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Hello Ehime University! - Messages from New EEC Teachers

TRACY FRIEDRICH

Hi all! My name is Tracy Friedrich and I am originally from a city close to Detroit, Michigan, USA. I lived in Osaka for the last few years and recently moved to Ehime. I am looking forward to exploring this beautiful island. Outside of Japan I have traveled to many countries around the world. I am happy to share these wonderful experiences with you but hope you will have a chance to travel and explore the world for yourself!



My research interests include using target language in class instruction, organizing students into pairs and groups to utilize peer interaction, researching students' willingness to share ideas and opinions in the EFL class and, teaching effectiveness and reflective practices.

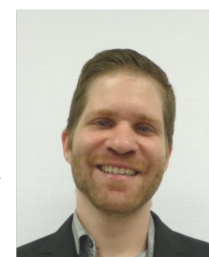
I am married and have two children. Prior to our move to Matsuyama, we moved to Northville, Michigan where my son attended kindergarten and my daughter attended preschool. They quickly met friends and improved their English speaking and vocabulary. As a family, we enjoy being outdoors taking walks, riding bikes, playing sports and exploring nature.



Like you all, I will be happy when classes and school can resume. Keep up your motivation!

LESLIE BLACK

Hi! My name is Leslie Black, but most people call me Les. I was born in Paris, Texas in the United States (not France☺) and grew up in Houston and the countryside of Texas. Some of my interests include playing video games, exercising, playing tennis, and studying Japanese. Normally on the weekend you may find me out exploring or hiking somewhere, reading in a cafe, working out at the gym, or just hanging out with some friends.



My interest in Japan and languages began in college when I studied abroad in Fukuoka. During that time, I found that I enjoy learning and teaching languages. So, after I graduated, I eventually moved back to Fukuoka where I taught English and studied Japanese. After that, I moved to Honolulu, Hawaii where I earned my master's degree in Second Language Studies at the University of Hawaii.



I just moved here to Matsuyama in March, and while some people may think it's crazy that I would ever want to leave Hawaii, I'm very excited to be here! The people here are friendly, and the city and university are wonderful. I'm looking forward to teaching and learning from all my students!



JANE WATANABE

Mabuhay! Hello Everyone! My name is Jane. And I'm from the Philippines. Mabuhay means "hello" in the Philippines. Have you been to the Philippines? When our (life and travel) situation is back to normal, please come and visit to experience what our tropical country has to offer.



I have been living in Japan for many years now. I lived in Sendai for more than a decade, in Beppu for 2 years, and in Matsuyama for almost 8 years now. Before moving here, my family and I lived in Berlin, Germany for 3 years. I love traveling. Prague, Barcelona, Colmar, Alsace, Venice and Amalfi are some of my favorites! In my free time, I like to cook, bake and go walking with my dog, Ten. It's nice to meet you, and I'm looking forward to learning and discovering new things with you. See you around.



Jeepneys (Dyipni) in the Philippines



JOSEPH NATTRESS

Hi everyone! I'm Joe. I grew up next to a large lake in California, USA. I used to travel with my parents around the western states and Canada. I learned to love water, nature, travel, and meeting new people.

I've traveled around the world and spent time in Europe, Nepal, India, and South East Asia. I'm fascinated with learning languages. Besides English, I speak some Thai, Japanese, Spanish, and I used to speak a little Nepali (a long time ago!).

I love living in Japan. I've been teaching here for over 20 years. Japan is a beautiful country, especially here in Matsuyama with the sea and mountains nearby. I'm very happy to be returning to Matsuyama after living in Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto.



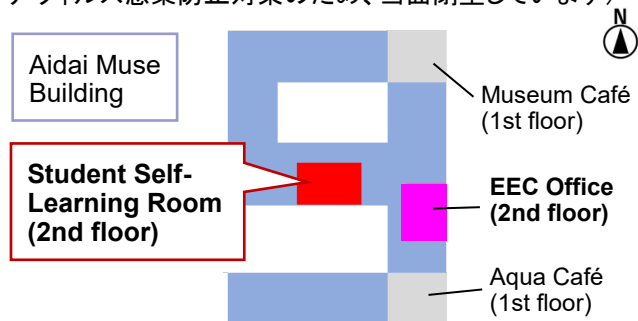
I enjoy teaching English in Japan because it combines many of my favorite things: travel, nature, language, meeting new people, and helping students learn new skills.

Do You Know 学生自習室?

Do you know “Student Self-Learning Room (学生自習室)” on the 2nd floor of Aidai Muse Building? It is the room where you can study English in a relaxed atmosphere. There you can find over 3,000 English books which are labeled into 10 levels according to their word level.

Other than English readers, you can study reference books written mainly in Japanese, such as workbooks of TOEIC, TOEFL, and Eiken, grammar books, or listening materials. (These reference books are in-library use only.)

Feel free to come and use Student Self-Learning Room, when the situation is back to normal. The room is (usually) open from 9:00 to 5:00 from Monday to Friday. (※学生自習室は新型コロナウイルス感染防止対策のため、当面閉室しています)



Farewells from 2 Memorable Teachers

ADRIAN HEINEL

I've never liked saying 'goodbye.' I prefer to think that sometime, somewhere, we will meet again. Like objects in space, none of us ever actually stop moving, we only change orbits with people or places. Fortunately, my next adventure will not be taking me too far away, so the chances of us coming into matching orbits again someday is quite high. In other words, let's not say goodbye. Let's say 'see you around!' Until next time, it was pleasure to be with you all! Thank you for all the great memories. Take care and be kind to each other.



LEXI KINCH

What's up to all the wonderful students and staff at Ehime University! I had a very great AND FUN experience teaching English skills to you, the students! You made my life in Matsuyama very enjoyable. Many students suggested places to visit and foods to eat! In my home country of Barbados, my family enjoyed hearing about my daily life here in Matsuyama!

I will miss the friendly cats on the campus grounds and the taco rice in the Museum Café! I will also miss the smiles from all of the cafe staff and high fives from the students in my classes and Let's Enjoy English! I learnt so many wonderful facts about Japan from all students and I hope you all continue to use your English skills and MOST OF ALL - HAVE FUN WITH COMMUNICATION IN ENGLISH!

Mid-Term SEA (Study English Abroad) Program Report

Here is a report from a student who participated in the 3-month SEA program at Bangor University, Wales.

Superb memories in the UK

My 15 weeks in Wales, from August 29th to December 10th, was a fulfilled and unforgettable stay. I joined academic course in Bangor University and could make lots of friends and good relationships.

My host family was my English teacher at school. It was a funny experience that we greeted good morning, ate breakfast, went to school by her car, took her classes at school, got home, watched TV, ate dinner, and said good night have a sweet dream. I spent the longest time with her and she was a lovely person. I heard British food was terrible, but in reality it was not, at least for me. My host mother's cooking was amazing and now I miss her shepherd's pie.



Delicious food in the UK

My class after summer program became much more difficult because all classes were about academic English and I attended three to five classes per day. Before taking classes, I was very weak on academic English and, I joined more challenging classes for first year students thanks to the head of International Federation of Universities (I.F.U.). However, I felt that it

was too difficult for me. With the support of my friends, teachers, and host family, I was able to survive. Finally, I could finish my project in 1500 words and obtain my IELTS target score.



Although students couldn't go outside of Bangor during summer program, we got permission to travel around the UK. I went to all capital cities in the main island, Edinburgh, London, and Cardiff with my friends. These experiences were so full of delight to visit the places that I have always wanted to go since I was in elementary school.

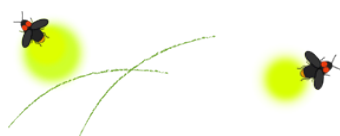
This program was for only Japanese students. Of course, it was a shorter time to spend with foreign students compared with other programs of sea abroad, but I could make many foreign friends everywhere in class, society, examination hall, bus, etc. It was also gratifying that I could see my Japanese motivated classmates, two best friends who I never met before in Japan, and my irreplaceable person in Bangor.

This stay was wonderful for me totally and I will never ever forget it!



So British scenery in Bangor

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