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ALL IS MERRY AND BRIGHT

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Though the weather outside is becoming frightful, our ESL students have not lost their incredible drive to learn the English language through meaningful immersion here at SNC. While most of them are preparing to head home, we often catch ourselves reminiscing about their wonderful experiences here throughout the semester.



Caption: Sr. Hoai Vu and Sr. My Tran learn from a Green Knight how to properly handle a football.

FOOTBALL CLINIC

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On November 10, 2022, our ESL and international exchange students had the opportunity to participate in a football clinic led by the SNC football team. For many of the international students, this was a completely new and highly educational experience.

Sr. Hoai said the football clinic was very fun, and that she "gained valuable knowledge about the rules of football." She can now understand it better when she watches it on TV. She is accustomed to the rules of soccer because it is the most common sport in Vietnam, but she had never learned anything specific about football before this clinic.

Sr. My said the clinic was "an unforgettable memory" and that she "enjoyed the time with the football players and fellow ESL and international students."



Caption: Our Fall 2 ESL students on the excursion to Madison, WI.

A VISIT TO THE CAPITOL

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Another memorable experience this semester was the cultural excursion to Wisconsin's capital, Madison. Students were able to walk around the city and visit the Capitol building and Wisconsin Aviation, a private airline company and flight school in Madison. They were taught about the different parts and controls of planes and were even able to sit in some of the small private jets.

Chihiro recounted that the Capitol building was beautiful and that she especially enjoyed seeing the courtrooms.

Sr. My enjoyed the Capitol dome observation deck overlooking the city and the lakes surrounding it.

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STRONG ROOMMATE BONDS

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Caption: Sakura Hinokihara (L) and her roommate Macy Edwards at a Packer game.



Caption: Akari Ota and her roommates Wren Mason (L) and Sigrid Fitschen (R) at Akari's presentation in Todd Wehr Hall.

Many of our ESL students create wonderful friendships with their roommates and other students on campus. And while every student eventually bids farewell to SNC, it is these friendships that last a lifetime.

Sakura Hinokihara (St. Agnes University, Japan) feels "really blessed with roommates." Both Macy and Allison "are very nice and kind." Favorite memories for Sakura include a Packer game with Macy and her family as well as spending Thanksgiving (and eating smoked and baked turkey) with Macy's family in Iron Mountain, MI.

Akari Ota (St. Agnes University, Japan) remembers very fondly her roommates' surprise visit to her presentation about Japan in Todd Wehr Hall during the International Education Week (November 2022). Sigrid and Wren were a great audience and they topped their surprise by delivering a much welcomed bite to eat for Akari that afternoon.

Mana Sagawa (St. Agnes University, Japan) has a favorite memory of her roommate Maddie from the time they went together to a jewelry store to make necklaces. The necklace Mana made there with Maddie is her "treasure forever."

OUR FALL 2022 ESL STUDENTS

TESTIMONIES FROM OUR NEWEST STUDENTS

Sr. Hoai Vu, Vietnam



Sr. Hoai started studying here for the Fall 2 session. She likes the warm and helpful atmosphere at SNC and loved seeing the fall colors which she came just in time for. The football clinic was particularly memorable for her and she wants to learn more about sports. She appreciates how many study areas there are and notes that is very convenient. Sr. Hoai will be here for the rest of the academic year to complete the ESL program, and subsequently pursue her theological studies in the U.S.

Sr. My Tran, Vietnam



Sr. My joined us at the start of our Fall 2 session. She really enjoys the friendly environment on campus and how the students are always willing to help her. The residential community helps her feel more integrated into the campus culture at SNC. She likes talking to domestic students and the staff at Old St. Joe's church. Sr. My values the help she receives from her teachers and tutors in and out of class. Like Sr. Hoai, Sr. My will be staying here for the rest of the academic year and then hopes to continue her studies in theology.

Chihiro Sato, Japan

Chihiro came to SNC for the Fall 2 ESL session. She was surprised by how cold it has gotten here. She will continue studying in the warmer California for the next four months. She thought it was interesting to see college sports firsthand and liked watching basketball and football as that was a new experience for her. There are no sports at her home college.

Naoto Harada, Japan

Naoto was only in our ESL program for a short time this Fall 2, but he had a great time here and especially enjoyed the trip to Madison. He also took lots of time to admire the beauty of the Wisconsin outdoors during his month here.



Caption: Fall 2 new ESL students (L to R): Sr. My Tran, Sr. Hoai Vu, Naoto Harada, and Chihiro Sato.

