

Exchange students encounter American culture

All photos by Malia Chong

LEXI WELP & MARY WOOD

Staff Reporters

Four female exchange students are experiencing American culture while attending West Linn. They are all looking forward to trying new things and learning more about the country during their stays.

<< Miles away from West Linn

Parma, Italy: About 5,859 miles

Oslo, Norway: About 4,749 miles

Yokohama, Japan: About 4,873 miles

Virum, Denmark: About 5,033 miles

<< Hours ahead of West Linn

Parma, Italy: 9 hours

Oslo, Norway: 9 hours

Yokohama, Japan: 16 hours

Virum, Denmark: 9 hours

<< Famous people from...

Italy: Michelangelo Buonarroti

Norway: Leif Erikson

Japan: Yoko Ono

Denmark: Hans Christian Andersen

<< National dish

Italy: Pizza

Norway: Lutefisk (a fish dish)

Japan: Sushi

Denmark: Pork roast

<< National sport

Italy: Futbol (soccer)

Norway: Skiing (both Nordic and Alpine)

Japan: Sumo Wrestling

Denmark: Futbol (soccer)

Kyara Keller

Hometown: Parma, Italy

Host family: the Van Alderwerelts

Grade: junior

Family: Mother, father and a younger sister

Favorite music: "Everything"

Biggest fear about being an exchange student: "I must do everything by myself."

The parts of American culture she's picked up: "Nothing!"

Differences between home and America: "Here everyone talks with you and everything is cheaper."

Something she wants to try during her stay: "I would like to try everything that is really American."



Kyara Keller
Italy



Susanna Taylor
Norway

Susanna Taylor

Hometown: Oslo, Norway

Host family: the Scheids

Grade: senior

Family: Mother, father, an older brother and a younger sister

Favorite music: Mostly rock

Biggest fear about being an exchange student: "Missing my family, and being accepted even though I come from a different culture."

The parts of American culture she's picked up: "Slang! Definitely! I keep catching myself saying silly expressions and words I've never used before."

Differences between home and America: "In my country everything is a lot smaller! The stores, the cars, the schools, everything!"

Something she wants to try during her stay: "There are a lot of good concerts here, so I hope to catch a few of them."

Something she wants to try during her stay: "There are a lot of good concerts here, so I hope to catch a few of them."

Differences between home and America: "In my country everything is a lot smaller! The stores, the cars, the schools, everything!"

Something she wants to try during her stay: "There are a lot of good concerts here, so I hope to catch a few of them."

The parts of American culture she's picked up: "Slang! Definitely! I keep catching myself saying silly expressions and words I've never used before."

Differences between home and America: "In my country everything is a lot smaller! The stores, the cars, the schools, everything!"

Something she wants to try during her stay: "There are a lot of good concerts here, so I hope to catch a few of them."

The parts of American culture she's picked up: "Slang! Definitely! I keep catching myself saying silly expressions and words I've never used before."

Differences between home and America: "In my country everything is a lot smaller! The stores, the cars, the schools, everything!"

Something she wants to try during her stay: "There are a lot of good concerts here, so I hope to catch a few of them."

Ayako Tabeya

Hometown: Yokohama, Japan

Host family: the Hunters

Grade: junior

Family: Mother, father and two older brothers

Favorite music: Hip-hop

Biggest fear about being an exchange student: "My English skills."

The parts of American culture she's picked up: "Music, sports (tennis and football) and shopping."

Differences between home and America: "Most high school students don't have a driver's license in Japan."

Something she wants to try during her stay: Going snowboarding and going to the coast.

Something she wants to try during her stay: Going snowboarding and going to the coast.

Differences between home and America: "Most high school students don't have a driver's license in Japan."

Something she wants to try during her stay: Going snowboarding and going to the coast.

The parts of American culture she's picked up: "Music, sports (tennis and football) and shopping."

Differences between home and America: "Most high school students don't have a driver's license in Japan."

Something she wants to try during her stay: Going snowboarding and going to the coast.

The parts of American culture she's picked up: "Music, sports (tennis and football) and shopping."

Differences between home and America: "Most high school students don't have a driver's license in Japan."

Something she wants to try during her stay: Going snowboarding and going to the coast.



Ayako Tabeya
Japan



Kristine Eberhard
Denmark

Kristine Eberhard

Hometown: Virum, Denmark

Host Family: the Ness'

Grade: junior

Family: Parents, step-father and a younger brother

Favorite music: "I usually just turn on the radio to listen to rock and pop."

Biggest fear about being an exchange student: "Conflicts with my host family and being alone in the school."

The parts of American culture she's picked up: "I have definitely changed my daily life. The way people live here can't be compared to my life in Denmark at all."

Differences between home and America: "Sports and schools are separated in Denmark."

Something she wants to try during her stay: "I just hope to have the time of my life and to experience the American culture with its people."

Something she wants to try during her stay: "I just hope to have the time of my life and to experience the American culture with its people."

Differences between home and America: "Sports and schools are separated in Denmark."

Something she wants to try during her stay: "I just hope to have the time of my life and to experience the American culture with its people."

The parts of American culture she's picked up: "I have definitely changed my daily life. The way people live here can't be compared to my life in Denmark at all."

Differences between home and America: "Sports and schools are separated in Denmark."

Something she wants to try during her stay: "I just hope to have the time of my life and to experience the American culture with its people."

The parts of American culture she's picked up: "I have definitely changed my daily life. The way people live here can't be compared to my life in Denmark at all."

Differences between home and America: "Sports and schools are separated in Denmark."

Something she wants to try during her stay: "I just hope to have the time of my life and to experience the American culture with its people."