

Community in Osaka

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Who is the intended audience(s) of your Perspective Piece?: Off-campus living students, lower income students, students who desire close friends in their program



I created this illustration piece with the intent to express my appreciation for my classmates during my time abroad. Unlike most students in the program, as well as many students who study abroad in college, I have never lived in dorm rooms or with other students because I was unable to afford the housing. Most students at my college live in dorms or apartments with classmates. I've never had the opportunity to get closer to classmates by living on campus, and because of this, I feel that I missed many opportunities to make good friends and have a community at my college. However, because I lived with my classmates in Japan, I had so many opportunities to get closer to them, and by the end of the term, my classmates felt like my family.

I hope to show the warmth and community I feel when being surrounded by my classmates, as I connected with them more than anyone at my college for the past three years I've attended there.