

Luke Haeberle Profile



My town (I made this map!)

I'm Luke Haeberle, and from July I will be working as the Coordinator of International Relations (CIR) at Nanao City Hall's community development department. This year, in February, I turned 22. My hometown is Skippack, Pennsylvania in the United States of America. Before coming to Nanao, I studied at Penn State University and graduated in May this year. There, I studied and received degrees in Japanese and Geography.

The university I mentioned before is in the very middle of Pennsylvania, which is about three hours away from my hometown by car. My hometown is called Skippack, and it's about another hour-long drive away from the largest and most famous city in Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Skippack is a very peaceful and stylish town with a population of about 15,000 people. There are many things to do in the town, such as buying artisan goods, eating at restaurants with delicious food, and watching sports at bars, and it also has many beautiful natural features. In fact, very close to my parents' house is Evansburg State Park, a place very popular among people living in the area. Because I lived that close to such a nice park, hiking, walking, riding my bike, and other outdoor activities quickly became hobbies of mine ever since I was very young.



My hometown of Skippack



My friends from my year at Ibaraki

During my second year of university study, I decided to try my hand at taking my very first Japanese class. Before I knew it, I had fallen in love with Japan's language, culture, songs, and scenery. So, when I started my third year at college, I decided to study abroad at Ibaraki University in the city of Mito for one year. During that year, I made more friends and memories than I ever had in just one year's time up until that point in my life. Through my time meeting people from various cultures, participating

in festivals, and of course experiencing many of the wonderful things Japan has to offer, I came to the decision to become a CIR and work in Japan. After returning to America, throughout my last year of university, I worked very hard and was able to accomplish my goal.

Since I was young, my dream was always to make the world an even more wonderful place than it was before I was born. My grandmother has always told me, "Leave the world better than you found it". Through helping people, showing kindness, and teaching about important things, I believe I can make my dream come true. And if I can do these things alongside the people of Nanao, I am certain my dream will become a reality. I am really looking forward to meeting everyone!

I am excited to work with you all!



Evansburg State Park