### September Topics & Skills:

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

#### Integrated English Skills Class
- Global Service Learning Project
- Interview practice
- Discovery Project topic selection

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

#### TOEIC Class
- Vocabulary building
- Listening practice
- Parts of Speech

#### American Studies Class
- Native American culture
- Slavery and US Civil War

### Monthly Summary

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

Students also began working on their "Global Service Learning Project." Through this project, students will have the chance to learn by doing. Each student must choose a theme and then sign up for, or create, a community or cultural activity that will help them engage with the community. Students will share, learn, and contribute through service. This project gives each student the ability to choose what they want to learn and how they want to connect with the community. This cycle, the most popular themes are: Children, Teaching/Education, Cultural Exchange, People/Community and Environment.

Another highlight for students has been improving their small talk skills. For one homework assignment, students were given a free "coffee card" and had to invite a roommate or American friend out for coffee or ice cream at local café. While sharing coffee or ice cream, they had to practice conversational skills as well as bond with their new friend. Each class has also had at least three classes with another CWU class. These special classes give our students a chance to meet new CWU students and learn together.
Monthly Summary

Students participated in many activities at the beginning of AUAP teaching their American counterparts about Japan, Japanese culture, and themselves, which helped them think about their identities as Japanese people in a foreign culture.

Other activities like going to the Central Washington State Fair and participating in game nights, welcome parties, and roommate activities, helped them explore more of their surroundings and start to make good relationships with local people. Activities like Buskers in the 'Burg and visiting a local preschool gave students feelings of accomplishment for being able to help people.

Volunteering

- 3 "Japan Goes Central" visits to other residence halls to teach CWU students about Japanese culture
- Equity Services Council Block Party
- Visit to a local Preschool
- Buskers in the 'Burg - assisting with activities for children at the event

September Student Services Highlights

Activities

- City International Student Welcome
- International Student Welcome Party
- Residence Hall Welcome Parties
- Roommate Activities put on by each IPA and her group
- AUAP Friends Club Game Night
- Central Washington State Fair Trip
- House Cup Competitions
- AUAP Ambassador Award

One of the ways we challenge students to get the most out of their 5 months in the U.S. is by encouraging them to complete challenges in a competition to win the CWU House Cup trophy every few weeks. The challenges are to take positive actions like "use the greetings learned in class to meet 5 new people," or "speak only English from 9am-9pm." Beck Hall won the first competition this week!