Volunteering

Students participated in the following:

- High School Japanese Class Visit - Giving presentations about Japan
- Visits to a local Preschool
- International Cafes - Students from the U.S. and around the world learned about Korea & CWU Alumni facts
- Wildcat Farm - Preparing for winter
- After School Safe Place Visit - interacting with elementary kids
- Downtown Planters - Decorating downtown for the Holidays

Activities

- CWU & Downtown Thanksgivings
- AUAP Friends Club Activities
- Stargazing
- OPR Hike
- Quigley Japanese Culture Night
- CWU Intramural Sports
- AUAP Ambassador Award Activities
- CWU International Education Week-Culture Fair, March of Flags, etc.
- Game Night with Community Friends
- Ice Cream with Campus Friends
- Thanksgiving Break