### The Porvenir Times

International College of Seville Newsletter, April 2020



#### IN OUR APRIL ISSUE:

#### SPECIAL EDITION

Although the semester was abruptly cut short, our students were able to enjoy their month of March with a number of activities that we share with you here.

### CULTURAL VISITS AND TRIPS

See the guided tour our Spring students took during the month of March.

At the Alhambra palace in Granada.

### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITES

Learn all about the activities in which our students have taken part in this month!

#### **UPCOMING NEWS**

Read about what's happening at the ICS next Fall semester.

#### STUDENT CORNER

"Friendship in Times of Coronavirus" by University of Hawaii at Manoa student, Bel Feldman.



Group shot at the ancient Roman ruins of Itálica.

To view all of our student blogs visit: ics-seville.org/blogs

STUDENT CORNER: Bel Feldman (University of Hawaii at Manoa)

# Friendships in Times of Coronavirus.



My time in Spain ended rather abruptly when I received a text from my parents saying that the USA had decided to close its borders the following day due to the spreading of Coronavirus and my parents had booked me a ticket home for the following morning. I spent one last amazing day in Sevilla with some of the best people I've ever gotten to know! We decided to make a list of all the things we wanted to do before we left Sevilla and one of them was riding in the boats around the Plaza De España. We also went on a shopping spree and got our last plate of tapas. I left for Madrid later that night after attempting to say goodbye to as many of the amazing people that I met as possible. My roommate Melanie and my host mother Maria Jose were the hardest to say goodbye to especially in such an abrupt manner.



At Seville's Alcázar palace.



Boating in the Plaza de España.

Despite the fact my journeys in Spain were cut short, I will always remember the time I had in Spain, the amazing people I met and lifelong memories I made. Everyday in Spain I felt as if I was being the best version of myself as possible, trying new things, learning something new everyday, and pushing myself so far outside of my comfort zone that my previous fears and worries seem laughable now.

# Friendships in Times of Coronavirus. Part II



The International College of Seville (ICS) is run by the greatest and most supportive professors and administrators. I've never met a more welcoming, friendly and kind group of people and they truly made my experience exponentially better! Although my classes will continue online and I'll receive all my credits, I'll miss my daily face to face time with all the amazing people at ICS.



ICS Administrative staff



Back in the USA!

I returned home to a small town near Denver, Colorado where my parents have a small farm. I am required to quarantine for 2 weeks and I figured what better way to spend a quarantine than invite some of the awesome people I met in Spain to join me!



Enjoying the snow in Colorado.

STUDENT CORNER: Bel Feldman (University of Hawaii at Manoa)

## Friendships in Times of Coronavirus. Part III



Currently, I have four of my closest friends here with me and we've adopted 11 baby birds (6 ducklings and 5 chicks). We also painted a mural on the side of our barn to spice the place up a bit.

Despite the fact that we had to leave Spain early, I in no way regret it. All of these amazing people I've met would not be in my life, let alone on my farm if it hadn't been for Spain!





Creating our masterpiece.



Alana.



### WEEKEND IN GRANADA



#### THE LAND OF THE LAST MOORISH KING.

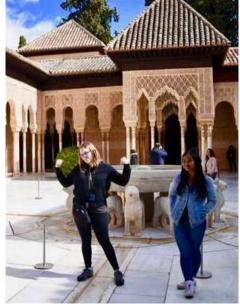
On our two-day and one night trip to the city of Granada, we visited Spain's most visited monument: The magnificent Arabian palace of La Alhambra. Located at the foot of the Sierra Nevada this 9th C. fortress was the last stronghold of the Arabs in Spain.













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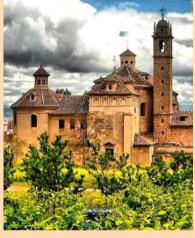


#### AND...

We also visited the tomb of the King Ferdinand and Queen Isabel within the Royal Chapel as well as the Carthusian Monastery, visibly the finest example of Baroque art and architecture in all of the country.



#### EL MONASTERIO DE LA CARTUJA













A great trip, indeed!

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# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



#### Spanish Cooking Classes

In the home of our housemom, María José Rodríguez.

We had great fun this semester teaching our students how to make Spain's most typical dish: Classic Mixed Paella. In the second session we even taught the group how to make a vegan version of it, and just as delicious as the original!

The classes were given by our Masterchef friend, Pablo, son of María José, and were greatly instructive and highly entertaining. Thanks to everyone for filling them with truly memorable moments! We laughed from start to finish!

We hope you will make this dish for your friends and family back home, sharing your experience in Seville for many years to come.

















#### Sevillanas Dance Classes

At the Rocío Albéniz Dance Studio.

Our students had the opportunity to learn how to dance "Sevillanas", a style of Flamenco that is the best known folk dance of Spain and the most typical dance of Seville's April Fair.

In the months of February and March our two groups learned the dance.

### UPCOMING AT THE ICS

### Fall Semester.

Summer Term at the ICS has been cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We look forward to recommencing our academic and extracurricular activity in September. Our Fall semester will be a spectacular one in which our students may enroll in classes at any one of three downtown campuses.







Take specialized courses in a wide range of subjects including Film, Public Relations, Tourism and many more.





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