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GLOBAL STUDIES

Exchange Student



Hana Ando is a student from Momoyamagakuin high school in Osaka, Japan. She spent her entire senior year at St. Andrew's. Hana said that she "made great memories and friends here."



What is your favorite American movie?

"Definitely. The Devil Wears Prada."



Are you planning on going to college in America? If so, where have you been accepted?

"Yes, I would like to go to college in America, and I have been accepted to Kent State University and Miami Dade College."





"I have had a lot of great experiences here. I loved Christmas because I got a lot of presents. Japanese schools don't have dances, so those are also good memories for me. Also, I really enjoyed joining sports teams at St. Andrew's. I love playing sports, but I didn't join any teams in Japan so that I could focus on studying English, so I really had a fun time with playing sports with SA students!!"









ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The St. Andrew's Global Studies Program helps students experience another cultures and practice different languages. We have students visiting from partner schools all over the world, including countries like China, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Japan, Peru, and Spain, and live with St. Andrew's host families for periods of time varying from a couple of weeks to an entire school year. However, the students are not the only ones gaining intercultural knowledge. Host families also have the opportunity to learn all about other lifestyles, as well as give an international student the opportunity to experience an authentically American way of life and creating a positive impression of the United States for international visitors. St. Andrew's also offers many trips for our students to go to those partner schools across the globe for time periods ranging from a few weeks to a school year. St. Andrew's students who have lived with host families overseas all agree that the experience added another level to their international study.

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Trip to Japan

BAIN MCHALE



Bain McHale was a sophomore at St. Andrew's when he decided to go on a lifechanging trip. He now has a personal experience with discovering the relation-

ship between intercultural conceptions because he went to school at Momoyama Gaukin and lived with host families in Osaka, Japan his sophomore year.



What was the hardest thing to adjust to when you first got to Japan?

"Definitely my inability to communicate verbally, as I have always relied so strongly on my voice.



How was your host family? Was it awkward at all?

"My host families were all extremely comforting. They were nice enough to take actions so that I always felt like I had a home and a family to help me. I ended up becoming very close with some of them and still communicate with them."



What was your favorite memory from your year in Japan?

"I was coming home from school one day when I grabbed some chocolate candy and a Pepsi from a vending machine. About halfway home, I walked by a park and saw the cherry blossom trees, so I just sat in the park as I watched the cherry blossoms bloom."









GUILLOT TRAVEL GRANT RECIPIENTS



I have had a fascination with Ghanian culture for a long time, but my desire to do meaningful service work led me to apply for a grant. **



It's such an incredible opportunity to be able to go on an international trip and do service work in another country. 99

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