In PAL, I discover many benefits. First, it will help me become familiar with American-style classrooms, in which are many interactions between students and faculty. As an Asian student, I know how difficult it is for Asians to speak and discuss openly in class. In my country, students who argue with faculty are seen as lacking respect. However, in PAL, I am encouraged to discuss and share opinions with others. The benefit of PAL’s presentations is that they help me improve my speaking ability.
Altogether, PAL has the necessary information and a firm attitude that readies students for upcoming semesters. I will apply the knowledge and discipline I absorbed in PAL to make creative differences in my graduate studies as well as in my future professional career.

During [ . . . ] PAL, I learnt and understood how American academia functions and how to react with faculty and other students. Practicing presentation skill, emailing appropriately, dealing with faculty, and writing cogent essays are important points.

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