

Boullanger Seminar

Students this year took on interesting and relevant topics in areas of business, media and politics, mainly focused on Canada. This year's winner is Chika Oshima for her examination of Canadian residential schools and their impact on First Nations communities, especially the impact on First Nations women. Ms. Oshima's "The Multi-generational Impact of Canadian Residential Schools" looks at the experiences of First Nations in residential schools but also how the effects continue to be felt by individuals, within families and in First Nations communities. Notable mention is made to Sayaka Hagi for her well-written and well-researched essay on a Canadian donut chain and its evolution to an iconic national brand. Kanami Taniguchi's comparison of immigrant policies in Canada and Japan is relevant to the population issues facing Japan today. Ayumi Takeichi explored the innovative Canadian circus troupe Cirque du Soleil, and their unique business approach, which led to international claim and financial success. Finally, Akiho Itakura focused on the cosmetic industry and its use of social media to create and promote its brands. I want to thank all my students for communicating and cooperating with me and ultimately making this an enjoyable experience.