October Topics & Skills:

American Studies Class
- Field trip to Native American town and museums
- America in the 1920s
- The Great Depression
- World War II
- Discussion of American culture with Skype partner

Functions of English Class
- Presentations about American culture
- Teaching Japanese culture at local elementary and high schools
- Travel language & problem solving
- Class with American students to talk about travel destinations and culture
- E-pal project

Career Development Class
- Research Japanese companies
- Discussion class with CWU students to learn about workplace differences between the US and Japan
- Panel of Japanese working in the US

TOEIC Class
- Pronunciation practice - sound alike words
- Listening practice
- Vocabulary building through reading English books

Integrated English Skills Class
- Interview 10 Americans and 10 international students about their Discovery Project topic
- Global Service Learning Project

Monthly Summary

This month, students were very active in 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. Each week, students have at least two classes combined with CWU classes and at least 5 classes with CWU class volunteers. More than 50% of AUAP classes involve working with CWU students which means lots of chances to make connections with American students and learn together.

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 first Service Learning Project this month. Each month students are required to participate in a volunteer event. After the activity, they write a reflection about their experience, expectations, and how volunteering helped them learn more deeply about Ellensburg and themselves.

All AUAP students have the opportunity to use their English skills through creative projects like E-pal and Skype Project. Students are increasing their tech skills as well as improving their communication.
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Volunteering

Students got involved on campus with CWU Homecoming festivities, and explored off campus by going Day Camping, experiencing a "Farm Day" in the country, taking a trip to Seattle with other international students, and going to "Get Air" trampoline park and shopping in Yakima. The AUAP Friends Club has gotten AUAP & CWU students together to make & enjoy onigiri, to watch a horror movie, and to put on a Halloween Party.

Halloween was high point this month, with many activities on and off campus related to the popular holiday. During the "Haunting at Central," CWU turned off all the lights in the Rec Center and students hunted costumed "zombies" with Nerf guns. In the Student Union building, students went black light bowling, watched scary movies, explored a haunted house, and enjoyed free food and drinks. On the day of Halloween, many AUAP students dressed up, and CWU organizations and clubs--including the AUAP Friends Club--made booths with activities for over 300 children to come do "trick or treating" at Boo Central.

Activities

- Visits to a local Preschool
- After School Safe Place Visit - interacting with elementary kids
- Wildcat Tailgate - Sharing Japanese culture & CWU spirit at Homecoming
- International Cafes - Cultural topics with students from around the world
- Olmstead Cleanup - Clean & maintain a historical site with CWU students
- Boo Central - Providing Halloween experiences for 300+ kids in town
- Wildcat Neighborhood Farm - readying the farm for winter & spring planting

October Student Services Highlights

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Visiting

- Offices of International Students & AUAP Trips to Seattle
- AUAP Friends Club activities
- Japanese Culture Nights
- CWU Intramural Sports
- Get Air Trampolines in Yakima
- AUAP Ambassador Award
- Farm Day
- Day Camping Trip
- Pumpkin Carving & Costume Contest
- Halloween events like Haunting at Central, Rocky Horror Picture Show, CWU Friend Halloween Parties, etc.