Underground Tour

“Seattle in the past wasn’t like the Seattle we recognize now!”

When I heard that from the local guide leading us, countless questions came in my mind. Eventually, while walking in the trace underground of Seattle, I figured out that Seattle was a developed city that had to overcome many problems in the past. Seattle started to become developed with the cooperation's between Chief Seattle, a Suquamish and Duwamish chief among Native Americans, and Doc Maynard, Seattle’s first pioneer. Chief Seattle protected the white settlers there from the attack of Native Americans, and in the honor of Chief Seattle, Doc Maynard named the name the city Seattle from his name. After that, through fixing complicated infrastructures and getting more pioneers, Seattle became one of the biggest cities in US. The underground we walked in was pretty amazing because some traces like bathrooms and the pipes for constructions still exist there, and they are preserved almost completely enough to remind us what the life at that time among the people was like.

From a Japanese viewpoint, this entire reconstruction of city on the previous city is so unfamiliar to think of the scale of the land. Therefore, if you guys who read my reaction are International students, I highly recommend you to go there and get inspired like me. This became one of my stunning memories as the experiences in Washington. Thank you so much for having led us to such a nice location, Joyce and Dan (our IE instructors).

- Kenta from Japan

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Important Dates

Sept. 9  Fall payment deadline
Sept. 20 Last day to request 100% refund for withdrawal from classes
Sept. 23 Fall classes begin
Sept. 25 Deadline to register for class w/o instructor permission except for Continuous Enrollment (CE) classes
Sept. 27 Last day to request 80% refund for withdrawal from classes

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When you think Japanese sports, what sport do you think of? Judo, Karate, or Kendo… However, “Sumo” is known for being the most popular. Sumo is one of the Japan’s national sports, and two sumo wrestlers (called Rikishi) compete by pushing, grabbing, and throwing each other away from the circular ring (called Dohyo). Usually, Sumo tournaments or championships are held all throughout the year, but in September, an official professional sumo tournament called the Honbasho is held in Ryogoku Sumo Hall which is known for its sumo hall, in Tokyo. If you have an opportunity to go to Japan in September, watching sumo would be one option to do.

Sumo Fact—The average weight of sumo wrestlers in 2018 is 166.2 kg, which is approximately, 366.4 lbs.

Students from Shokei Gakuin University

From 8/26 to 9/6, we welcomed 10 students from Shokei Gakuin University from Japan as short term exchange students. It was only 2 weeks, and they were a little bit nervous at first, but the students were getting used to spend time in OC and U.S. We are sure that they learned a lot of things here. We hope that their experiences will help them in their future, and they will not forget that what they did, saw, and experienced here as Olympic College students.