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30 YEARS OF ESL

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It has been an honor to celebrate this year the 30th anniversary of the St. Norbert College's ESL Institute. An absolute privilege was to host a reception in May 2023 at which our founding ESL Director, Mr. Richard Porior, reminisced about the beginnings of the program. Past students and colleagues also reflected on their experiences and on how this program has transformed their lives. Watch [this compilation video](#) to enjoy these reflections and memories.

Here is to the next 30 years of our ESL family!



Caption: Fall 1 ESL students pose with members of the St. Norbert College football team.



Caption: Our ESL students work with Sophomore Education students.

FOOTBALL CLINIC

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On September 14, 2023 our students had the opportunity to learn all about American football thanks to Head Coach Dan McCarty and some of St. Norbert's finest players. The football team kindly offers this clinic each year for our international students.

Students were first introduced to the entire football team and joined their closing huddle. Students then learned how to throw, catch, kick, and punt the football alongside SNC players!

Junior tight end Dylan Rhodes shares, "It was amazing to see the impact that we had on people who haven't ever played the sport. The best part was seeing their faces light up when they made the field goal."

Sr. Hoai Tran and Sr. Tuyen Pham reflect on that day and on how excited they were to "experience football for the first time, visit the SNC football stadium and meet many players."

ESL & EDUCATION

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Another memorable experience this semester included our ESL students working with Sophomore Block Education majors (in EDUC 280 Supporting Multilingual Learners), who regularly visited SNC ESL classrooms. The Education students were able to see various ESL teaching techniques while the ESL students could practice their English in authentic situations. Combined, this was a meaningful experience for all.

Dhrut Patel and Mann Patel found this experience "very helpful, interesting, and fun. This was a great opportunity to discuss different topics" with American peers.

Education student Makenna DeValk says, "The opportunity to work with ESL students has been amazing! We were able to make connections with the students and help them succeed while also learning from them so that we can become better teachers!"

ESL MISSION

We are here to enable students to acquire the language and cultural skills necessary to read, write, speak, and understand American English for academic and professional purposes.

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AMAZING AUTUMN

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Top Left (L to R): Naoya Hayashimoto, Tran Tran, Martin Avila, and Io Mori smile as they carve pumpkins with CGE Administrative Specialist and SNC Overseas' advisor Beverly Moeser (October 2023).

Bottom Left: Top - ESL Director Jana Dettlaff meets with Nihon University professional staff and Nihon U. & SNC ESL alumna, Ms. Anna Tanaka, in Mishima, Japan. **Bottom** - Jana is joined by past students at Totani Corporation in Kyoto, Japan (November 2023).



Top Right (L to R): Naoya Hayashimoto, Sr. Tuyen Pham, Sr. Hoai Tran, Dhruv Patel, and Mann Patel pose in front of the mammoth exhibit during their excursion to the Neville Public Museum, Green Bay (November 2023).

Bottom Right: In Tsuru City, Japan, Jana Dettlaff comes together with St. Norbert College ESL 2022-2024 student cohorts from Tsuru University. On her trip to Japan to visit partner institutions, Jana was able to reunite with past students and introduce St. Norbert College to future and prospective students.



OUR FALL 2023 ESL STUDENTS

MEET THE STUDENTS

This semester several new students, who represent a range of cultural/linguistic backgrounds, experiences, and personalities, joined our ESL program. We are so happy to have you all here!

Hiroki was our ESL student this semester from Totani Corporation. He was very energetic and loved all the new experiences he gained while on campus. He shares, "My favorite place is the Van Dyke Gym. I played soccer there with my friends."

Hiroki Usuki, Japan



Naoya was another student this Fall from Totani Corporation. Similar to Hiroki, he participated in business tutoring sessions on top of his ESL courses during his time here. As seen to the left, one of his assignments was to conduct a business interview with a staff member at St. Norbert College. Naoya is seen talking with St. Norbert College Bookstore Manager Angela Schiffer.

Naoya Hayashimoto, Japan

Sr. Hoai joined the program at the beginning of academic year and will be staying until May 2024. She says, "The best part [of St. Norbert] is the friendship of everyone, the beauty of trees, grass, buildings and the Fox River." In her free time, Sr. Hoai enjoys painting and reading.



Sr. Tuyen Pham & Sr. Hoai Tran, Vietnam



Sr. Tuyen also arrived in late August and will be in the program all year long. She shares her experiences on arriving and coming into the program: "When I had just arrived at SNC, I was immediately attracted to its beautiful campus on the banks of the Fox River. A cordial welcome from the teachers at the school helped me feel assurance when I study here. The dorm is safe and quiet. Support staff, as well as teachers, are always there to help!"



Mann Patel & Dhruv Patel, India

Mann (Top L) and his high school friend Dhruv joined our program from India. They have enjoyed their experience in the ESL program as well as on various excursions, including a stop in the Packer Pro Shop (top) while on the tour of Lambeau Field with their ESL friends (bottom).

