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Japanese learn English at GC

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For three weeks this month, Grossmont College will be welcoming 25 female students from Japan who will be taking English as Second Language (ESL) classes.

Grossmont works in conjunction with Cultural Homestay Institute (CHI), a non-profit educational exchange program, according to Virginia Berger, an ESL instructor at Grossmont. The program, in its third year at Grossmont, offers the students an opportunity to not only see, but study in America.

All of the students are English majors from Jin' Ai Junior College, an all-girls school in Fukui, Japan. Arriving in San Diego this Saturday, the students will be introduced to the American families that will host them during their

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The students' first day on campus will be March 12, where they "will be responsible for attending their English classes and visiting other classes," said Berger.

The days are structured for the students, which will include three hours of class every day. In their English classes, they will study conversation and learn about the american culture. They will attend 32 hours of class and receive 2.0 units.

The young women will get a

chance to visit other classes, mingle with Grossmont students and make new friends. "It is a very interacting, learning experience for them. We expect it to be as successful as it has been the last two years," said Berger.

In addition to classes and free time on campus, the students will go on two field trips a week. They will visit Old Town, Seaport Village, Sea World, and Disneyland.

On March 29, the day before their departure, the students will throw a Sayonara Party for their host families. They will prepare meals and festivities for their American families.

Berger says "the students are eager to learn and talk to American college students." She suggests that people there introduce themselves to the Japanese students and make new friends.