

The Porvenir Times

International College of Seville Newsletter

JUNE 2023 EDITION

IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

END OF THE SEMESTER

See the last two activities with which we ended the Spring semester.

INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON JUSTICE

Learn all about the Forum in which the ICS participated alongside the International Academy of Trial Judges at the University of Seville Faculty of Law.

STUDENT CORNER

"A Look Into the First Week of a Study Abroad Student.", by University of Hawaii at Manoa student, Olivia Fitch. And "Settling into Sevilla", by Elgin Community College student, Shayndel Valles.

WELCOME WEEK

The Semester has begun with a bang. Discover where we took our new students in Seville.



One last fun activity of the semester!



Having enjoyed our first boat ride of Welcome Week so much, our students wanted to organize another one Farewell Cruise and so we did! It was a truly memorable evening, filled with great food, lots of laughs and the best of company!



[Click on pictures to see Facebook albums](#)

BYE!

Spring Farewell Party

It was a wonderful semester, filled with memorable moments and great students. We hated saying goodbye, but since we had to... well, we wanted to turn it into a truly delightful celebration! Our housemothers came with delicious food, we watched student videos and we ended the semester with a bang!



Click on pictures to see Facebook album.



International Forum on Justice



This month the International College of Seville participated in an International Forum on Justice. ICS Director of Student Affairs, Lisa Dolan, acted as liaison and translator for the International Academy of Trial Judges at the University of Seville Faculty of Law.



Presenters of the Forum were Dr. Ana Melo, Criminal Lawyer and University of Seville Professor; Dr. Miguel Adame, Academic Director of the U.S. Faculty of Law; Dr. Fernando Llano Alonzo, U.S. Faculty of Law Dean; Orange County Superior Court and Academy President; and Dr. Martina Mastrantoni, as representative of Seville's Illustrious Bar Association.



ICS Director of Student Affairs, Lisa Dolan, acted as liaison and translator for the Judges. Here, explaining the mission of the Academy and giving a brief description of the professional background of each of the Judges.



Group shot of the participants of the Forum

[Click on pictures to see Facebook album](#)



The encounter ended with a donation made on behalf of the Academy to the University of Seville Faculty of Law.

The International College of Seville is honored to have participated in this memorable event and to have so actively brought together such distinguished professionals.

SUMMER WELCOME RECEPTION & ORIENTATION

One semester ends and another begins. We are truly fortunate to be able to count on two Spring semester students to help us with logistics, technical support and all the positive energy that they send to our Summer students. Samantha and Kaia are part of the ICS Team this Summer and we couldn't be happier!



UHM students, Kaia Barnes and Samantha Carroll



Great airport welcome reception!



Samantha, Evan and Kaia greeting on Orientation morning

We are also pleased to announce the newest member of the ICS staff: Mr. Evan Kindle. Evan comes to the ICS with great experience in International Education and in the specific field of Study Abroad. He will be working in Student Affairs and Social Media. We are certain he will be a great addition to the College.



During ICS Orientation



Sara, Sunny and Margot



Cristina, Sofia and Kaia



WELCOME WEEK

PART I OF A GREAT WEEK!



Walk along
the river
to
Triana!



"La Torre del Oro" monument.

For our first morning we
walked along the river and into
Triana to enjoy a typical
Andalusian breakfast.



Traditionally, Saturday is shopping day
in Spain. Where better to visit than the
city's bustling commercial district (and
stop at the largest wooden structure in
the world: Las Setas), and then stop for
some churros con chocolate?!

Visit to the
commercial
district.
"Las
Setas"!



"Las Setas" monument.





Settling into Sevilla



View of my new neighborhood from my home

Summer is here and students have arrived at the International College of Seville from all across the United States. From the East Coast to the West Coast, over 50 Spanish-learning Americans have settled down into homestays and residencies across Sevilla's historic El Porvenir neighborhood. Through academic and cultural immersion, I've already felt a strong connection with my environment and I look forward to improving my Spanish language skills.

While we come from a variety of backgrounds, all students possess the same distinct quality: willingness and strength to fly across the Atlantic Ocean and become one with traditional Spanish language and culture. From Flamenco shows to expansive architectural tours, I've been exposed to several different aspects of Spanish life that I would not have seen in the United States. I've been able to walk all around the city and see the several modes of transportation offered including scooters, bikes, buses, trams, and the metro.

If you snooze in Sevilla, you won't lose: the mid-evening siesta remains a prominent part of local culture. Following lunch, we're given the opportunity to escape the bright sun and rest for a long night ahead. While strange at first, I've really enjoyed exploring this new lifestyle where Spanish families eat dinner late at night and stay awake long past traditional American daytime hours. It's been interesting to see Spaniards from all walks of life out celebrating in the streets past two or three in the morning.

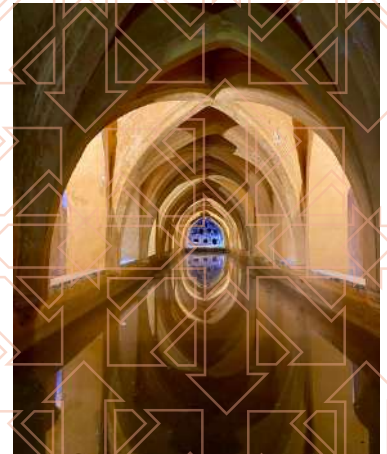


"Las Setas" monument.

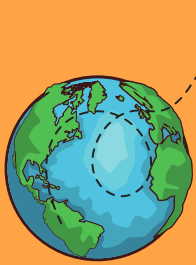


The Alcázar palace..

By applying to study abroad, I've welcomed a world of opportunities and lifelong connections. Immersion in Sevillian life is a valuable way for me to expand my horizons and gain valuable experience. I've experienced a wonderful sense of fulfillment from sharing life's joys with like-minded students in a country that indulges in each passing moment. I hope to continue to enjoy studying in the green, accessible Andalusian city of Sevilla.



The baths of the Alcázar palace.



A Look Into the First Week of a Study Abroad Student.



Exploring the María Luisa park with my new friends

As I was sitting at the Paris airport waiting for my next flight after over 24 hours of travel, it finally dawned on me that I was in a new country on my way to study abroad. The process was taxing, but of course in the end, absolutely worth it. It can be overwhelming...the idea of being away for a long period of time, not knowing anyone, and just waiting patiently for the flight to land already so you can stop being wedged in-between two people. But as the first week rapidly came to a close, we can see the love, friendship, and culture that radiates from this wonderful city.

The first week was packed with something new each day not only to teach us about Seville, but to help us get to know one another. The walk through the María Luisa park, through the monumental downtown, eating *churros* with new friends, watching a Flamenco show, and cruising down the Guadalquivir river all set up this trip with overwhelming feelings of gratitude and excitement. In addition to the ICS, it is fun to explore on our own. One night some of my classmates and I went on a bike ride at sunset around the river and ended the night with drinks in Triana.

Each day was filled with new food, new people, and new experiences and I am excited to see what follows within the coming weeks. Just a few days ago, we visited the Alcázar palace, which is the oldest active royal palace in Europe. The Spanish royal family still uses it when they come to Seville. The history and contrast of cultures and religions spanning hundreds of years was incredible to see and learn about.



Visit to the Alcázar palace..



Enjoying Seville in the daytime and at night!

Over this last week I have enjoyed spending time with my host mom and my roommates. She makes us amazing food and we are excited to see what other new foods we will yet try! My favorite food so far is Tortilla de Patata **CON** cebolla. I am super thankful for this experience, and hope to fully immerse myself in Spanish culture and traditions. In the upcoming weeks we will have a day trip to Córdoba, a weekend trip to Portugal, and a three-day trip to Morocco, which are all going to bring this group even closer together and make this an experience we will all remember for ever.

UPCOMING AT THE ICS

Activities.

What an intensive Summer Session this will be! Welcome Week, Visits, Trips, Cooking Classes... and all in one month!



And...

At the end of the month we will send off our students with a big Farewell Party!

Follow us to stay updated and visit our website to learn more about our programs!



c/ Porvenir, 15, 41013 Seville, Spain

Phone: (+34) 95-423-3838

Email: info@ics-seville.org