

SGH Academic Tour (3/4~3/12) (in University of Wisconsin) Global Buddy Program



Wednesday March 9th, we traveled from Boston to Chicago by plane and visited the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. We were welcomed by the manager of our program Ms. Sarah Pierce, nearly a year and a half since we had first met her in our school's English Room last June. So we were very happy to have a reunion with her.



It was so cold and the temperature was 9 degrees below zero then. As many as 8 college students supported our activity as our global buddies. At first we were so nervous that we couldn't speak to them actively. However we gradually talked to them because they welcomed and made us feel relaxed.

Presentation and Model United Nations

On the second day, we divided into 3 groups; water, medicine, and peace, and gave presentations in classes related to our research topics. Sharp questions were raised by the students as well as the professors, which gave us a new perspective. This interaction made us deeply think about fundamental



elements such as reasons or objectives of our research project. In the evening we participated in Model UN, which we had previously experienced at National University of Singapore. As a representative of an assigned country each of us discussed some of the solutions to the issue of infant mortality rate. All of us gave a resolution speech while receiving support from 33 college students. It was such an inspiring event that we want to have a same opportunity again in Japan.

On the third day, beneficial suggestions on our SGH research reports were provided by our global buddies on a one-to-one basis. Joining in a Japanese traditional drumming class, we were deeply moved by the fact that many Americans students are interested in Japanese culture. We really felt like we were studying abroad by enjoying a dorm life and having a buffet-style breakfast. By making the most of these experiences, we are going to write English papers for the final presentation coming in July.

