

STUDENT FEEDBACK

Julian (Mandarin/English): *“I've participated in LEP for two quarters now and found it immensely valuable. It has given me the opportunity to connect with native speakers who I otherwise would not have met, who are extremely giving in sharing their language and culture with me. Conversely, I have delighted in the opportunity to share my knowledge of English and life in the United States.*

We've continued to meet after the formal program ended, have shared and discussed New York Times articles, music, and stories. And food--how could I forget. We've shared lots of good food. As a result, I think we've both learned a lot and will continue to do so. The new words I learn through conversation stick in my head so much more effortlessly than what I pick up in class--and I have the chance to cement the words I've learned in class by using them through conversation.

This weekend, we'll go with a group of friends to sing songs at karaoke in both English and Chinese. The program has deeply enriched my academic and extracurricular experiences, and I hope that it can continue to be offered in the future.”

Philip (Japanese/English): *“Imagine living in a world where you can not understand anything. The Listening and Speaking Lab is the solution to a brighter future for every student. Whether they are natives or foreigners, it is a gateway to new friendship, and a step towards cross culture understanding.*

I joined this program with the intent of practicing a new language instead of going alone; in the end I made a new friend, and have the memories that I can never replace.”

Jennifer (Korean/English): *“LEP is important to me because I am able to learn more about the culture that I am interested in. My friends who are from that culture were born in America so they cannot speak or write well. The people I meet in LEP come from that culture so they are able to speak and write fluently.*

I benefited by be able to expand on my knowledge of languages. It is helpful because I have a native speaker helping me so I am able to learn not only formal terms but also informal casual terms.

I think it is important to continue offering this program because in college, it is very hard to meet new people. Through LEP, students are able to make friends with people from different backgrounds and cultures. Also, sometimes students are shy to ask for help. By being in this program, they are pushing themselves to step out of their bubble and get help.”