Work Description

• Co-taught English lessons to orphaned college students in the Kobe Kokoro-Juku dormitory

• Working with Japanese university students, translated exhibits from Japanese to English in the Kyoto Municipal School Museum

• Participated in a Global Student Conference at the base of Mt. Fuji, where teams of interns developed innovative ideas to help launch Ashinaga’s 100 Year Vision for Africa: mission to eradicate poverty in sub saharan Africa through education
Work Experience

Students and Interns at the Kobe dorm

Translating museum exhibits

Global Student Conference
Most Rewarding Aspect

- Participating in the Kumamoto tsudoi, a summer camp for orphaned high school students
- Witnessed many positive changes in the students, who were encouraged and nurtured by their team members and leaders
Impact on Future Goals

- **Academic Choices**
  - Interest in taking a Japanese society and culture class at Princeton
  - Summer experience helped me to value knowing another language, am interested in learning Japanese or continuing with Spanish

- **Career Plans**
  - Interest in working with children
  - Possible Interest in teaching
  - Possible interest in counseling and specializing in mental health
Elements of Cultural Exchange

- Ashinaga organized a series of fully funded programs, giving interns several opportunities to immerse themselves in Japanese culture.
Attending lectures at Kyoto University

Attending Gion festival

Enjoying delicious Japanese bento boxes
Touring the Ginkaku-ji, Silver Pavillion, a UNESCO world heritage site

Visiting the Tohoku region that was devastated by the earthquake & tsunami in 2011

Spending a weekend at a Buddhist monastery in Mt. Hiei, learning about Zen meditation
Especially grateful for the interns that I got to know in the Kobe Kokoro-Juku dormitory, a place that felt like home base in a foreign environment.

Through Ashinaga, I learned a lot about the importance of giving back as I witnessed the organization’s motto of orphans helping orphans come to fruition.

Learned the value of open-mindedness, flexibility, and being bold in a foreign context.