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最高の大学!

Awesome Muhlenberg!

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It is hard to believe that almost 4 months had already passed since I came here, Muhlenberg College. Muhlenberg College is a small college in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and my favorite, awesome college that I really push.

Muhlenberg has few exchange students, as my friend said that it had had 3 exchange students last year, and I think this is one of the biggest characteristics of Muhlenberg. For this year, there are 2 exchange students, Eva from Netherlands and me. However, Eva is going back to home this year, so I'll be an only exchange student next semester.

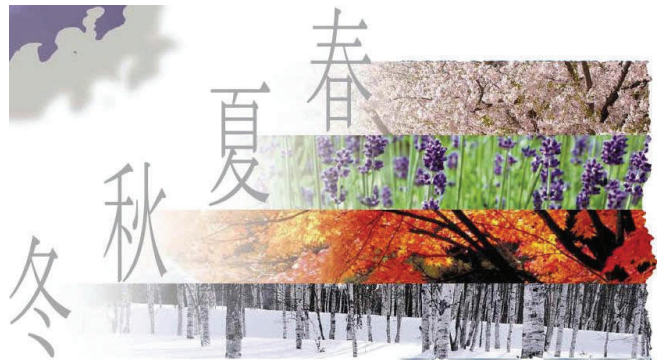
For the first few days, I had no idea how to make friends, and I was almost thinking that I could get wild tiny squirrel friends if my whole life was a Disney movie.

Anyway, the students in Muhlenberg are so friendly, kind and talkative, so it's not so hard to be friends with them unless you do ignore them. It will also be a good experience to live with your roommates, I think you can feel the real college students' life.

As for the classes, I would say these are progressive. I'm in commerce major in Otaru University and I've been dancing for 10 years, so I'm taking business and dance classes in Muhlenberg as well. Business classes give us many assignments. I got reading for every class, papers, group projects, and I was on my desk almost every day. Also, one class normally has 10 to 20 students, so you need high quality of attendances. I know it's hard, but these works definitely give you a progress both in language and personally.

Dance classes are also at a high level. Muhlenberg has good programs for arts, music, and theatre as well as dance, and there are many facilities: 3 theatres, 5 dance studios, music hall and small museum. We can reach to NYC in 2 hours by bus, so I strongly recommend Muhlenberg to those who are interested in arts.

As for life I think it's cozy, not too crowded, but not too rural. There are big supermarket, mall, movie theatre, bowling place and Dorney Park around here, but you need at least a car. There is a shuttle service in college, so you can take it or ask for friends.



However, as the 95% of students live in dorm, there are tons of events in the campus! We have student talent show, musical, dance party and more, so you won't be sick of daily school life if you would like these events. You can also use gym for free!

Thanks to Muhlenberg, I've never got homesick and I'm sad because I have to go back after 5 months. I guess some of you are afraid of homesick, as I was. But if you enjoy your new life in abroad instead of comparing it to Japan, you will sure have exciting, precious experiences. Muhlenberg will give you opportunities to enjoy yourself. I really appreciate my parents and OUC which gave me the opportunities. Studying abroad is a valuable experience that you'll have once or none in your life. I really hope that this essay would help to decide those who are considering about studying abroad.