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A Christmas Party celebration with some Japanese and other exchange students celebrating our time in Japan.

With less than 24 hours left before I leave Japan, there are numerous emotions running through my body. As I type this, I find myself remembering all the experiences that I have had studying abroad. Not all the experiences were good at first, but all of them were positive because I could learn from them. Reentry into the United States seems like a dream almost and I almost cannot think of what my life will be like without living in Japan. That being said, the memories and friends that I have made here will undoubtedly follow me through the rest of my life. The bonds that I have forged here will last while I am overseas and I hope to see all my close friends again, later in life. For anyone who is wondering whether to study abroad, just know that when people say that studying abroad changed their life, they are not kidding. Before coming to Japan, I did not even have an inkling of the experiences and friendships that I would find and create while studying abroad. Although I am leaving tomorrow to return to America, part of me will always be in Japan and I cannot wait until the day that I can return here and see my friends once again. Truly, a single word cannot describe the experience in its entirety; so I will use two words: momentously inspiring.

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