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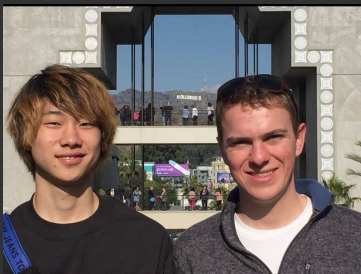
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From roommates to friends

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Photo Credit: Koya Kobayashi

One of our students, Koya, created a bond with his domestic roommate, James. During the long winter break, Koya was able to visit his roommate in his hometown of Los Angeles, CA. His stay lasted about one week.



Koya said, "They welcomed me kindly and sometimes I do videocalls. I stayed in his house, so I felt an American family lifestyle. It is very different from dormitory's life. I experienced many things such as surfing and cycling there. It was a really precious time for me."

Coming of Age Ceremony

Seijin Shiki

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Photo Credit: Beverly Moeser

The Coming of Age Ceremony is a tradition in Japan that celebrates those entering adulthood. It occurs on the second Monday of every year, and those who participate have turned twenty recently or will be turning



twenty within a few months. When the ESL department holds this ceremony, it is held on the second Monday after arriving back from our Winter break.

Our students from Japan and CGE staff

Mio and Miyu were two of our eleven students who participated in this year's Coming of Age Ceremony. They explained that "In Japan, we congratulate those who turned or will turn 20 years old. Women wear a Furisode (kimono) at the ceremony in Japan. Only new adults can attend the ceremony in Japan. However, we were celebrated by our friendship family, roommates, and other international friends. It was a valuable experience for us." Following the ceremony, we were able to celebrate the students with pizza, sushi, cake, ice cream, and sparkling grape juice.

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Forever Friendships

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Kenta Sasaki, a current ESL Student had a lucky experience while studying at St. Norbert College. While having friends within the program, he was also able to make friends outside of the ESL program. One of these is his roommate, Andrew.

Kenta and Andrew Ice Skating in Titledown

"I have a lot of memories since I came here in August. I have a roommate, Andrew. He likes playing games, so he usually plays games in his free time. He started studying Japanese since last semester. Originally, he seemed to be interested in Japanese culture, such as animation, manga, food, and so on. We don't often talk with each other while we are in our room. I like talking with friends, but in my room, I prefer doing my business and I would like to cherish my personal space. If other people see our lifestyle, they may think we are incompatible. However, it's not true. I'm very comfortable living with him. I think I have found the best roommate in De Pere. I've never experienced living in a shared room, but I think it's not bad. We have many benefits to living together because I want to learn American culture and English and he can teach me them as well as vice versa. I learned a lot of things from him, so I really appreciate him. I still remember in the beginning of last semester he invited me and Mai, one of the Japanese exchange students, to his family's cottage. There was me, Andrew, Mai, Fortuna (his sister), his brother, and his grandmother. We spent two days at the cottage playing card games, studying, and swimming in the lake. If I'm reminded of this memory, it feels like the old days, but it was only a semester ago. I wish I could go back to that time because I am going back to Japan soon. Every moment I spend time with him and my friends is a good memory for me. I would like to say Thank you for everything to Andrew."

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Exploring the United States

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Yuga, Isse, and Shohei in CA

Saint Norbert College has a Winter break for the holidays that occur throughout December and January. This year, Winter break was from December 14, 2019 – January 26, 2020, so many students took the opportunity to travel to new states. Shohei Harada, a current ESL student, took a trip over winter break. “From January 5th to 10th, we, two other ESL students and I, went to LA as a short trip. We visited a lot of places like Disney Land, Universal Hollywood, Santa Monica, and so on. All of them

were excellent, and I had been breathtaking during the trip. If I picked the best, I would choose Disney Land. Every moment was beautiful and fascinated me.” A few of our other students also traveled to Florida, New York, Las Vegas, and Hawaii.

Fun Fact!

Upcoming Events:

Some American foods our ESL students enjoy:

- Chili
- Hamburgers
- Pizza
- Hot chicken wings

Some American foods our ESL students don't enjoy as much:

- French fries
- Oatmeal

Spring Break: March 14- 22, 2020

Advisement: April 1 & 7, 2020

Easter Break: April 10-13, 2020

Final Exams: May 11-15, 2020