Student Program
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This fall semester, we have 173 students, 108 students of whom are from English Communication Department, Junior College Division. They study English and American culture through a four-month intensive program.

Another 34 are from the Education Department. These students are thinking of becoming a teacher or an educator in the near future, so their focus is on the American education system and the way of teaching classes as well as on studying English.

The other 31 students are Extension Students, who finished the regular University program in May and want to come back here to get a higher level of English skills.

The daily activities of each program are very fruitful, and besides that all of them have their own special activities. The Junior College program provides the students with a chance to visit companies in Seattle for several days to see what business in this country is like. The Education students go to elementary schools and kindergartens in the Spokane area for a week, from which they get both culture shock and many lessons. And the Extension students give a free lecture series about Japanese culture called “Discover Japan” in the first week of December. This series is open to the public, so anybody is welcome. They decided their topics last April, and since then they have done research and are still preparing.

I cordially invite community people to this event and would like you to see what our students have achieved during this semester. (Please see the second page for more information)

Bunka No Hi

We celebrated Bunka no Hi, Cultural Day, with Adams Elementary from the Central Valley School District on November 2, 2012. Our students helped show different activities like calligraphy, wearing a yukata, using chopsticks and counting, Japanese greetings, origami, and different toys. Also, a few students demonstrated kendo and karate. Thank you to all our students and staff for their help and to Adams Elementary!
Discover Japan Lecture Series
A free lecture series on topics of Japanese culture presented by Mukogawa Extension students.

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on December 4, 5, 6

Kusaka Memorial Library
Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute
4215 W. Randolph Rd., Spokane, WA

Tuesday, December 4
•Let’s Go to the Market!: The Exhilarating Ichiba in Japan
•The Development of Japanese Character: Elementary Education in Japan
•In the Shadow of Society: Homelessness in Japan
•Mystical Miyajima Island: The Small Japan of Many Gods

Wednesday, December 5
•Hidden Japanese Senses: Wabi Sabi
•The "Real" State of Affairs: Japanese Business Men and Women after 5 p.m.
•Money Changing Hands
•A Feast of the Senses: Sightseeing in Kyoto

Thursday, December 6
•The Profound and Global Japanese Language
•Japan's Legendary Classic: The Tale of Genji
•Pop! Goes the Bubble! The Japanese Economy
•The Shikoku Pilgrimage: A Journey through Life and Cleansing of the Soul

For more information, call 509-328-2971. Presentation days are subject to change.