

# ST. NORBERT COLLEGE ESL PRESS

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## SPRING AT LAST

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For the first time in almost two years, this spring finally felt like a return to normalcy at St. Norbert College, and our ESL students were finally able to experience this with us in person due in no small part to the cooperation of all of our students and faculty in complying with the school's mask mandates.



Caption: Mohamed Yaou Yahaya, Lilian Morales Puerto, and Auky Cabascango in Titledown District



Caption: Mohamed Yaou Yahaya, Auky Cabascango, and Lilian Morales Puerto at Lambeau Field

## ICE SKATING AT TITLETOWN

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On February 16, 2022, our ESL students were able to take full advantage of the cold weather by going ice skating at the Titledown District.

Mohamed commented, "Titledown was a big, new experience. It was so exciting and a little bit scary because I haven't been able to master ice skating."

## GREEN BAY PACKERS TOUR

WRITTEN BY: JOHN HORAN, AUKY CABASCANGO, LILIAN MORALES PUERTO

It was essential that our ESL students complete their experience in Green Bay with a tour of Lambeau Field, which they did on March 9, 2022.

Auky remarked that it "was an amazing experience." Lilian added, "First, because it looks so different in real life from what you see on TV, and second, because you have to go to Lambeau Field if you want to know a little about WI history."

## ESL MISSION

We are here to enable students to acquire the language and cultural skills necessary to read, write, speak, and understand American English for academic and professional purposes.

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# OUR SPRING 1, 2022 IN-PERSON ESL STUDENTS

## Mohammed Yaou Yahaya, Niger

On the topic of his experience at SNC, Mohammed states that some of his favorite things are the professional educators, kind students, and “buffet” of meals offered in our cafeteria. He says that the teachers for all of his classes are very patient with him, and find news every day to keep the class fun. Mohammed's advice to new students is “not to be shy,” to reach out to others for help when you need it, and most importantly, “pack warm!!!”

## Auky Cabascango Conteron, Ecuador

Auky lauds the relationships that our American students are able to foster with him and his fellow international students. He states that there is always a common “respect” between the two groups, which allows for easier socializing. Auky enjoys the ways that professors differentiate their methods of teaching each day, especially when our professors are able to incorporate music or movies into their lessons. Auky's main advice is, “Don't be shy, make a lot of friends, and come prepared for winter!”

## Lilian Morales Puerto, Colombia

Lilian notes that the best part about coming to the English a Second Language Program is getting to go back to classes again, and this time getting to learn about things outside of her medical practice. Lilian encourages new students “to not be afraid of making mistakes” as “you will find teachers and people who want you to improve your language.”



## SPRING 1, 2022 ONLINE ESL PROGRAM

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In addition to welcoming ESL students back on our SNC campus in person, we continue to offer online course delivery to students who are still unable to travel to the U.S.

As a result, for 5 weeks this spring, we also welcomed a group of students from Musashi University in Japan who studied with us virtually from February 7 to March 11, 2022. We really enjoyed working with these students in 5 classes: Writing, Reading, Listening, Speaking, and U.S. Society.



Caption: Musashi University students in U.S. Society Zoom class with Ms. Christina Hankwitz and the SNC conversation partners

The students themselves have commented how much they've enjoyed their time with us despite the distance. Sota Omiya remarks that his main goal in this program was “to get confidence to be able to keep studying English. Fortunately, the teachers taught us very kindly and gave me not only vocabulary and knowledge about English, but also a lot of confidence.”

Asuka Otsuki adds that “during this online program, professors gave us many chances to speak in classes and do presentations”.

Haruka Yamashita reflects on how this program gave her a unique opportunity to “talk with SNC students” who visited our classes regularly as conversation partners. This “was a very fun and informative opportunity. I also learned a lot [from] invited guest speakers every week.” To conclude, “this program made me more confident about speaking English.” All the best to all! Perhaps we'll meet in person one day!