

SEMESTER IN SPAIN

Bi-Annual Newsletter

Happy New Year from SIS

By Leslie Routman, Spain Director

The month of January tends to be a time of change for many, but it is nice to report that some things never change - for example, the beauty of Sevilla. Over the years I have had the privilege of seeing Sevilla through the eyes of the students, and their enthusiasm, time after time, makes me fall in love with the blue skies, the cobblestone streets, and the bridges over the Guadalquivir all over again. I recently spoke with someone who had not been to Sevilla since the early 1970s, and we concluded that the most important things have not changed. The Cathedral de Sevilla is still the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world; the Alcazar continues to be a magical palace, now even more popular due to the location filming of Game of Thrones; the Spanish language continues to be melodious; and the people continue with the slower pace of life that allows for spending an entire afternoon sitting outside at a café enjoying the company of friends. Students will meet many new faces as they begin their time in Sevilla, but the life-changing experience they will embark upon will be as beautiful and empowering as always.

The Best of the Decade

2014-Carmen presents at CAWL

2015-José Maria celebrates 30 years with SIS, *TCCSevilla* moves to Calle Lagar

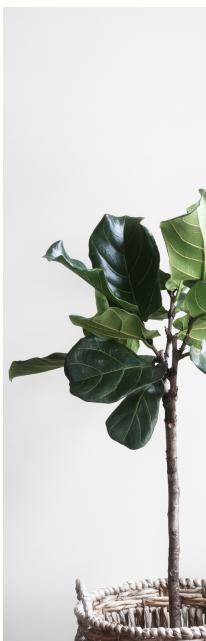
2016-Deb celebrates 25 years with SIS, Ana Llamazares presents at CAWL

2017-Ana Bello celebrates 15 years with SIS and Carmen celebrates 35 years, Internships are added, Profesora Ana Llamazares retires

2018-Mercedes celebrates 15 years with SIS

2019-Maria joins SIS as new International Director, Elizabeth as the Coordinator of Recruitment, Marketing & College Relations, and Bailie as the Student Ministries Coordinator, Salva presents at CAWL

We are excited to see what 2020 brings!



On Their Way

On January 13, Elizabeth Maki will accompany students to Spain to kick off the spring semester. The SIS staff and faculty in Seville are preparing to welcome 27 students from 14 colleges and universities around the U.S. We are expecting another fruitful semester, and we are immensely appreciative of the support provided by our partner institutions as their students undertake their study abroad experience.



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Updates: Spanish for Health Care & Internships

Spring and Summer Courses

Are your students interested in nursing or health science majors? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you. Introducing, *Spanish for Health Care 331*! As we continue to update courses to further accommodate students' needs, we have redeveloped this course from a 200 to a 300-level class where students will enjoy site visits, hear guest lecturers, participate in simulated health situations, and undergo intensive language study, all while earning 4 credits during Summer Term 1. We are excited for students to reap the benefits of this advanced course, as we believe it will encourage medically-minded SIS students to delve deeper into the valuable content of the course, and return home able to provide a new level of service to their community.

SIS continues to broaden the internship opportunities students can choose from while in Seville. New this year, students can choose to do a health care related internship. We also continue to offer internships in business, social services, education, ministry, public administration, political science, special education, kinesiology, physical therapy, exercise science, communication disorders, and equestrian studies. Our staff will continue to work hard to find internships that fit student interests and academic goals. We can't wait to see what else is out there for our internship students!



Have questions? Contact:

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Alumni Highlight: Rosario Domínguez

We love hearing what our alumni are up to in the field! Rosario Domínguez, University of Wisconsin-Madison M.A.'18, Trinity Christian College B.A. '15, Semester in Spain '14 alumna, visited Sevilla this past fall. She was able to



reconnect with our professors and a former classmate, Bailie Bowey, our very own Student Ministries Coordinator. Rosario states that her trip was necessary because, *"I had recently left a job that became toxic, I wanted a restart. I wanted to be re-inspired and refreshed again. So I thought going back to the place where it all started was the perfect place to be at. So I bought a ticket to spend a month in Spain. I was longing to be back there ever since I had studied abroad. It was so nice being able to visit the SIS staff and walked through the same streets again. It was surely a trip I HAD to make. Sevilla will always have a special place in my heart."*

Upon this statement, we asked Ms. Domínguez to reflect on her time with Semester in Spain and how it influenced her story. She said, *"During my Semester in Spain, I discovered my adventurous soul, but most importantly I learned to rely on God in every aspect of my life. It was my first time leaving home for a long period of time. I am not going to lie, I became very homesick and at first was not having such a great time. But it was a process I had to go through to grow spiritually and in my character. I did not realize how impactful this experience had been until I went back home and I began seeing life differently. I had changed. I began to make life choices that scared me and pushed me out of my comfort zone. I did this because I knew that just like it had happened during my time in Spain, God would be there to hold my hand and walk me through it. Semester in Spain changed my life."*

Rosario currently works as a News Reporter at Univision Local Media Chicago where you can catch her on-air frequently using just some of the skills she gained while studying abroad in Sevilla.

APPLICATIONS BLOGS SOCIAL MEDIA



Due Dates:

- **Summer Term(s): March 30**
- **Fall Semester: April 20**
- **Spring Semester: October 10**

Students can apply directly on the SIS website at:
www.semesterinspain.org/apply.

Want to hear what life in Seville is really like? Be sure to check out the most recent student blogs on the SIS website. They are wonderfully written and provide valuable insight into everyday student life in Spain. Visit semesterinspain.org/blogs.

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