

GEO's World Culture Night

by HuiLing Hu

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Washington College has always been concerned about students from different countries and the specific cultures they have. In my opinion, I think that Washington College is different from other colleges because it pays more attention to international students and exchange students, and the college offers different events to let people know the special cultures of other countries.

On November 14,



Students & Professors Celebrate World Culture Night in the Hodson Hall "Goose Nest"

2018, the Global Education Office (GEO) hosted an event called "World Culture Night" in the Goose Nest. The Goose Nest is managed by the Office of Student

Activities, and it offers ping pong tables, pool tables, video games, and card games. It is also the best place to host club events or any special fes-

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Zhiyi Zhang & Her Host Sister Tiana

Thanksgiving, the day for family, the day for being grateful, is

Celebrating Thanksgiving

by Zhiyi Zhang

always my favorite holiday besides Christmas in the USA, because the name of the day is worthy of meditation. I was always curious about what people do for Thanksgiving because in my country, we do

not celebrate Thanksgiving as grand as here. However, since my first year in the USA, I have enjoyed the traditional celebration of this special day.

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Everyone Enjoyed the Students' Home Cuisines

tivals. Students from different countries came to prepare some signature dishes from their home countries for all the students around campus. It was free to join in, and students could taste several

tasty foods from all around the world. This event was popular with everybody because the

food was unique and fantastic. This was also a great opportunity to get in touch with food from different countries. In fact, food can attract people to learn and understand different cultures easily.

“World Culture Night” started at six o’clock, however, some students were waiting outside at half

past five. When I got there, people had already lined up at the gate. I waited for about 30 minutes with my friends, and we finally got into it. The Goose Nest was full of people, and some students brought their food to eat outside. There were paper plates, cutlery, and napkins on the table next to the door. In

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Multilingual Challenge on Cultural Diversity

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Zhiyi & Her Host Family on Thanksgiving Day

During my three years at an American high school, I stayed with my host family for Thanksgiving break, because they were the people I wanted to appreciate the most. Therefore, this year I decided to go back to visit them and celebrate

Thanksgiving with them again.

For my host family, even though there were only four of us together this year, we still made a hearty dinner.

Cooking was the most enjoyable time for me in Thanksgiving break because I do not have a chance to cook fancy meals during

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In addition, the food was set on some long tables and the students could choose what they wanted to eat. There were also name cards for each dish, so students could know their names and where they came from. In addition to these delicious foods, I found some special posters on the table, and each poster introduced the food from different countries.

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school time. I love the process that we prepare food together; it is proud to eat the foods made by ourselves. My host mother got up early in the day because she needed to prepare the 14 lbs. turkey. Cooking the turkey was exciting for me and I felt comforted when the turkey came out with golden and crispy skin since it took four to five hours to cook.

Stuffing is one of my preferred dishes; it is mixed by celery, onion and toasted bread pieces. The way my host mother cooks it is that she makes the stuffing separately from turkey at

first. Once the turkey is cooked for a while, she puts the stuffing into the turkey and bakes them together. Therefore, the flavors of turkey and stuffing are mixed together, which creates incredible taste for both turkey and stuffing.

"Time to eat, girls!" my host mother said. Besides turkey and all the traditional foods for Thanksgiving, desserts occupy an important position for dinner. My host sister, Tiana, and I chose the turkey legs and it is a "traditional" way to eat the turkey in my host family. Tiana and I are in charge of making desserts every year, since both of us are sweets lovers. The

traditional deserts in my host family are double chocolate cookies, banana split cake, lemon cream pie, and apple pie.

If food takes a half proportion of Thanksgiving, shopping takes another half. Black Friday shopping is tense and exciting. It is a perfect

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Zhiyi's Thanksgiving Dinner

Beautiful Places in Maryland

by Chihiro Osawa



Sunset at Betterton Beach

In Maryland, there are beautiful places and much history. I would like to share with you my favorite three places in Maryland. First, there is Betterton Beach. This beach is near Washington College; it takes only 15 minutes to go to this beach by the car. I never went to this beach in the summer, but it was still enjoyable to go there in the winter. If you go in the winter, please make sure to wear warm clothes because we can see icicles in winter. I am sure it must be beautiful and fun in summer as well.

This beach has a special history in Maryland. In the past, Betterton was a popular beach resort with hotels

and piers. Today, the area is much quieter with a boardwalk, public beach, and pavilion.

Havre de Grace, which located in Harford county, is my favorite city in Maryland. This city is the second oldest municipality in Maryland, after Annapolis. Therefore, it is developed but peaceful. It became known first for duck hunting. The hunters stayed at the town hotels and hired local guides to escort them hunting on the river

and along the bay. Today, there are relaxation places not only for nature scenes. While there are fish and shellfish, there are also shopping malls and spas. I did not want to leave when I visited Havre de Grace.

Near Havre de Grace, the Concord Point Lighthouse was built in 1827 where the Susquehanna River meets the tidal flow of the Chesapeake Bay. This lighthouse is protected and local volunteer groups keep the lighthouse working.

In addition, I have confidence you can have a pleasant time at Rock State Park, which is located near Baltimore. The main section of the park includes three picnic areas and hiking trails. This park is known for two things;

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“I did not want to leave when I visited Havre de Grace.”



Downtown Havre de Grace, Maryland

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Celebrating with Many Kinds of Food & Games

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One of them was a poster about Russia, and it described a dish called “Korean Carrots” and what kind of flavors that Russians like. I was surprised that almost all the students were satisfied with the food served by this event.

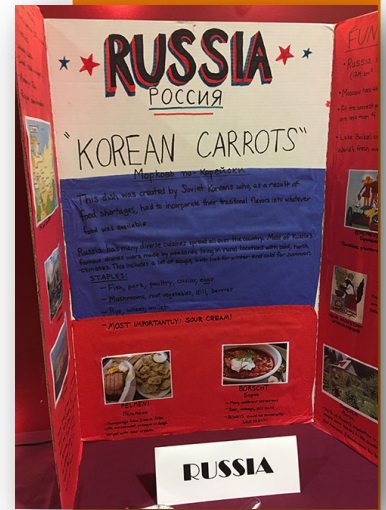
In addition, some

of my friends cooked their home country food. Sun and her friends came from China, and they prepared the dumplings as their special dishes. My other friend Pauline came from Germany, and she prepared sausages and hotdogs. I did like the sausage and curry rice, but the dumplings were my favorite, and both

the pork and leeks dumplings were good.

The Global Education Office also organized some games and competitions during the food serving, and most of the students did enjoy them. I remembered the most interesting one was “word guessing game”, because some people would deliberately guess funny words, and that was so much fun when everybody joined it.

In conclusion, I think that this event was very successful. Moreover, it made us understand the food cultures of different countries better, and it also promoted the integration of them. I hope Washington College organizes more events about different cultures in the future.



“Korean Carrots” from Russia



The King & Queen's Seat, Rock Sate Park

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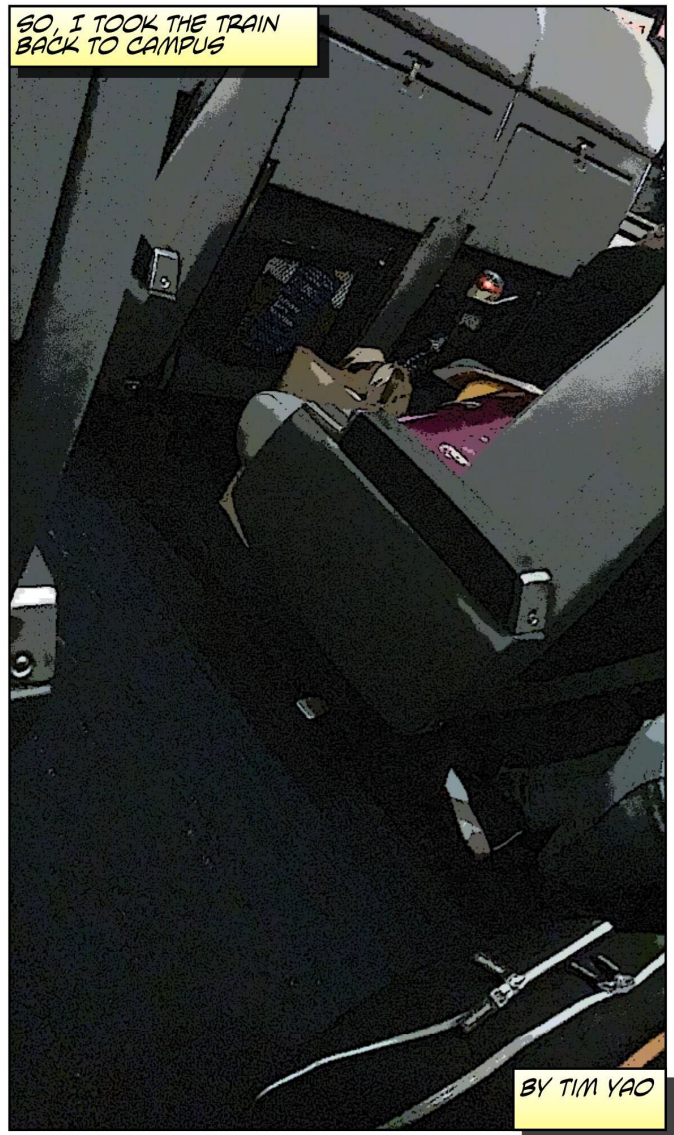
first, it is the home to the second highest vertical waterfall in the state and housing the King and Queen Seat.

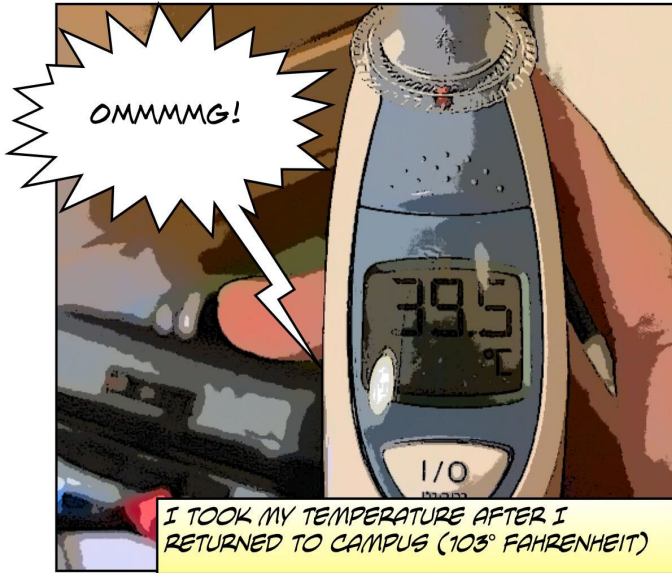
The picture to the left was taken at King & Queen Seat, which is a short hike at Rock

State Park. At first, I like this name so much because it is royal and cool. The King and Queen Seat is an area once believed to be a ceremonial gathering place of the Susquehannock Indians. It is a collection of impressive natural rock outcrops with excellent views of the surrounding area.

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A Serious Fever





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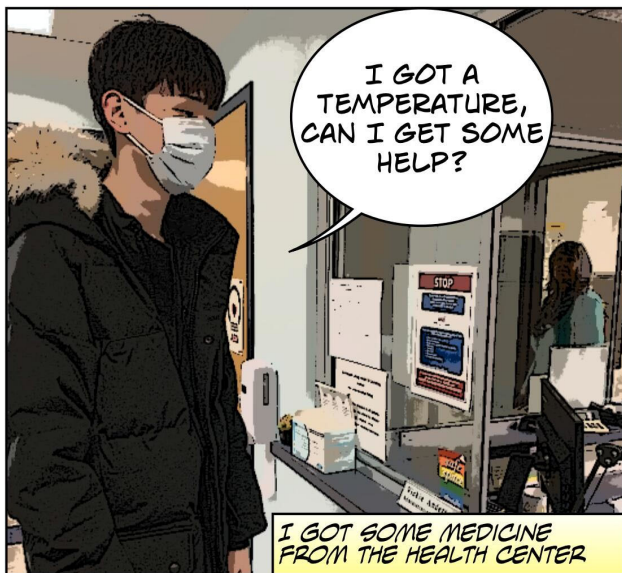
I TOOK SOME MEDICINE FROM HOME BUT IT DIDN'T HELP...



THERE IS A BIG ECONOMICS EXAM THE NEXT DAY!



SO, I WENT TO THE CAMPUS HEALTH CENTER RIGHT BEFORE THE EXAM STARTED...



I GOT SOME MEDICINE FROM THE HEALTH CENTER



I DID WELL ON THE EXAM

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time for buying Christmas gifts with heavy discounts.

However, some stores start their Black Friday sales earlier, so Tiana and I went to Meijer Grocery store in order to buy kitchen supplies. It is interesting that we couldn't decide what to buy because all products have great discounts and we did not know which one was the worthiest. Thus, spending a half hour for buying

measuring spoons was normal for us during that time.

This Black Friday was different because I went to Chicago with my best friend, Catherine. We did not see each other for a long time after we graduated from high school. In addition, some of my high school friends came back to Chicago as well. Therefore, it was a blessing that I could meet and chat with them again at this special time.

My Thanksgiving break is as special as before because I spent the time with the same people as before. Nevertheless, it was distinguished this year because when I saw my host family and friends again, my emotion was not the same as before. I think I understand the meaning of the holiday deeper and stronger, so I feel I was lucky to have these amazing people in my life.

Interview with Dr. David Hull

by GuoTai Feng

Q. Why did you choose to be a professor?

A. I really fell in love with teaching when I was teaching English in Shenyang. I didn't know if I would be able to do the research side of things until I went to graduate school. I found that I loved translating and research, too. Being a professor is so wonderful because I get to do what I love, and I get to share the things that I love with people.

Q. Why did you choose to teach at Washington College?

A. The honest answer is that they offered me a job. The job market for professors is pretty awful, and to have the opportunity to teach at a

school like Washington College is incredibly rare. Fortunately, it's a wonderful place and I love it here.

Q. How long have you been teaching at Washington College?

A. This is the beginning of my 4th year.

Q. What other positions did you hold before coming to Washington College?

A. Too many! Here's a short list: Actor, electrician, sound engineer, soldier, cook, waiter, barista, bookstore clerk, English teacher

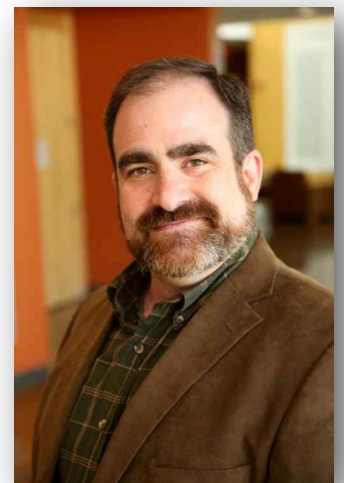
Q. What do you think are the advantages of Washington College over other colleges?

A. The biggest advantage we offer is the close connection with faculty. All liberal arts colleges offer small classes and intensive courses, and that's something we do well, too, but I think our focus is special. We also encourage the moral development of our students, which is something that many other colleges could pay more attention to.

Q. Why should students study Chinese at Washington College?

A. We're just getting started with Chinese here. The classes we already have are quite rigorous. What that

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Dr. David Hull

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Interview with Yoshiki Matsuda & Zheyuan Chen

by JiaHao Li

Q: What are your names and where do you call “home”?

Yoshiki: My name is Yoshiki Matsuda, and I’m from Tokushima, Japan. My city is on the island of Shikoku.

Julien: My name is Zheyuan Chen, but I have a nickname. I like my friends to call me “Julien.” My home city is Shanghai, the largest city in China.

Q: What are you studying at Washington College?

Julien: I am studying psychology.

Yoshiki: I am studying economics.

Q: How did you meet the first time?

Julien: We met each other during the Spring International Student Orientation in 2017.

Q: How long have you known each other?

Julien: Well, that was in January 2017. So, we’ve known

each other for 2 years.

Q: How long have you been together as couple?

Yoshiki: We’ve been together as a couple for 5 months now.

Q: How did you become a couple?

Julien: Yoshiki showed that he liked me before we became a couple, but the story of how we became a couple is from this past summer in China. It was during the summer classes, when we were studying for an exam together. It was late at night, and we both decided to take a nap. When I woke up, I saw that Yoshiki’s leg was twitching. I thought he was dying of some bad illness, and I quickly woke him up and asked him if he was doing OK. Yoshiki was

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Julien & Yoshiki in Time Square, New York

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means is that you can get a very good working knowledge of Chinese. That combined with our study abroad opportunities make the Chinese program particularly strong. We also have plans to develop more upper-level courses and hopefully get a major and minor soon. For a more

general answer, China is such a critical player in the new globalized world, that no matter what field you want to enter, you are at a real disadvantage if you don’t have at least a basic understanding of China. The incredibly rich cultural history of China and Chinese literature is also an important draw. As we try to understand what it

means to be human, and how to be better humans, the Chinese perspective is a critical piece of the human experience.

Q. Why are you interested in Chinese culture?

A. It’s a very long story, but the quick version is that when I was working in New York City, I would

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often walk through Chinatown. I fell in love with Chinese characters. I was fascinated by how they are written and how they are constructed. Each time I had an opportunity to learn more about Chinese literature and culture, I became more deeply interested.

Q. Do you have a dream workplace? It could be a city or a business.

wonderful places to work. All that said, I think the most important things are the people around you and the tasks you have to accomplish. If you love the people around you and you enjoy your work, you can be content just about anywhere.

Q. What is your favorite food?

A. This is so difficult! I will say that I miss simple things most from China. 油條 and 豆漿, and basic vegetable dishes. If I had to pick one thing though, I think I would say tacos. We don't really have good options for tacos here in Chestertown, but I could eat them every day.

Q. Do you like pets? What animal would you most like to take care if conditions permit?

A. I love just about all animals. I have two cats right now, and if I were home more and had a better yard, I would love to have a dog, too.

Q. What's your favorite city? Or your favorite country?

A. City? I have a soft spot for Beijing, even though it's horribly polluted and the traffic is awful. If I had to pick one, I'd say New York City though. Countries? I love China deeply, but there's nothing like home. I love the US.

Q. What's your best memory in China?

A. I think my happiest memory was sitting by a lake down in Dali with my ex-girlfriend. We had just started dating, and it was incredibly romantic.

Q. What's your favorite thing to do outside of work?

A. Most recently, I've been playing video games. *Assassin's Creed* and *Overwatch*, mainly.

Q. If you won \$1 million, what would you spend it on?

A. Sadly, the first thing I would do is pay off my student loans. Then I would give parts of it to my siblings. I might buy a house after that.

Q. As for life, do you think people should enjoy life at ease or make money hard?

A. Everyone has their own needs. Some people find deep satisfaction by working 24/7. Other people need social interaction. I'm more of a private person, and I don't really care much about money. Telling people

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GuoTai Feng & Dr. David Hull in Dr. Hull's office

A. I worked for a few years in the Pacific Northwest, and that was lovely. Beijing and Shanghai were both

Maryland (Cont'd)



Concord Point Light House

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In conclusion, Betterton Beach, Havre de Grace, and Rock State Park are my favorite places in Maryland so far. They have not only beautiful scenery but also history and tradition. However, I am sure there are other beautiful places and history that I do not know yet. I like Maryland because it is peaceful, silent, and beautiful. As the academic year progresses, I am looking forward to seeing more beautiful places in Maryland.

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where to find their joy is often disappointing to the advice giver and the advice receiver. Zhuangzi has it right: 南海之帝為儵，北海之帝為忽，中央之帝為渾沌。儵與忽時相與遇於渾沌之地，渾沌待之甚善。儵與忽謀報渾沌之德，曰：「人皆有七竅，以視聽食息，此獨無有，嘗試鑿之。」日鑿一竅，七日而渾沌死。

Q. For any old goods, do you keep them or replace them with new ones? (For example, I will keep all my old items even they are not working.)

A. It depends. I enjoy buying new technology when I can. I love getting a

new phone or a new laptop, but I can't afford it. For most other things (Cars, clothes, etc...), I don't care.

Q. How many languages do you speak? What other languages do you want to learn?

A. I can only speak Chinese and English well. I've studied French and Japanese, and I really wish I could use them better. I would love to learn Arabic (so pretty!) and German, and of course knowing Spanish would be so helpful, too!

Q. Is there anything you believe in the world that hasn't been proven yet? (For example, I believe in magic in the real world.)

A. I'm fairly conservative about those sorts of things. Even with the things we do understand scientifically,

there is so much beauty, wonder, and mystery in the world. I haven't had any personal experience to convince me that there are deeply foundational hidden truths.

Q. When you retire, what would you like to do most?

A. I'm not really sure my life would change much. I might do more writing and translating.

Q. When you retire from being a professor, how would you like to be remembered?

A. If people said I was a kind man who helped students become better people, I think I would be as proud as can be.

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touched by my worry and he expressed his feeling towards me. He asked me to be his girlfriend, and I accepted.

Q: What are your favorite things to do together as a couple?

Yoshiki: We like to watch movies and sometimes shopping on the weekends. Interestingly enough, one of our favorite things to do is just sleep!

Julien: And we spent most evenings together cooking. We like to cook Asian food a lot, mainly noodles.

Q: What is the most daring thing the two of you have ever done?

Julien: The most daring thing we do? Well,

we fight over small things almost every day. Not physically, of course! Just verbally, what we call “bickering” in English.

Q: What is an ideal weekend for the two of you?

Yoshiki: Sleep! We love to sleep on the weekends. Also, we like to travel a lot. We spent Thanksgiving break in New York City. Visiting Time Square in Manhattan was a great experience! But it was so cold!

Q: What's the best present you ever received from each other?

Julien: It was at our 100-day anniversary as a couple. Yoshiki went to a flower shop in downtown Chester-

town and bought me eleven roses. In Chinese traditional culture, giving someone eleven roses is the same as saying “I only care about you!”

Q: Julien, how is Yoshiki different from a typical Chinese boy?

Julien: Yoshiki is not narcissistic like some Chinese boys; he is honest and knows how to take care of me.

Q: Yoshiki, how is Julien different from a typical Japanese girl?

Yoshiki: Julien is willing to fight back when she disagrees with me on something. Usually, most Japanese girls don't do that; they are obedient to their boyfriends.

Q: Name three things that attract you to each other.

Yoshiki: I think Julien is honest and cute and

she is an easygoing person.

Julien: I think Yoshiki is smart and humorous. And as I said before, he takes special care of me!

Q: In the relationship, who do you think is in charge?

Yoshiki: Oh, I think we both are. For example when we go out to eat, we pay separately for our food. And whoever is more comfortable doing something, then that person will do it.

Julien: Like, after we cook a meal together, when we are finished eating and if Yoshiki says that he is tired, then I will wash and dry the dishes.

Q: What is the best advice you have ever given each other?

Julien: Yoshiki helps me with my biology homework.

Yoshiki: Julien puts restrictions on my smartphone usage!