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## ASU@Lake Havasu International Students' Trip

iving and studying in the US is simply a dream for most people around the world. The US is the country that many people see only on TV. That is the reason there are thousands of international students enrolled in US colleges.

ASU@Lake Havasu also has many international students. Although it is a relatively small campus, a big portion of students here are from different parts of the world. The location of the city has many advantages for us as international students: there are many big cities around, such as Las Vegas and Phoenix. Even though Lake Havasu City is a quiet and beautiful place, international students are often fascinated by the big, famous cities of the US.

That is the main reason why me and four of my friends, who are from Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Russia, decided to take a sudden trip to Los Angeles last weekend. It was 1:00 am on Sunday when we had nothing to do. In the beginning, it was proposed as a joke to drive five hours to LA. Since none of us had seen Hollywood inperson before, everyone soon became seriously hyped about that idea. We quickly packed our belongings for a day and started our trip.

It was one of the best feelings to drive on the highway to the City of Angels with friends. Our first destination was Long Beach because nobody had seen the Pacific Ocean before. The weather was pretty nice, so we had a lot of fun there, taking photos and swimming a bit.

After that, we all wanted to visit the famous Hollywood sign that we had seen only in movies. We went to the park where we were able to see the sign clearly. We also took some photos there and met people from our countries, too.



Before we left back to Havasu, we wanted to get a taste of our home. We went to one of the international cafes in LA and ordered food just like in our countries. A few years ago, I could not think that I would sit in Hollywood with people from other countries eating my home country's dishes.

I am glad that ASU@Lake Havasu brings so many different people together. The ability to travel easily from city to city in our free time brings us even closer.