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SUNSHINE AND SMILES

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With the weather heating up, so are classes as the summer ESL program is well under way. Our ESL students have an incredible drive to learn the English language through meaningful immersion here at SNC. Throughout the summer there have been many wonderful experiences to embrace the American culture and make new memories.



Caption: Summer ESL students pose by the Lambeau Leap statue on a class field trip.

LEAPING AT LAMBEAU

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On June 16, 2023 our students had the opportunity to take a tour of Lambeau Field. This experience was new and exciting for all of our students.

Prior to taking the tour at Lambeau, the students learned a bit about the history of the Packers and the organization from Rob Hankwitz. They were able to also learn the famous Packers cheer: "GO PACK GO!"

On the tour, students were taken through the Atrium and up to one of the club suites to see the stadium from the top. Then the tour led past the official home locker room, through the players' tunnel, and to the field where the students practiced the cheer and were able to take some photos.

Honoka Isojima shares "Lambeau Field was just so big!" "My favorite part was the cheesehead," adds Momoka Watanabe.



Caption: Our students posing in front of their pieces in an SNC art studio.

A DAY OF ART

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Another memorable experience this semester was Art Workshop with SNC's Associate Professor of Art, Katie Ries. The class received a presentation on Tibetan Prayer Flags. Following the mini-lesson, the students went to see an example of some flags that had already been made throughout the spring semester.

Prof. Ries then took our students to an art studio on campus and taught them some creative games where they were encouraged to be spontaneous and go where their minds took them.

"I got a sense of community when I was drawing on the prayer flags," says Momoka Watanabe.

Now, the completed Prayer Flags can be seen hanging on the east side of Walter Theatre. All are encouraged to walk by and see the finished artwork!

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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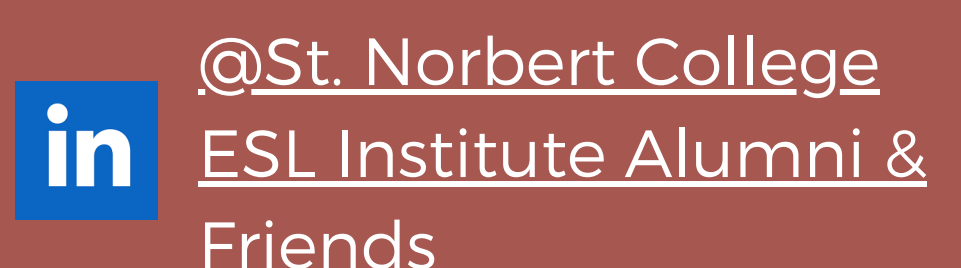
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P2P PROGRAM

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The P2P Program offers opportunities for students to engage in cultural activities outside of a classroom context. These events are planned by the Peer-to-Peer Mentor and are completely optional. This summer they have included a food truck event, a trip to Bay Beach, a game night, brunch at The Exchange restaurant, an Independence Day Picnic, a yoga event, group hammocking, and so much more! This program was a major success this summer, as all students engaged in various P2P programming throughout the session, immersing themselves in the culture and practicing their English in authentic situations.

Far Top Left (L to R): Momoka Watanabe, Yuka Watanabe, and Aya Tanii smile with their frozen treat on an outing to De Pere's Zesty's Frozen Custard.

Far bottom Left (L to R): Karin Kamiyo (not pictured), Aya Tanii, Honoka Isojima, Yuka Watanabe, and Momoka Uchiya (not pictured) took a break from studies to play some card games in the basement of Burke.

Left (L to R): Yuka Watanabe, Aya Tanii, Airi Shibayama, Honoka Isojima, Momoka Watanabe, and Momoka Uchiya took a trip to Bay Beach Amusement Park where they rode many new roller coasters and tried some new ice cream treats.



OUR SUMMER 2023 ESL STUDENTS

NEW ESL STUDENTS

Three students joined our spring students for the summer program at the beginning of June 2023. They represent a range of language levels, experiences, and personalities. Each expressed excitement about coming to America to improve their English and meet students from diverse cultures and backgrounds!

Sr. Aurelia Maria Michnakova, Slovakia

Sr. Aurelia is a Norbertine sister joining us from Slovakia. She had taken an online SNC's ESL course back in 2020 but hadn't been able to come to Wisconsin due to COVID-19 pandemic until this summer. She has visited California two other times but is glad to finally have "The opportunity to improve [her] English in an English-speaking environment on SNC campus." She also likes that the program helps students to "improve in all areas: reading, writing, listening, and grammar."

Kohei Yamada, Japan

Kohei joined us from Kyoto, Japan and is part of the Totani professional program. He shares, "People [here] are very kind, and I'm grateful for all the support they provide" and he loves the "wonderful environment" and thinks the "squirrels are so cute!"

Fr. Vincenzo Cretella, Italy

Fr. Vincenzo is diocesan priest from Rome, Italy. He comes to us from Pontifical Gregorian University and is very enthusiastic about his studies here. He is very active in classes and loves to participate. He states "The best part of my stay here is improving my English and meeting new people from all over the world." He also likes having "the possibility of studying during the summer."



Caption: Fr. Juan (left) and Kohei (right) pose in the Packer Pro Shop.



Caption (L to R): Kohei, Sr. Aurelia (middle), and Fr. Vincenzo (right) smile in the sunshine during an outdoor class in June.

