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International College of Seville Newsletter

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THIS MONTH'S ISSUE **END OF THE SEMESTER**

Our fun farewell party ended the Spring semester.

WELCOME WEEK

The semester began with a bang. Discover where we took our new students in Seville.

STUDENT CORNER

"My Welcome Week in Seville", by Florida SouthWestern State College student, Hannah Fernander.

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



Spring Farewell Party

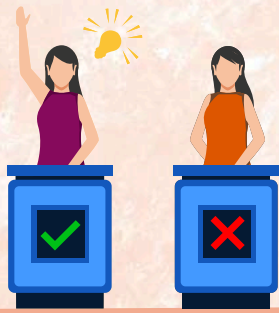
GOOD BYE!



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, and we ended the semester with a bang!



Click on pictures to see Facebook album.



ICS EVENINGS

Final Spring 2025 Event



FIERCE COMPETITION

Our students eagerly participated in a thrilling trivia night and language exchange event, where competition was fierce and spirits were high. Teams battled it out, testing their knowledge on a range of topics from pop culture to history, each vying for the coveted first-place title.



LOVE OF LEARNING

Despite the fierce fighting to clinch victory, the night was ultimately a celebration of collaboration, learning, and the joy of coming together as a community.

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SUMMER WELCOME RECEPTION & ORIENTATION

On arrival day, our summer students were welcomed at the airport and greeted at the International College of Seville as they embarked on an exciting orientation that introduced them to their academic schedules, thrilling cultural immersion activities, and essential city tips, setting the stage for an unforgettable and enriching semester abroad.



Airport reception



Summer welcome reception at the ICS



ICS Orientation day



Click to see Welcome to Seville YouTube video



Getting to know one another



Evan and ICS students participating in our cultural adjustment session



WELCOME WEEK

PART I OF A GREAT WEEK!



Walk through
the park to the
Alcázar!



Museum of Popular Arts & Customs

For our first morning we
walked through the María
Luisa park, into the University
of Seville and over to the
Alcázar palace.





THE ALCÁZAR

Summer Cultural Visits



Guided tour by Professors Duda Popovic and Jeff Brideau.



The Alcázar Palace was built by Castilian Christians on the site of a Muslim residential fortress. It is a preeminent example of Mudéjar architecture in the Iberian Peninsula, and is universally renowned as one of the most beautiful. It is also the oldest royal palace still in use in Europe.



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WELCOME WEEK

PART II OF A GREAT WEEK!



Visit to the commercial district & to "Las Setas"!

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)



Great night out at El Museo del Baile Flamenco!



No ICS Welcome Week would be complete without taking our students to see the best Flamenco show in town!



Sevilla & Me: A Floridian's Tale

It has been two weeks since I landed in the beautiful city of Seville. As soon as I landed and was looking for a taxi outside, it slowly settled in that I was in Spain without any parental supervision. When I arrived at my host home, I was greeted with a warm European welcome of hugs and kisses. As I started to have a conversation with my host mom, I realized she didn't speak any English, and a part of me panicked. In that moment, I knew I was going to learn Spanish one way or another.



On my first day, I visited Maria Luisa Park—one of the most beautiful parks I have ever seen. There were so many gorgeous flowers, trees, horses, and cute baby ducks. Then, there was a Ferrari car show happening in the park. As a car lover, I was so excited to see different Ferrari models!

I got to visit historical landmarks like Plaza de España, the Royal Alcázar of Seville, and even traveled to Córdoba to tour the Great Mosque. My favorite trip so far has been to the beach in Bolonia, Spain. The weather was perfect, the water was clear, and the seashells were beautiful. As a Florida native, I love the beaches in Spain! But you didn't hear that from me.



Don't get me started on the amazing flamenco dance show put on by the Flamenco Dance Museum. I was this close to hopping on stage and dancing with them.

Now, the real question some might be curious about is: How has your experience been as an African American in Spain? I have not experienced any negative situations where I felt out of place or that I didn't belong. I'm aware that I look different from the majority here, but that doesn't stop me from making new friends or exploring a foreign city on my own.

As I reflect on these two weeks out of four, I can't help but feel grateful for this opportunity and the support from my family, friends, coworkers, faculty at Broward College, and the International College of Seville. Spain already feels like a second home.





Camino de Santiago

León-Santiago de Compostela

Join Us Spring 2026!
15 days • 305 km • 1 goal



Departure:

Seville, Spain
10 May, 2026

Arrival:

Santiago de
Compostela
24 May, 2026

Sign up today

and see what unique
experiences await
you.

Program Overview

2 Orientation Days
12 In-Class Lessons
3 Hotel Stays
1 Travel Day
15 Days on Camino

This class offers a
chance to reflect,
challenge yourself,
and earn college
credit while walking
one of the world's
most iconic
pilgrimage routes in
the world.



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What's included on the Camino?

→ Lodging + food + local
transportation + onsite
guide/historian + 3 college
credits

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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!

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