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Mall of America Trip

### **Mall of America: A Place to Shop, Eat and Make Memories**

The World Student Association (WSA) took a trip to Mall of America (MOA), and it was full of fun, laughter, and no stress.

Waldorf University is in Forest City which is a very small town in north Iowa. Students from all over the United States and the world come to this University to expand in education and culture. Because of that, Forest City tends to get very boring, especially for international students who must rely on friends to take them places.

MOA is a shopping mall located in Bloomington Minnesota that has stores, restaurants, a movie theater and a Nickelodeon amusement park. WSA traveled a two-hour long trip to MOA on Sunday, April tenth, 2022 with the group advisor, Megan Gabriell.

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Menli Nepasova, a member of the group said that this has become a part of the WSA tradition.

“We started to incorporate trips to this mall to show mainly international students new stores to buy clothes or just to take a break from Forest City and have fun.” Nepasova also stated that this break was well-needed.

“Going to Mall of America is always a breath of fresh air. I get to go shopping at my favorite stores like Zara, H&M and forever 21. I also enjoy the restaurants that are there like chick fil A, the chocolate factory, Aunty Ann’s and Bubba Gump. This is just my way of enjoying life when we make the time.”

Mall of America is the ninth largest shopping mall in the world and the largest in the western hemisphere with over 520 stores open. Outside of the mall are additional hotels, restaurants, and stores. The group spent a total of 4 hours having fun.

Nishara Grant, President of WSA said that the trip was a stress buster. “I was having stressful days before this trip. This has been a huge stress buster. I went to the amusement park and went on almost all the rides. I also went shopping in stores like Nike, ALDO, Shoe Carnival, and H&M. I also bought food from Popeyes and some chocolate to snack on. Mall of America is always a great time to be free.” Grant also stated that it is necessary to get out of Forest City. “Exploring outside of Forest City is vital for being at Waldorf. This is a very small town and college and there’s not much to do, so Mall of America is a great place to explore and have fun.”

In the end, the students loved and enjoyed their time in the mall of America.