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## 長野西高校ALTの先生紹介

### ALTの先生

長野西高校には、2名のALTの先生(アメリカ出身)が常駐し、国際教養科、普通科ともに英語科目を担当し、特に生徒のプレゼンテーション能力の向上に、大いに役立っています。また、生徒と積極的に関わり、授業以外のさまざまな行事(英語ディベート大会、英語合宿等)にも、熱心にご指導されています。

### アマンダ先生

Hello! My name is Amanda Rowland. I am an ALT (Assistant Language Teacher) here at Nagano Nishi. ☺

I have been at Nagano Nishi for almost 6 years. I really love it here. We have a lot of fun studying English and working with the students and teachers is one of my favorite things to do.

I am originally from The United States of America. Have you heard of Arizona State? I'm from Arizona. It's quite hot in Arizona, because it's a desert. However, I love Nagano City as much as I love Arizona. Nagano is a great place with beautiful mountains, weather, and people. It is just a place I really love.

I also love Japan, cooking, cats, snakes, stars, reading, playing games, and talking to my friends on the internet. I like or have an interest in many things, so I like talking to many different people. There is always something to learn when talking to someone!

Which is why learning another language is such a good thing! It means you can talk with more people and learn many different things.



That's what I think!

I like bunnies.

## ネリー先生

Hello! My name is Nellie Ng, and I am one of two ALTs at Nagano Nishi. I have been an ALT at Nishi since August 2011. I am from Boston, Massachusetts in the USA. I studied psychology in university, and I also studied Japanese for two years at that time. I have lost much of my Japanese language ability after so many years. However, I am slowly regaining some of that lost ability after coming to Japan.

Many students ask me about why I came to Japan. There are many little reasons for my coming here, but I think the two most important reasons are these: 1) I love teaching and 2) I loved my Japanese classes and teachers. I have been a tutor/teacher in many subjects, primarily English, since I was a high school student. It is a wonderful and very fulfilling feeling to help others understand something that they could not understand before. Also, I had one exceptional Japanese teacher in my university, and she inspired me to come to Japan and learn more about its culture and language. That is how I learned about the JET Program. I finally became a participant in 2011.

At Nagano Nishi, I spend much of my teaching time with students in our International Studies Course, but I also teach students in the general studies course every week. When I am not teaching in the classroom, I am available in the English office to help all students with English questions. Therefore, any student is welcome for ALT advice. We especially love visitors from junior high school, so please come see us anytime, and we will be happy to meet and talk to you!

