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At Old Dominion University, I have learned the value of education and the importance of community, especially through my language classes. They were the highlight of my college experience and helped me connect with others in a unique way. I have met who have similar interests as me (i.e learning languages) and people who grew up through different cultures. My perspective on life has expanded and my experience at Old Dominion only encourages me to learn more.

One class that inspires me to this day is my JAPN 312 class. I remember prior to taking it, I had not taken a Japanese class or used the language in four years, and it was the most advanced Japanese class at Old Dominion University. To get into the class, I had taken a placement exam and was surprised to be placed in JAPN 311. Unfortunately, JAPN 311 was not offered at the time, so I was encouraged to take JAPN 312. I accepted the challenge, albeit being very nervous about it.

To do well for this class, I remembered initially working hard studying by myself. This was okay; however, I noticed that after reaching out to my classmates and teacher, my language skills and confidence greatly improved. I was also encouraged to speak with native speakers, one of my biggest fears. By the end of the semester, I felt like a different person in terms of confidence and communication abilities.

I am grateful to my experience at Old Dominion university for challenging me and helping me grow as a person. I believe that my Japanese classes have introduced me to a side of myself I would not have imagined unlocking. It inspires me to keep moving forward and doing my best.

