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LEAPING FORWARD INTO 2024

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Spring 2024 brought not only new weather to Wisconsin but something much better as well: NEW STUDENTS! With 10 new ESL students coming **from Japan, Türkiye, and Honduras**, the English as a Second Language program is in full swing. Students are excited to embrace the opportunities and events that St.

Norbert has to offer, including meeting new people, trying new foods, and visiting new places. And they have of course all been improving their English, too!



Spring ESL students pose in front of the State Capitol in Madison, Wisconsin.

MEMORIES IN MADISON

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On April 9, 2024 our students had the opportunity to visit Wisconsin's State Capitol. ESL and a few exchange students headed to Madison, Wisconsin to visit the Chazen Museum of Art on UW-Madison campus, stroll through State Street, and tour the Capitol building.

Sister Hoai Tran says "This was a great opportunity to explore some new things in the United States, especially in Wisconsin. I visited the Chazen Museum, State Street, and the State Capitol. Each of them had a special character. It was truly the best memory!"

Mayuko Sugihara shares "I experienced many different things. The Chazen Museum was very attractive because there are various art works that I had never seen before. I saw some Japanese art works and it made me happy! Walking along State Street was also exciting. I enjoyed the food and clothing shops. I went to the Capitol building and both inside and outside were beautiful. I like the design of each room."



Our ESL students look at the sky moments before the solar eclipse.

ECLIPSE IN ESL EYES

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Another memorable experience this semester was when our ESL students got the chance to witness a solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. Standing on the 2nd floor balcony of Bemis International Center, the students were able to use the eclipse viewers to watch the Moon travel in front of the Sun. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that no one will forget!

Sister Tuyen Pham shares "I was glad and interested in seeing this because it was the first time I saw a solar eclipse. It was exciting when I saw the magic come to life like this!"

The students were also invited outside the GMS (science) building where physics students had set up telescopes with special filters for students to get a closer look at the sun.

Ilker Usta also shared his thoughts stating "I hadn't had the experience of a solar eclipse before that. It was my first time and we watched it with my classmates. It was a great experience in my life!"

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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SPECTACULAR SPRING

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Top Left: Kenta Yamauchi tries out the virtual reality simulators in the SNC Tech Bar Studio. Students were able to travel the world virtually, see the 3D printer in action, and walk "the plank" at the top of a skyscraper. It was a great day spent exploring various VR capabilities.

Bottom Left: Spring 2 students take a photo with the statue "Forward" in front of the Capitol building in Madison, WI.

Top Right: Spring 1 ESL students pose with the SNC's Sophomore Block Teacher Education students. These groups met frequently throughout the semester to get to know one another and converse. While the ESL students practiced their English with native speakers, the Education students gained experience in working and communicating with English language learners.

Bottom Right: In February, students had a fun excursion to Titledown park to ice skate. Spring 1 ESL students were joined by a few fellow SNC international students (exchange and degree-seeking). All had fun trying out their ice-skating skills and enjoying a popular Wisconsin winter pastime.



OUR SPRING 2024 ESL STUDENTS & STUDENT ASSISTANTS

MEET THE STUDENTS

This semester several new students, who represent a range of cultural and linguistic backgrounds, experiences, and personalities, joined our ESL program. We are so happy to have you all here!

Yoshiki was our first ESL student this Spring semester from Totani Corporation. He shared that "Ice skating in Titledown was so fun!" and that it was his favorite outing. After trying some new foods on campus he determined that the "Crispy Chicken wrap was so nice."

Yoshiki Inoue, Japan



Kenta was our second student this Spring semester from Totani Corporation. Similar to Yoshiki, he liked the food element of campus sharing that he "liked the cafeteria since there are many kinds of dishes and they taste so good!" He also shared that "the day trip to Madison" was his favorite program event.

Kenta Yamauchi, Japan



ESL TUTORS

Olivia Arza, Maggie Donegan, & Macy Edwards

Olivia (Top L) and Maggie (Top R) are both English Education majors, who have tutored the SNC ESL students in general English, advanced writing, and Business English since Spring 2023.

Macy (Bottom) is studying biomedical science and has been a global roommate for several of our international students. Macy has been an ESL tutor and Peer-to-Peer coordinator since Spring 2023.



Guest Speaker: Fr. Jim Neilson

One of our several guest presenters this semester was Fr. Neilson, who enthusiastically discussed the works of art seen in the Chazen Museum of Art, all in preparation for our trip to Madison. This was a very engaging and meaningful way to learn about what we would see at the Chazen in person shortly afterwards!

