Orientation Week

From September 16th to 20th, we had a great orientation with our new international students from many different countries, our staff, and student leaders!

The orientation week is a great chance for us to help and get to know new students because we are the guidance for most of the students who come to the US for the first time. We take several days to introduce everyone, learn information about OC and the US, and play games with students so they can feel comfortable speaking in English. Our staff members did a great job to teach students everything from how to fill out official forms to sharing information about American culture. Our peer mentors especially worked closely with each student to answer any questions.

At the end of the orientation, we also had a field trip to Seattle! Everyone enjoyed the trip to Seattle because it was a new place for students to visit. Since we have a large group of new students, we divided into five groups to walk around popular places like Pike Place Market, Space Needle, and International District. It was a long but very important day during the orientation since Seattle is the biggest and closest city from Bremerton. This trip allowed the new international students to get to know each other and the student leaders better. It was not an easy job for everyone to walk around in Seattle with people they are not familiar with, but it was also a chance for everyone to practice how to communicate with different people and everyone indeed did a great job! We are so excited to have them in the fall quarter!

-Lingli from China
New International Office Assistants

Hello everyone! My name is Aya Furukawa and I started work as an Office Assistant this fall quarter. My first quarter attending OC was Summer 2017 so I have been here for 2 years and few months. I am also a Peer Mentor. I love watching movies and listening to music. I am pop-music person so I am happy to have conversation about pop-music! I am really happy and excited to work as an Office Assistant and Peer Mentor again! Please say hi to me when you see me in campus or in our office! I would love to talk to you all!!

Hello! I'm Yen! I'm from Taoyuan, Taiwan. I love traveling, singing, swimming, playing piano and chatting. This is my second year at OC, and I major in business. I love to know new things and talk to people. I've been to 13 countries so far, and I will continue my world-traveling soon. I work as an Activity Coordinator at the Office of International Education and Study Abroad. I'll be organizing events and helping set up activities throughout the quarter. Everyone is welcome to participate! Bring your friends along! Please feel free to talk to me whenever you see me around!

Treasure Box

The temperature is getting colder and colder. Since Washington has lots of evergreen trees, we don’t usually see the change of nature or trees, but in Japan, the color of leaves is getting darker and darker as the temperature gets lower. Autumn foliage, called Koyo, begins from around this season, and many people in Japan enjoy the beautiful red or yellow color of the leaves (you can see how beautiful it is from the picture.) Maybe you have seen the beautiful cherry blossoms near the University of Washington in spring, but you may not have seen the autumn foliage, so if you have any chances to go to Japan or any Japanese gardens in the U.S., you should definitely check them out!