On June 16th, the 72nd Annual Olympic College Graduation Ceremony was held at the Kitsap Sun Pavilion. 17 of our international students graduated with their Associate Degrees in different majors such as Business, Education, Art, etc. We were so happy to share in the excitement of your graduation day and are so very proud of you. Many students are transferring to 4-year universities in the states of Oklahoma, California, Oregon and Washington. The Office of International Education would like to congratulate you on your well-deserved successes and wish you the best on your next adventure!
Diversity Conference

On the day of Diversity Conference, Yutaro and I (Yuna) demonstrated Japanese Crane with Origami. We really enjoyed sharing our Japanese culture there. Through this conference, I realized that folding paper itself is also Japanese culture. I knew Origami is famous in the United States, and making shapes with a paper is popular for local people. While teaching, I understood that folding paper seems simple, but it’s not. One of the participants made an Origami paper balloon without directions or our help. I was surprised by that, but I was happy. As I grow up, the time I use Origami has become gradually less. However, through this Diversity Conference, I think that I would like to restart Origami again. Thank you for giving us this valuable opportunity.

-Yuna from Japan-

ORIENTATION WEEK

It’s summer! The days are getting longer and longer, the temperature is getting hotter and hotter, and our OC family welcomed 11 new international students from Japan, Taiwan, China, and Haiti. They started their journey through our International Orientation where our International Office staff and peer mentors tried to help them to get used to the new environment. During the orientation, we asked new students to introduce themselves and their dreams. They used great English skills to introduce themselves, and each of them has great and wonderful dreams. OC will definitely support them in achieving their dreams, and we are sure that they can achieve them in the future. On Thursday, we went to the Kitsap Mall, and on Friday to Seattle as a field trip. It was a beautiful and gorgeous day in Seattle, and our peer mentors and International Office staff took the new students to Pike Place Market, the gum wall, and the very first Starbucks. Also, we went to Space Needle to have lunch and Chinatown. At first, they seemed nervous and quiet during the orientation, but ultimately, they really enjoyed the orientation and field trips, and they became friends with each other after the orientation. Now, a new journey and special time at Olympic College awaits the new international students.

-Koki from Japan-

Happy Birthday

Sakura (Japan)  Kenta (Japan)
Amy (Taiwan)   Aya (Japan)
Lingli (China)