

Reflections on Volunteering at the 2019 WAESOL Conference

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A very big shout out to all of the amazing College and Career Pathways/English Language Acquisition (CCP/ELA) students for all of the exceptional effort they put into the second WAESOL Conference held on the Renton Technical College Campus on October 25-26, 2019.

Our very special thanks go to the outstanding ELA students who volunteered many of their weekend hours. They were very professional and supportive to everyone at the conference. The students were very happy and excited to do it. They were shining on Campus with their RTC T-Shirts, offering help and support to the presenters in several buildings on campus.



Below, are some of the students reflections/excerpts from their Canvas site on their volunteering experience at WAESOL 2019. (For the purposes of clarity, a very few changes have been made to the comments.)



Cam-Dung Tang

Joining the WAESOL 2019 conference last Saturday brought me to a new world of work experience in the USA.

I was nervous and wondered what I could do here? How can I understand and be useful for helping teachers?

I had a chance to discuss a topic given by the teacher with another teacher sitting next to me. I still remember her face, she is so sweet. She encouraged me that my English will be better in the near future with keeping practicing like I am doing now.

After all that day, I went home thinking about the event. The event was so amazing with education. I love education.

Roniella Casongsong

My first volunteering is here in Renton College. It was a great experience, I met a lot of teachers and some volunteers too. I'm a shy person so I don't volunteer in my country. At first I was nervous to talk but in the end I did. I saw a lot of ESL books and I like all of them. Learning English step by step is a good way to learn. I enjoyed it. I would volunteer again.

Annabella Yaeggy

On Saturday 26 I was a volunteer for WAESOL 2019. I didn't know what to expect about the event. It was a good experience because I think that there is always something to learn in every situation.

I found the experience interesting, and it was an opportunity to practice English. I believe that volunteering and getting involved with the community really help us to understand where we are and the greater picture of a community.

Kalpana Godar

I had a wonderful volunteer experience at the WAESOL 2019 conference held on October 26 at Renton Technical College. I am so blessed and thankful to our teacher Nizar for providing me such a golden opportunity. He is a very nice teacher and good human being. English is my second language and during volunteering I was able to practice it too. So it was a really worthwhile experience for me and I am looking forward to having a volunteering opportunity again.

Huda Jamel

I am volunteering for WAESOL 2019 at RTC College. I have a great opportunity to practice English language with different teachers. I am grateful to participate in that program. It was my first in public to help other community members. I gained a lot of experience giving directions and handing out a program folder.

