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Foreign Exchange

Students compare life in their country, to life in ours



Andrea Cassinelli, Italy, junior

Who is your host family?

Tony, Tammy and Nick Bardana, freshman

Where do you normally live? Outside of Milan, Voghera.

Are you part of any sports or clubs? Soccer. I enjoy simply soccer, soccer itself, its more relaxed.

Describe your country. I like both European and American lifestyles.

How would you compare West Linn and Italy? The way of living is different, the way of meeting people, parties and school.

Andrea Cassinelli



Elena Belloni, Italy, junior

Who is your host family? Cheryl, Martin and James Siderius, junior

What will you remember the most? The beach at Pacific City.

The ocean looks bigger.

Where do you normally live? Rome, Italy

Are you part of any sports or activities? Model U.N. and science bowl. I Helped organize Oktober Fest.

How would you compare West Linn and Italy? Different school system. You can't choose classes, and Your classes are not as long.

Elena Belloni



Debora-Michele Grote Urtubey, Germany, senior

Who is your host family? Jeanne Beadle

Where do you normally live? Germany. There are not very many trees, and you don't need a car to get everywhere, you can just walk.

What will you remember the most? The beach. It wasn't cold. The water was really nice.

What do you think of the people? They are outgoing and people are friendlier and they talk to each other.

How is your school different from West Linn? There are three different difficulties of how hard school can get. You can choose your language you take and there are twelve classes in Germany.

Grote Urtubey

Photo by Rachael Woolley
Andrea Cassinelli, Melanie Raidl, Elena Belloni, Debora-Michele Grote Urtubey, Qianwei Zhu, Phitnada Thammavatevitee, exchange students, came to the U.S. to study and learn about American culture.



Melanie Raidl, Austria, junior

Who is your host family? Peter, Eleanor and Marleigh Van Alderwerelt, senior

Where is your home? 15 miles south of the capital. (Bad Fischau)

What is your best memory here so far? Going to the beach and my birthday.

We went to Portland and the Zoo. I had never eaten a cupcake before. It was good.

What do you think of the people here? People here are really outgoing. They are really different; they are interested in you and nice, and direct, they say what they think.

What is your favorite thing about West Linn? You wake up and you like to go to school.

Melanie Raidl



Phitnada Thammavatevitee, Thailand, senior

Who is your host family? Linda and Ron Rinnan

Where do you normally live? Bangkok. There are no trees or hills, and it is crowded and hot.

How would you compare West Linn and Thailand? You only stay in one class and you wear uniforms and you can't wear makeup at school.

Why did you choose Oregon? United States was the only option

Are you part of any sports or clubs? Art Club

Phitnada Thammavatevitee



Qianwei Zhu, China, junior

Who is your host family? Linda and Ron Rinnan

Where do you normally live? Chang Zhou, China.

How do you like it here? Very much. There are a lot of trees and fresh air.

What is your favorite memory so far? The food bank. I helped a lot of people, I was really happy.

What do you think of the people? Nice. The first day I got lost and people showed me around.

Qianwei Zhu