

Foreign exchange students experience culture shock

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Seven foreign exchange students have traveled across the world to experience a new culture in West Linn. While six students are staying for the entire school year, Megumi Katashiro, from Japan will stay only a month.

While here, they want to improve their English and make new friends. (The exchange students from Germany are from the same city; but they traveled separately and had no idea the other would be here.)



Anne Sophie Rialland

Age: 16
Grade: Junior
Hometown: Labaule, France
Host Family: Van Gordon
Home Family: Rialland lives in Labaule with her parents and little sister who is 14. She also has two cats.
Favorite Food: French cheese
Favorite Music: Rock
Favorite Movie: "Lost in Translation"
Hometown School: Saint Louis
Size of school: On average there are 100 students attending Saint Louis. "It is very small," Rialland said.
View on America before arrival: "Fast food." There was a stereotype in France that Americans were really fat. However "I don't think that anymore," Rialland said since her arrival in Oregon.
Pastimes in West Linn: Rialland likes to shop, play soccer, and she has visited Starbucks with her host family. "I am a Thespian and I love theatre," Rialland said.

Age: 15



Krystyna Lavsus

Grade: In her hometown, Lavsus, is a sophomore; in America she is a junior.
Hometown: Zaporizhzhya, Ukraine
Host Family: Olson

Host Student: Julie, sophomore

Home Family: Lavsus lives with her parents in Ukraine and she has an older brother who is 23.

Favorite Food: She like different salads and also likes to eat pizza.

Hometown School: Lyceum Number 99

Size of School: Like West Linn, Lavsus's school has 1500 students.

View on America before

Arrival: Ukraine has different stereotypes for Americans, like people are out of shape and lazy, maybe even a little spoiled. Lavsus loves America so far though.

Pastimes in West Linn: Lavsus has already gone boating on the Willamette with her host family, and she "really likes the rain," mountains and climate of West Linn and Oregon.



Torsten Bruemmel

Age: 16
Grade: Junior
Hometown: Stuttgart, Germany
Host Family: Betts
Home Family: Bruemmel lives in Stuttgart with his parents and two older brothers.
Favorite Food: Tacos
Favorite Movie: "I, Robot"
Hometown School: Nechar-realschule
Size of school: About 600 students
Things Bruemmel wants to take away from America: "An iPod," he said. He prefers a nano.
Pastimes in West Linn: Bruemmel likes to hang out with his friends that he has met since his arrival in America.



Inyoung Jung

Age: 15
Grade: Junior in West Linn; in South Korea, however, Jung is actually in middle school.
Hometown: Seoul Korea; South Korea
Host Family: Guy
Home Family: Jung has one

sister and a brother in Seoul, and she lives with her parents.

Favorite Food: Kimchi, which is a Korean traditional dish.

Favorite Show: Jung likes to watch dramas; mostly Japanese.

Favorite Music: Jung likes to listen to Japanese music.

Hometown school: Sindong
Size of school: Approximately 1,000 students

Fears about coming to

America: "That I can't talk with others," Jung said. She started taking English when she was seven years old.

Pastimes in West Linn: "Sleep," Jung said. She likes to get as much of it as possible.



Vera Scheiner

Age: 16, but in one month she will be 17
Grade: Junior
Hometown: Stuttgart, Germany
Host Family: Van Alderwerelt
Host Student: Marleigh, sophomore
Home Family: Scheiner lives with her 19 year old brother and her parents in Germany.
Favorite Food: Nutella
Favorite Movie: "Cammbock" (It's German.)
Hometown School:

Schickhardt-Gymnasium

Size of school: 1900 students.

Fear of coming to America: "That I would lose my friends in Germany; and I wouldn't be accepted," Scheiner said.

Pastimes in West Linn:

Scheiner has already gone to Pacific City twice with her host family. She also enjoys West Linn's climate and weather.



Megumi Katashiro

Age: 16, but she will be 17 in December
Grade: Junior
Home Country: Japan
Host Family: Baldwin
Home Family: Katashiro lives with her parents in Japan and she has an older brother.
Favorite Food: Hamburgers. "The hamburgers are really big," Katashiro said.
Favorite Thing to do in Japan: Katashiro likes to ride her bike and shop.
Hometown School: Minaitama High School.
Cool fact about school: They have eight required classes and they don't move their teachers come to them. So they stay with the same students all day.
Hardest part of Day: She says its really hard to just listen all day and she sometimes gets

headaches at the end of the day.

Pastimes in West Linn:

Katashiro likes to listen to music and take walks. "It's really pretty here."



Pernille Rognlien

Age: Rognlien is 16 and will be 17 in December.

Grade: Senior

Home Town: Rognlien lives right outside Oslo

Host Family: Hopkinson

Host Student: Ariane, junior

Home Family: Rognlien

Favorite Food: Tacos and ice cream. "All the foods are much bigger here," Rognlien said.

Home Town School: Valler

Vid ereg ende Skole

Size of school: About 600 students which is average for Norway.

Reason for coming to America: "Tired of Norway. After a year nothing happens."

Pastimes: Rognlien went rafting at the end of summer in Idaho, and then spent two weeks in Boston with her host family.

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Yearbook features end of year events, activities

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Acting in a school play, competing in sports or joining a social cause club are high school experiences not to be forgotten. Recording memories and serving as a historical record are the main purposes of printing a yearbook.

Students and parents often ask the question, "why don't we receive our yearbooks until the following school year?"

"What if Ryan Barnes [senior] grows up to play for the Yankees, and you go to find him in the yearbook—he's not there," Glenn Krake, adviser.

Incorporating the spring sports and events is something that the editor-in-chief, Kellie Trafton, senior, and Krake see as an important attribute.

"If we wanted to get our books at the end of the year, because of the printing process, we wouldn't be able to cover anything after February," Krake added.

In a student poll taken several years ago, the majority said they would rather receive

the book in the fall than to leave out spring events.

What are the options for a spring delivery date? Supplements, additions to the yearbook that cover the spring term, can be printed and



Lucas Pinelli and Darren Bilbao, seniors, pick up yearbooks during lunch. In order to cover the end of the school events like Prom and sports, the annual is in the fall.

Photo by Zach Eaton

picked up at the start of the new school year.

Krake, who has been a yearbook adviser for one year at WLHS and was previously an adviser for two years in

Texas, said that the true nature of supplements is to give the people who were participants of the spring activities a fair chance of being part of the memory, but they often don't work out that way. Most students forget to pick them up, or just don't care enough to go through the trouble. Having experience in the process, Krake believes that students would really miss the spring section and seeing their friends as part of the memoir.

The "TH[INK]" theme of the 07-08 school year was created in a new format so that on each page you can observe anything from musical arts to volleyball, but designated sections for seasonal activities or academics are not present. Krake said it is meant to be read like a book and you may even find out something new about the school.

This year's book will feature six iconic social causes spread throughout. The yearbook will continue to come out at the beginning of the following academic year and student comments or questions are always welcome.