

What is your most memorable holiday experience?

Holidays are a special time to spend with family and friends. Everyone has their own stories and memories that remind them of families and the time they spend with those who mean the most. Stories can range from silly, sad and goofy to tales of joy and happiness. These holiday memories are different for everyone. Clackamas Community College students shared their most memorable moments:

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"My favorite holiday memory is during Christmas, where my whole family buys ugly sweaters and wears them together. It's the most fun because we get to laugh together and spend time together."

— Kayla Fujimoto



"My favorite memory is on Thanksgiving. Every year on Thanksgiving all of my family that live far away, from Virginia and California, come down to our house and we all celebrate together. We don't really see each other a lot so I always feel like that is really memorable. Everyone comes together for a week and we get to bond and catch up on things we miss out on otherwise."

— Jenny Wong



"Usually instead of celebrating Christmas at home, we all go as a family somewhere along the Oregon Coast. One of my most fun memories as a kid was going to this place called The Inn at Otter Crest. We would always have this loft area and our parents would just say 'Bring your toys to the loft and play up there.' One year, my family decided to hit the outdoor pool at the Inn while it was snowing pretty hard. It was just this magical warm bath with snowflakes falling in it. It was really fun!"

— Lisa Bell



"My favorite holiday memory has got to be Thanksgiving. Every year we go over to my grandma's house and it's about 80 people in one place. We all start telling random stories and we are just making more memories every year. Grandpa's slowly passing on, so we are just making a lot of holiday memories count. This year's going to be another memorable one because I'm very grateful for my family and they are all just a blessing."

— Jeremiah Moss



"One of the memories I had from Christmas was that every year, the beginning of December, we choose one thing we could not eat for the month and the food that we chose was sugar. So now we have this thing where every year we always put healthy foods in our stockings like oranges and bananas."

— Oriana Wandschneider



"When I was really young, my father decided it would be funny to take some doll clothes, like holiday doll clothes, and try putting them on our rooster. He took the rooster while it was sleeping in the coop inside the garage and put the little hat on which had a string to keep it on his head with a little red and white coat. It wouldn't stay on because the rooster's legs were too big, but he did duct tape it on which pissed off the rooster pretty bad. I have lots of younger cousins and they decided to chase it around to try and get the hat off. It was some kind of game that got pretty wild."

— Lia Feitser