

# ST. NORBERT COLLEGE ESL PRESS

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## HEATING THINGS UP

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While the rest of the SNC student body is on summer break, our ESL program is in full swing. In June and July, ESL students participate in many courses to not only improve their English skills but also increase their awareness of U.S. culture. The summer season presents new events, activities, lessons, and experiences for all our students. These include group trips around the community as well as individual recreational outings.



ESL students pose in front of Seroogy's Chocolates with co-owners Mr. Jim and Joe Seroogy, and a staff member and our guide, Ms. Mary.

### SMILES AT SEROOGY'S

On June 14, 2024 our students walked across the bridge to visit De Pere's favorite chocolate and candy shop, Seroogy's. A long-time staff member, Mary, shared with us a bit of the company's history as well as a few delicious samples. Our group was very lucky to also meet Mr. Jim and Joe Seroogy, the brothers who inherited the store and now co-own it.

Amilcar Lopez recalls, "The staff explained some of the history of Seroogy's in De Pere and how they make the chocolates."

On the same day, students also visited the De Pere Locks to learn about this important local operation.

Yu Nakamura reflects, "It was a precious experience to open the De Pere Locks by myself. At Seroogy's, I found chocolates in many shapes and flavors. The whole trip was really enjoyable!"

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Students jump under the antler arch at the NEW Zoo!

### ZING AT THE ZOO

On July 12, 2024 our students took a trip to the NEW Zoo & Adventure Park in Green Bay. Students were able to see many of the animals as they were out and about in their exhibits. Some students even had the chance to feed and pet some animals like the goats and giraffes!

Kanon Hasegawa shares, "I really liked it because I was able to see animals such as a badger and a river otter that are hard to see in Japan. I was especially happy when I fed the giraffes. It was my first time so I was a little scared, but I was happy when the giraffe ate the leaves from my hand. I was surprised that its tongue was so long."

Mayuko Sugihara adds, "I fed the giraffe. Its face was so close and I could see its purple tongue, so it was fun. The monkey section is decorated by Japanese-ish buildings and trees, which shows how Japan looks."

It was a great day!

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## 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.

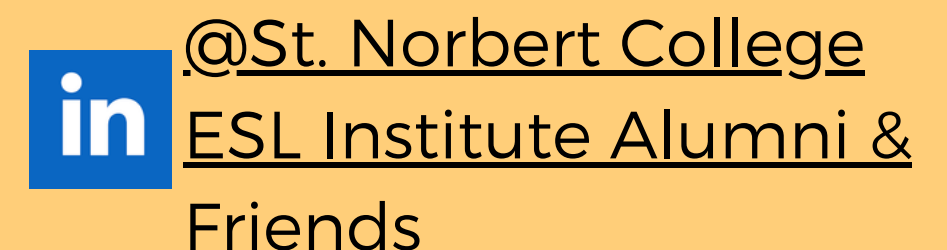
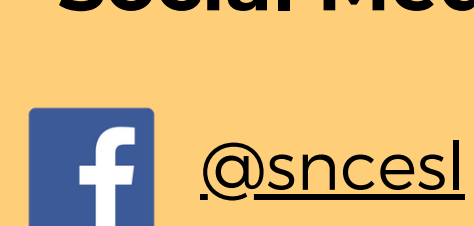
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# SUNNY SEASON

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**Top Left (L to R):** Fumiaki, Yukino, Kai, and Sara visit the Green Bay Farmer's Market held on Broadway. New foods, music, and the wide variety of vendors were all a great cultural experience.

**Top Right (L to R):** Summer students (Sara, Mayuko, Kanon, and Fumiaki) pose with the ESL activities coordinator Julia Lyga at a Green Bay Packers baseball game. Julia shares, "My favorite memory from this summer was the baseball game. We caught 2 baseballs, which was so exciting, and they will be neat souvenirs!"



**Bottom Left (L to R):** Our students (Sara, Yu, Kanon, Mayuko, Fr. Juan, Yukino, Kai, and Fumiaki) take a photo at the movie theatre after watching *Inside Out 2*, which the students were very excited to see after its long-anticipated release in the middle of June.

**Bottom Right:** Julia Lyga is a double Spanish and International Studies major entering her fourth year at SNC. She shares, "I love spending time with our ESL students because I get to learn about their cultures while seeing mine through different eyes. It helps me appreciate the here and now while forming bonds with people from all over the world. Having been an international student as well, I know what a great difference it makes to have someone in your corner, so I am happy to be that person for them!"

## SUMMER 2024 ESL STUDENTS AND STAFF

Many students and staff from the spring joined us this summer, but we also welcomed a few new faces. What an awesome group in our summer ESL family!

Fumiaki is our new ESL summer student from Totani Corporation. He shared that "The variety of activities held by this program provide opportunities to interact with people outside the university." Fumiaki definitely embraced these opportunities. On trips, he would always love to see the ins and outs of everything with his curious personality!

**Fumiaki Okubo, Japan**



### Maggie Donegan

Maggie is an English Education student entering her fourth year at SNC. This is her second summer working with the ESL students as a tutor and CGE assistant. "I really like working with the students as I can help them improve their English writing skills, especially with research papers. Writing is difficult for native speakers, so I always try to emphasize how impressive these students are to boost their confidence!"



### Corri Gossen

Corri has taught in the SNC ESL program for 27 years. Throughout her time she has taught all of the classes offered for ESL students. Corri shares, "I love working with the ESL students at SNC. This summer's group has been one of my favorites! Everyone has been working hard in all of their classes and their English skills are definitely improving. It has been fun teaching them in all of the classes this summer!"



### Carole Basak

Carole has served the SNC community for several decades. She used to work for the Office of Academic Success, Support, and Accessibility. After retiring, she increased her involvement in the ESL program. Carole has taught a variety of classes, most recently primarily the advanced writing courses. She reflects on this summer with great fondness, as she "enjoyed everyone's smiles and stories."



### Jana Dettlaff

Jana joined the ESL Institute in 2005 as an ESL Instructor, and later became Academic Coordinator and ESL Director. What brings her most joy about the SNC ESL students is "watching them grow and learning of how their SNC experience helped them achieve academic and professional success. This ESL family is very proud of all our students!"



## NYC

**Mayuko S., Sara S., Yu N., Kanon H., Kai M., and Yukino H.**

Between the spring and summer semesters, a few students embraced their time off with adventures! This group took a trip around the United States to see some of the tourist destinations as they went to Chicago, Seattle, Boston, Washington, D.C., and New York City. Definitely an adventure of a lifetime!

