For Winter quarter 2019, it is our Office’s pleasure to welcome eight new International Students from six different countries: Japan, Germany, China, Colombia, South Korea, and Indonesia. Despite the cold and windy weather in winter, our orientation week was extremely successful—Jayden

From our International student, Yolanda from China:

“My name is Yolanda. I have been here for two weeks. We went to Seattle on December 27, 2018. We went to the Asian store, Public Market, and Chinatown. We had so much fun and we took some photos. It was my first time to go to Seattle. I met some new friends. They are from different countries. I wish we will have great experiences at Olympic College.” -Yolanda

New year’s celebration in Seattle was fantastic. We saw very beautiful fireworks. Everyone welcomed the arrival of the New Year in the countdown. The atmosphere was amazing and emotional. That was my first I have seen fireworks in America. I will keep all of those beautiful memories and feelings in my heart. Happy New Year! - Yuxuan

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This week for our treasure box, we are going to introduce how people from China count 1-10 in sign language. Chinese has a very different way of counting numbers. From 1 to 5 they are pretty similar with how you count, but from 6 it’s very different. In many countries, people start using two hands to count numbers above 5. In China, you can count 1-10 by only using one hand. When you want to count 6, you will be only using your thumb and your pinkie. To count 7, you will put your thumb and index finger and middle finger together and by only using this three fingers to indicate number 7. When we move to 8, here is something that a lot of people would get confused. In many countries the way people from China count 8 is same as count 7 in different countries. Due to the word “八” which is 8 in Chinese is close to when the index finger and thumb are opened, Chinese people tend to count 8 by opening their index finger and thumb. For 9, you just easily bend your index finger. For 10, you need to clench a fist without people! –Siyi

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