This month, students started their regular AUAP classes and had many opportunities to practice their skills with WWU classroom volunteers. They are quickly improving their skills and confidence!

In Integrated English Skills class, students began working on their research project, which they will work on for the next four months. Students selected their topics and developed interview questions based on their topic. They also started writing introductions to their research paper. In addition, students learned how to use Microsoft Word, especially keyboarding and formatting skills.

In Career Exploration class, students set up job and career goals after interviewing WWU students about what jobs they are thinking about after graduation. Students also started working on a study abroad portfolio which they will work on throughout the cycle. This will be something that they can use for job applications, job interviews, and to support their resumes.

In Functions class, students covered several topics to give them more confidence as they go about daily life on campus and in the community, and to help them deepen their relationships with WWU students and community members. Students also participated in a fun campus scavenger hunt and another scavenger hunt downtown to help them become familiar with the resources on campus and with locations in the community.
March was full of exciting activities and events! Students met many members of the WWU and Bellingham community at the Campus and Community Friend Gatherings! They enjoyed getting to know each other through conversation and games, and started making plans to meet up again in the future. Our Campus and Community Friends provide a valuable window into American culture outside of the classroom!

Another highlight of March was the Vancouver Excursion! Students got a full day in the city, enjoying various sightseeing locations such as Stanley Park, the Vancouver Aquarium, and Robson Street. Plenty of students also ate their way around the city enjoying the various international foods and snacks the city has to offer.

IPAs also hosted a variety of activities this month including a bowling party, Trampoline Zone for college night, and a cookout. Cooking has been a popular activity as some of our students start feeling the impact of cultural adjustment. AUAP students and IPAs have been cooking delicious foods such as Japanese hot pot, Japanese fried chicken, and ramen together. They have also made some American staple foods such as spaghetti and beef stew.

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