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Students and Faculty,
BY AMY KENDREE

We appreciate you taking the steps to make sure our campus stays healthy. Please continue to wear your mask or face covering, stay six feet apart from others, and constantly be washing your hands thoroughly throughout the day. These small steps will ensure our campus stays healthy as we will continue to work through this together. Thank you, Rams!
Hi Everyone,

My name is Amy. I have been an office assistant for the Languages, Literatures and Cultures Department for the past two years. A little bit about me: I am a junior studying Apparel and Merchandising and I absolutely love traveling and exploring new places with my friends and family. My brother lives in Oahu, Hawaii so I have been able to explore his new home and have him as a personal tour guide! I have never been outside of the country but I am hoping to continue my studies abroad in Italy some time during my collegiate experience (fingers crossed!) Once I’m abroad, visiting Croatia and Paris are definitely at the top of my bucket list. After college, I would love to live in a big city and work for a women’s clothing or athletic apparel company! My favorite part of working in the LLC is getting to know the amazing faculty and getting the opportunity to help students and professors in any way that I can. As an office assistant, I get to meet so many new students every day and it is always exciting to help them explore a language and help develop their passion for languages at CSU.
Poetry Corner

BY HANNAH HEATH

In our last newsletter, we barely scratched the surface to try and learn what poems are. We also shared a moment as we strove to understand the complications of writing poetry in another language, or translating poetry between languages. This week, we are looking at the vast, unanswerable question of why poetry is written. If you have ever written a poem, you know that poems can stem from virtually anything; a line can come from the slant of the afternoon sunlight as it lightly touches the upturned sunflowers, a poem can be driven by some strong emotion of sadness or happiness, or a half-formed concept can come from a vaguely pictured dream that left your waking mind puzzling over just what happened in your mind last night while you slept. Poems can contain depths that make the boundless ocean seem shallow, or they can be as meaningful as eating breakfast. What do you think?

For Ethan Hanson, a first-year Spanish student, he chose to write his poem based on the themes he found in our newsletter. While Ethan has read his poems in Downtown Denver and also submitted them to local journals, he chose to share with us "Which Words?", written based off themes found in our newsletter.

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I would define, in brief, the Poetry of words as The Rhythmical Creation of Beauty.

-Edgar Allan Poe
The Poetic Principle

Share your story with us!
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Which words?

Say, we had one dictionary,
   To provide the basis,
Say we built a tower,
   And words were the rivets,
Which letters are cast aside so we may babel to the sky, “Ay, feast on my power?”

Swapped for insufficient relatives,
   So, they fit better the gurters
The rubble of Rome, Cathedrals, and rivers,
   Arabic numbers,
And a fondue pot of linguists,
Left the poets floundering insufficient,
   For instance:
Supposedly society isn’t built on love,
This word morphed and bent past the point of return,
Sells magazines, movies, and TV,
Leaves us strangers when caught against it face to face.

The Greeks had six,
The Romans used less,
The British wrote novels about dowries and ships,
   Now US left emotionally stunted,
Mistaking passion with patience with loving with sex.
One language, one word, is not enough to explain my gratitude,
The need to hold your hand,
   To know you’re real,
Love, yes, but thank you,
Gracias, te Amo,
   Thank you,
I love you.
Humans of LLC: Ebin McLaughlin

BY HANNAH HEATH

Ebin is a Chinese minor with a keen sense of adventure.

Q: Where is your hometown?
   A: Idaho Springs, CO (population is only ~1,500!!)

Q: What is your favorite thing about CSU?
   A: The large availability of resources, departments, staff, etc. Anything I need to know or need help with, I can typically find!

Q: What is the most beautiful place you have ever been to?
   A: Lake Tahoe, Upstate New York, or Mt. E’mei (峨山)

Q: If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?
   A: Southern California, Sichuan (China), or Tokyo.

Q: What is your favorite place?
   A: My favorite place is Century Park in Shanghai!!

Q: What is your favorite food?
   A: Dandan Noodles (担担面)

Q: What do you like most about the Chinese language?
   A: The depth and complexity of the language. Always more to learn, and I’m somehow always shocked by the new things I learn. So captivating!