

NCC Monthly Report (August – October, 2018)

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Language and Cultural Immersion Program

During the summer break before the semester started I joined the two week language program in which we had English classes in the morning and cultural experiences in the afternoon. The students and counselors who were students at NCC and supported the program were very diverse from different countries such as



Japan, US, Germany, Argentina, France, Bhutan and Morocco. Through learning



English and experiencing American cultures, I could understand about the place where I would live for 8 month and also I could have great time to prepare for my exchange program. In addition, those students became my life-long friends and we made strong connection.

Welcome Week at NCC

Welcome Week at NCC was one of the big differences from Japanese universities that I was surprised. In this week, we, freshmen, new transfers, and international students had a lot of events in order to make friends, to understand about the college more and to get



used to the college life of NCC. I could have great time and precious opportunities to communicate other American students and international students.

Fall Term 2018 at NCC



I have been taking three classes in this term, English as a Second Language, German and Foundation of Teaching ESL. Each class gives me a lot of opportunities to improve my English and teaching skills. Especially, German class is so helpful for me to think about language learners' feelings when they learn new language, and also education

class makes my teaching knowledge broaden by discussing with American students and thinking from various perspectives. Since we have a lot of homework, we almost always study until midnight at the library, which is sometimes very hard. However, I enjoy studying with my friends, and my favorite is studying outside with coffee from Starbucks on campus.



Extracurricular Activities

As extracurricular activities, I enjoy some club activities here since I am a member of international club, Asian club, and Japan club. Also, I am working as an assistant in Japanese class to support their learning. This chance also helps me to update my teaching knowledge. On free time, I enjoy cooking



with friends and watching movies. I have watched more than 20 movies since I came here. I learn not only English but also many cultural things from all activities I do even if it is just hanging out with friends.

TOBITATE Research

As a scholar of TOBITATE, I am working on the research about the interactive learning. In the summer program, I conducted a brief survey about interaction in the school and at home, and compared between American students and Japanese students. It was meaningful for me to understand the foundation information of this research. Now, I have been contacting with teachers of local schools near the college and I am going to have some school observation in the following weeks.

