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THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

See pictures from from the last of ICS Welcome Week activities and cooking classes !

CULTURAL VISIT & TRIP

Read about the Itálica visit & Córdoba trip that our students took this month.

FESTIVITIES AT THE ICS

Find out how we celebrated two holidays this month.

STUDENT & FACULTY CORNERS

"A New Adventure", by University of Hawaii at Manoa student, Renita Chen & "Inside the CCID Conference: Highlights, Insights, and Connections", by Evan Kindle.

UPCOMING NEWS

Read what's new and coming at the ICS.

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

WELCOME WEEK LAST DAYS



Post Arrival Student Seminar.



Evan Kindle was moderator of the session



Caleb, Mia, and Victoria



Maryn, Landon, Austin, and Jeremy



Lots of discussion and debate on Culture & Adaptation



Group shot

Shopping excursion by metro.



Group shot for shopping excursion



Inside the metro station



Nervión Plaza



ITÁLICA

Spring Cultural Visits



Guided tour by Professor Duda Popovic.

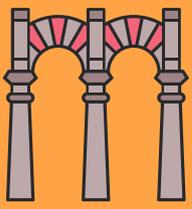


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The city of Itálica was the birthplace of the Roman emperors Trajan and Hadrian. Founded in 206 BC, it was one of the earliest Roman settlements in Spain. There are remarkable mosaics, an impressive amphitheater and archeological remains that give more than a glimpse of life during the Roman Empire.



VISIT TO CÓRDOBA



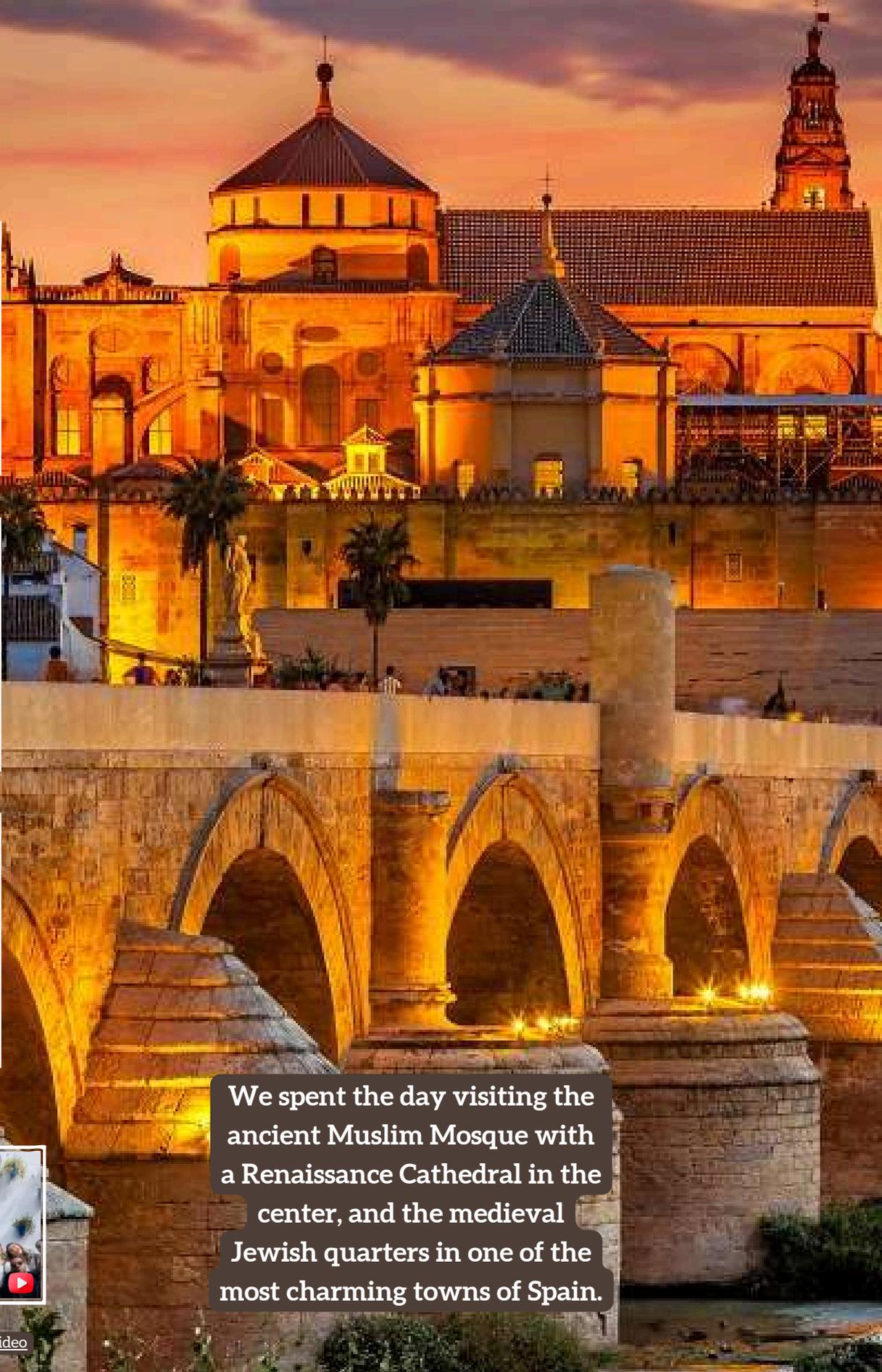
Al-Andalus in its heyday of glory



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We spent the day visiting the ancient Muslim Mosque with a Renaissance Cathedral in the center, and the medieval Jewish quarters in one of the most charming towns of Spain.



A New Adventure



Studying abroad this semester has been an exciting new adventure for me, especially as someone who had never been to Europe or lived outside the United States before. I am from Boston, Massachusetts and go to the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Fortunately, I have adapted very well to the new environment and culture.



Great lunch with friends

What has helped the most to fully embrace Spanish culture is immersing myself in it. This has been made easier by my amazing host family and the convenient location of my homestay. I've also found the ICS crowd to be very friendly and open to meeting new people and trying new things. Likewise, Spanish people are incredibly welcoming, social, and friendly. My Spanish isn't the best, but the locals have been very kind and understanding. It has been very easy for me to make friends in and outside of the ICS circle.



In nearby Parque María Luisa

Before studying abroad, I was unfamiliar with Spanish cuisine, but after moving to Seville and trying a variety of new dishes, I fell in love with it. My favorite dish is definitely *Patatas Bravas*, delicious crispy potatoes with two creamy sauces. The biggest challenge for me so far has been the lack of Asian cuisine in Seville. Back home and in Hawaii, I'm used to having easy access to a wide variety of Asian food, so this has been an adjustment. However, traveling to different places in Europe and exploring their Asian and local cuisine is something I've been looking forward to.



With my friend, Chanalei

Academically, I find the workload to be really reasonable. As a student who takes my classes between ICS and EUSA, I find it easy to balance school, my internship, and leisure. Another aspect of studying abroad that I enjoy is traveling. So far I have traveled to multiple cities in Spain, as well as Lisbon, Portugal. I find it convenient that there are planned visits and trips in ICS. We have Fridays off from school, making it very easy and convenient for students to travel.

Overall I am very happy to be studying abroad and encourage others to take advantage of this opportunity. Though I still have many weeks of this program left, I am already feeling sentimental for when I have to go home. I am having a great experience and the time is going by very fast. For the rest of my stay I will be taking full advantage of what study abroad has to offer by continuing to meet new people and embracing new opportunities. I already know this experience has changed me in ways I never expected. If you're considering studying abroad, take the leap—you won't regret it!

Inside the CCID Conference: Highlights, Insights, and Connections

Attending and presenting at this year's Community Colleges for International Development (CCID) 49th Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., was an inspiring and energizing experience. I was honored to be invited to represent the International College of Seville (ICS) and present at the conference—our first time attending a CCID event. It was an incredible opportunity to connect with educators, administrators, and international program leaders who are all dedicated to expanding global learning opportunities for students.



Evan and Co-Presenter Angelica Rackow



Evan and Richard Johnson, Harper College

One of the highlights of my experience was co-presenting a session with Angelica Rackow from the Office of International Education at Harper College on inspiring and empowering students through digital storytelling. We explored how digital storytelling can serve as a powerful reflection tool for students, allowing them to share their international experiences in a meaningful way. By equipping students with the ability to craft and share their own narratives, we help them articulate the impact of their study abroad experiences and inspire others to pursue global opportunities.

I also had the privilege of presenting alongside David Moore from Broward College on the College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS). Our session focused on how institutions can work together to expand study abroad and exchange programs, making international education more accessible and inclusive. Through collaboration, colleges can develop stronger global partnerships and provide students with diverse opportunities to engage with the world.



Evan and CCIS Executive Members David Moore and Janice Thomas



Evan and Joi Smith, Oakton College

Beyond the presentations, the conference was an invaluable space for discussing innovative solutions to enhance study abroad programs and strengthen international exchange. Being in Washington, D.C., a hub of diplomacy and global engagement, made the experience even more impactful. The conversations we had—on increasing accessibility, addressing funding challenges, and fostering meaningful cross-cultural experiences—reinforced just how essential it is to come together during this pivotal time in education.

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At a moment when the U.S. education system faces significant challenges, events like the CCID Conference serve as critical platforms for collaboration and problem-solving. They bring together professionals who are passionate about global learning and committed to ensuring that students have transformative international experiences. I left feeling not only inspired but also equipped with new ideas, connections, and strategies to bring back to the ICS.



CCID Conference Reception



Evan leading the Faculty Forum

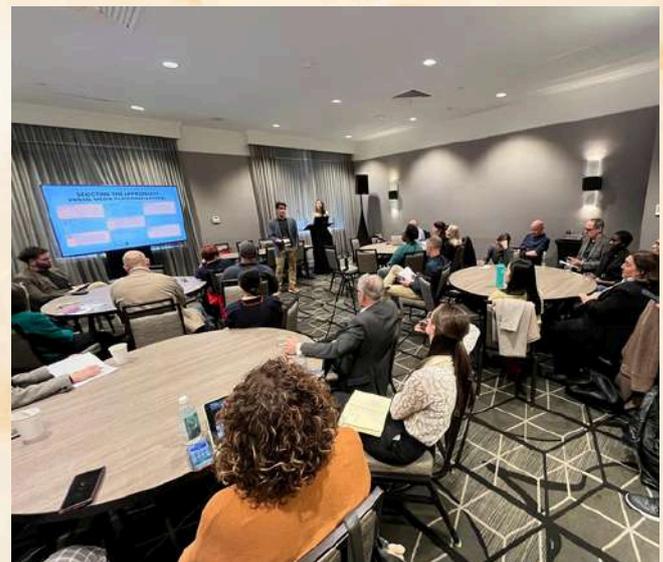
I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to have represented the ICS at our first CCID conference. This experience reaffirmed the importance of working together to create a more connected and accessible international education landscape. I look forward to continuing these conversations and building on the momentum from this incredible event.

Here's to the power of collaboration, storytelling, and global engagement—and to many more opportunities to connect in the future!

Learn more about this experience by listening to our recent podcast episode or by checking out our [highlight video](#).



Evan and David Moore leading a session about the CCIS Model



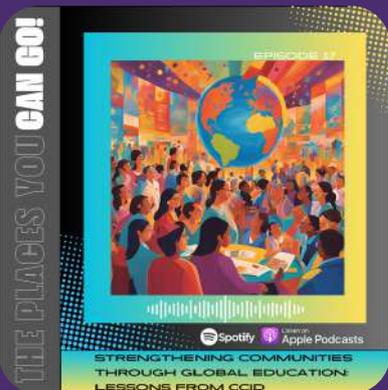
Evan and Angelica Rackow leading a session on digital storytelling in exchange programs



LATEST PODCAST EPS.



Strengthening Communities Through Global Education: Lessons from CCID



Guests:

Karen McBride, Executive Director, CCID

Angelica Rackow, Program Specialist, Office of International Education, Harper College

David Moore, Senior International Officer, Broward College

The power of connection and collaboration is at the heart of international education. In this episode, we reflect on the impact of bringing educators and leaders together at this year's 49th annual CCID conference. They share insights on the value of building global partnerships, exchanging ideas, and working collectively to expand opportunities for students and institutions alike. Join us for an inspiring conversation about how these connections are shaping the future of international education.

37 Minutes



Did you miss last month's episode?

Episode 16: Why We Care: Behind the Scenes of Study Abroad at the ICS

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SPANISH COOKING CLASS



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Flamenco Night at La Carboneria

La Carbonería Flamenco Night was an exhilarating cultural experience that captivated the hearts and souls of our spring 2024 students. Renowned for its authentic Flamenco performances, the students were transported to a world of raw emotion and rhythmic expression.



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Language Exchange at Café Tarifa



The Language Exchange in Café Tarifa was a great opportunity for our students to explore the Alameda area of Seville and practice their language skills with other Spanish and international students. Our students are excited to return to this weekly event.

[More Highlights](#)





Festivities at the ICS

At the ICS we celebrate all the holidays, big and small!



VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's was a day of strawberries and cookies and all things sweet.



DÍA DE ANDALUCÍA



For Andalucía's regional holiday we celebrated with a typical breakfast of fresh bread, lots of toppings and a variety of beverages.



UPCOMING AT THE ICS

Cultural Visits.

During this month we will have guided visits to Seville's Alcázar palace and Gothic Cathedral.

Trips.

We will visit the breathtaking city of Granada.

Activities.

We will continue this month with Spanish cooking classes, as well as commence Sevillanas dance classes. Olé!

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



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