



SPRACHEN-ASSISTENT CHRISTOPH WINTER

... NATIVE SPEAKER IM EINSATZ AN DER HBLFA TIROL ...



Hi everyone!

My name is Chris, and I'm the English language teaching assistant this year at the HBLFA Tirol in Kematen. I come from Washington State in the USA, home of Amazon, Microsoft, and everyone's favorite coffee company, Starbucks. Before coming to Austria, I attended Western Washington University, where I studied two of my biggest passions: Linguistics and German. Ever since I started learning German at a language school in Berlin in 2012, I've become more and more interested in the language, its complex grammar, and diverse range of dialects. When I go back to the US in June, I will begin a master's program with the hope of becoming a German teacher in my home state. In the meantime, I'm so happy to be living and working here in an area as beautiful as Tyrol, and I thoroughly enjoy getting to go on weekend adventures in the Alps!



My job here as an English teaching assistant is not only to provide students with the opportunity to interact with and learn from a native English speaker, but also to give them an idea of what my experience has been like as an American. That means giving lessons on topics that are always in the news such as gun violence, health care, and politics. It also means leading students in communicative games to help them develop their conversational skills. And finally, it means helping students prepare for the oral Matura with one-on-one practice sessions in which they can get comfortable with the format of the exam and practice crafting their presentations. Getting to know the students and teachers here has been a great experience so far, and I'm looking forward to continuing to work with everyone for the rest of this school year!

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An der HBLFA Tirol steht den interessierten Schülerinnen und Schülern jedes Jahr ein Native Speaker aus Amerika zur Verfügung. Die amerikanischen Studentinnen und Studenten helfen den jungen Menschen beim Englisch-Lernen, vor allem beim aktiven Sprechen. Die Scheu soll abgebaut werden.

Wir haben jedes Jahr besonderes Glück und haben immer nette Fremdsprachen-Assistentinnen und Assistenten. Mit Herrn Christoph Winter aus Amerika sind wir aber ganz besonders zufrieden. Im Bild ist er mit 1B-Schülerinnen, die die Stunden mit Chris als sehr lehr- und abwechslungsreich besonders schätzen.

Danke Chris, dass Du uns im heurigen Schuljahr begleitest.

