

# The Porvenir Times

International College of Seville Newsletter

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## THIS MONTH:

### **WELCOME WEEK**

Hear all about the first week of fun organized for our students on arrival to their new home city.

### **ICS SOCIAL MEDIA**

Listen to our latest podcast broadcast and meet the new members of our ICS Social Media Team!

### **UPCOMING NEWS**

Read what's new and coming at the ICS.

To view all of our blogs, visit: [ics-seville.org/blogs](https://ics-seville.org/blogs).





# WELCOME WEEK

What a fun week we had!



At the University of Seville



Guided walks downtown, breakfast in a quaint café, *churros con chocolate* under the world's largest wooden structure, Seville's best-loved Flamenco show, and a cruise down the river! By the end of the week our students were not only introduced to their new city and classmates, but felt right at home!



Plaza de España



Calle Betis

## DAY 1



Willow, Heart, and Renita



Madison, Renita, Landon, Austin & Juwan



In the Plaza de España



Monument to Bécquer



Group shot



Lorana, Yeini, Blanca & Natalie



Ariana & Aaliyah

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# WELCOME WEEK DAY 2



Madison & Caleb



Before the Alcázar palace



Renita & Maryn



Group shot under "Las Setas"



Yeini, Blanca, Charlotte, Lorana, & Natalie



Renita, Madison, Chanalei & Austin



Museum of Flamenco Dance



Group shot with a Flamenco singer

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# WELCOME WEEK

## DAY 3



Renita & Maryn



Lorana, Charlotte, Blanca, Natalie & Yeini with Captain Mario



Chanalei & Madison



Mia, Aaliyah, Ariana, Divana & Austin



The Calle Betis



Verence, Emilia, Victoria & Prof. Bustamante



Group 1



Group 2

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# ICS Podcast

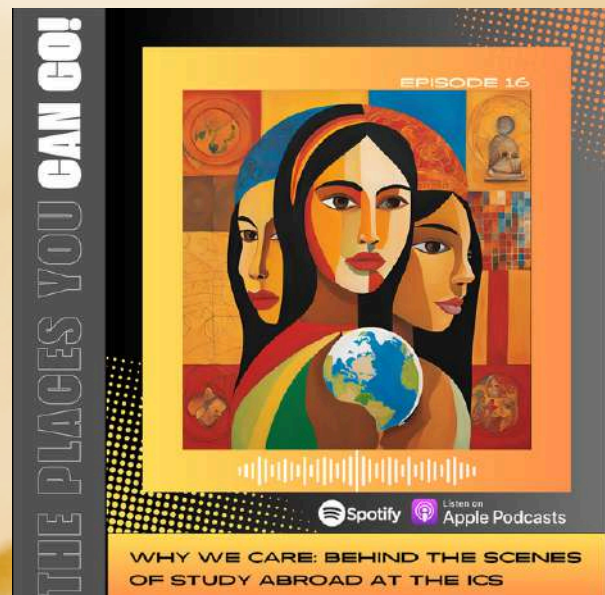
The Places You Can Go  
Episode 16



## EP. 16: WHY WE CARE: BEHIND THE SCENES OF STUDY ABROAD AT THE ICS

In this episode of The Places You Can Go, host Evan Kindle sits down with Lisa Dolan, Director of Student Affairs; Sandra Soto, Academic Director; and Gina de los Santos, Director of Student Housing.

Together, they share their personal journeys—how they found themselves in Seville and what inspired them to dedicate their lives to creating transformative study abroad experiences. Tune in and discover how these three professionals are changing lives through the power of global education!



# ICS SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

This semester we are fortunate enough to count on the collaboration of two very talented students as members of our Social Media team!



### Chanalei Bartholomew

Chanalei is a fourth-year student at the Shidler College of Business at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where she is currently double majoring in International Business and Marketing.



### Renita Chen

Renita is a third-year student at the Shidler College of Business at the University of Hawaii. She is studying Business with a focus in Marketing.

## THE TEAM

Both members are excited to work on different projects as interns for International College of Seville this semester.





## The Transformative Impact of Studying Abroad: How Our Students Grow Through the Experience



We have just wrapped up our Welcome Week activities and our Spring 2025 students are settling in and looking forward to the rest of the semester here in Seville. It is during this time that we ask our students to join our Post-Arrival Student Reflections session to look ahead and think about their expectations and goals for the semester. This is an essential time for students to begin thinking about the short and long-term impact that this experience will have on them and start taking the necessary steps for them to get the most out of this time abroad.

Here at the ICS, we know that studying abroad is more than just an academic experience—it's a life-changing journey that fosters personal, cultural, and professional growth. From stepping outside their comfort zones to navigating unfamiliar environments, our students emerge from their semester study abroad program with newfound confidence, adaptability, and global perspectives.



From classmates to friends



Caleb, Mia & Victoria

It's clear that immersing themselves in a different educational environment broadens our students' intellectual horizons. They learn to approach problem-solving from diverse perspectives, gain access to new academic resources, and improve language skills when taking courses and studying in Spanish. This exposure enhances their critical thinking and adaptability, making them more well-rounded scholars.

Living in another country like Spain allows our students to develop a deeper appreciation for cultural diversity. They engage with local customs, traditions, and perspectives that challenge their own worldviews. Over time, they become more adaptable, open-minded, and skilled at navigating cross-cultural situations.



Maryn, Brandon, Austin & Jeremy

For many of our students, studying abroad is their first experience living independently. Managing daily life in a new environment teaches resilience, self-reliance, and problem-solving skills. They learn to handle challenges with confidence, whether it's figuring out public transportation or overcoming language barriers, leading to greater self-awareness and maturity.



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Part II



A globalizing workforce also greatly values the skills gained from studying abroad, including adaptability, cross-cultural communication, and a global mindset. ICS students often return home with stronger leadership skills, a broader network, and a clearer vision of their career goals. Whether through the ICS internships, service-learning opportunities, or engaging with an international network, their experiences give them a competitive edge when exploring their career paths.

The most rewarding aspects of studying abroad with the ICS are the friendships and connections formed along the way. Our students build relationships with people from different backgrounds, fostering empathy and a deeper sense of global responsibility. These experiences shape them into engaged, culturally aware global citizens ready to make a difference in the world.



Reni, Verencie & Chanalei

Studying abroad is more than just an academic pursuit—it's a catalyst for personal and professional transformation. The challenges students face ultimately become opportunities for growth, shaping them into confident, open-minded, and globally competent individuals prepared for whatever comes next. We hope that prospective students will take all of these benefits into consideration the next time they are presented with the opportunity to study abroad.



Visiting professors & students benefit from study abroad



Group shot at the ICS Post-Arrival Student Reflections seminar



Transformative experience for all

# UPCOMING AT THE ICS

## *Cultural Visits.*

During this month we will have a guided tour of the ancient Roman city of Itálica.

## *Trips.*

This month our students will take part in a visit to the beautiful city of Córdoba.

## *Activities.*

On the Spanish cooking agenda, we will begin this month with Paella Mixta. We also have two great excursions organized for our ICS Evenings!

## *Festivities.*

With the festivity of Valentine's approaching there just may be something special in store for our students!

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



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