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First, I must say that my overall exchange stay at the University of Washington in Seattle has been great. I have learned a lot about other people, but also about myself.

During the first quarter of my stay, I gave myself a hard time in school by choosing some courses where I was probably lacking some skills to achieve a good result. This meant that the work load in the autumn quarter was much higher than I anticipated. Therefore, it was good to be told by my Scan Design advisor (Anni Fuller) that this was normal for exchange students. This made me engage much better in the academic work and I made it through the quarter with a satisfactory result.

During the last two quarters I had learned more about academic work at the UW and I chose courses that were much more suitable for me and my qualifications.

During the autumn quarter I found friends that I ended up hanging out with throughout the whole year of my exchange. Two of these friends I meet through Scan Design and they are probably people I'm going to stay in contact with the rest of my life.

One of the problems with the Scan Design program in the autumn was that I didn't really know what Scan Design foundation was and did until I came to the reception where it was announced that I was a Scan Design scholar. I will suggest that future Scan Design scholars will receive an official letter/e-mail from the board of the Scan Design that will help clarify this. Other than that I have only good things to say about the Scan Design program. The excursions we went on with our advisor really displayed the wonders of the Northwest and the financial support helped my strained economy. Even though the dollar was weak, I found out that it is expensive to be studying in Seattle.

In regard to the Scan Design advisor there couldn't have been a better one. It was nice to know that she was always available and that you could always walk into her office and ask questions even if she was busy.

I thank everyone in the Scan Design Foundation for having given me the opportunity to study abroad in Seattle for one year. If I was given the same offer again I would do it all over.

Best regards,
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