On the morning of August 7th, eleven International students and three Kure Students went to the Olympic Mountains accompanied by our International Student advisor Akiko and our English teacher Joyce.

“It was a wonderful landscape that I saw from the Olympic Mountains. The difference from Japanese mountains made me excited. We met squirrels and deer on the road. The Mountains were beautiful and the lake was clear. I enjoyed the Mountain & Hike event.”

—Sayaka (Japan)

“It was my first time going on a hike. The weather was good, so we could enjoy the view of the mountain. It was great and beautiful. Then we went to a lake where many people were swimming and kayaking. I would do that if I had time and also if I had my swimsuit. Anyway, it was a valuable experience for me.” —Hikaru (Japan)
On August 14th, the international students went to visit the Tacoma Car Museum and to Tacoma Mall with our English teacher Joyce. The students and Joyce liked this event and some of them expressed it with some words:

“I was pleased to take a group of students to the LEMAY car museum in Tacoma Washington this summer. It was my first time, and it was worth it! There are four floors of automotive history and culture to enjoy and admire, and a couple of students took advantage of the chance to drive on an $80,000 race car simulator! I think we all had our favorite car picked out. I sure wanted more than one!”

—Joyce

Every summer, high school students from Kure come to America to live with American families and also high school American students go to Japan to live with Japanese host families for 3 weeks. August 19th was the last day of Kure students in America. There were tears in both sides, students and host families, however the students said they spent their best moments with the American families and they hope to come back.

Aya (Japan)
Van (Vietnam)
Garyoung (Korea)
Yanlin (China)