El Camino de Santiago: For the first time this fall, we took students on an excursion to Galicia (Northern Spain) to walk the last 20km of the famous Camino de Santiago trail. It was an incredible experience which challenged students, faculty, and staff. It involved not only walking the trail, but exploring and learning about the city of Santiago (where St. James' remains lie).

Encuentro: Our weekly worship event, Encuentro, was strengthened this fall under the leadership of Sylvia, our new student ministry’s coordinator. Sylvia encouraged students to share their testimonies which led to deeper spiritual intimacy between students. Sylvia also took students to local missionaries’ homes to learn more about ministry in Spain and invited local pastors and Christian NGO’s to speak at Encuentro.

Cooking with Ana Bello: Our famed "in-house chef" (and baker!), Ana Bello, taught students how to make several dishes throughout the semester including the iconic tortilla española (a Spanish omelet). Not only could the students enjoy the dishes in Spain, they now know how to make these dishes when they arrive back in the States!

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Church Visits: The first month of school involved a new excursion each Sunday: church-hopping. This was initiated to plug our students into churches as they seek to grow spiritually in a new cultural context as well as connect with local Spanish believers. This fall, many students chose to attend Manantial de Vida.

Serving with Impacto Solidario: The majority of our students elected to serve with Impacto Solidario through our Acción Solidaria (Service-Learning) program. SIS students taught English and sought to build relationships with at-risk children in a neighborhood outside of Sevilla. Not only were the children served impacted, but the family who runs the organization welcomed our students and made them feel at home throughout the semester.

Exalumno destacado:
Drew Barnett (Fall 2019)

"SIS has changed my life in many ways. First, it was a way to step out of my comfort zone and meet new people, practice and become fluent in a new language, and grow in my faith outside of University of Northwestern St. Paul. Now, I live in Spain working as Auxiliar at CEIP San Isidoro in Sevilla and I am engaged to a Venezuelan, so I get to use my Spanish language skills and grow on a daily basis. I am forever grateful for the skills I learned during my semester abroad as it quite literally changed my life."

Los momentos más destacados del otoño (cont’d)

Semester in Spain currently partners with four high-quality organizations that host students from a wide variety of majors/minors.


May/June (upon completion of a semester):
• May 1 – June 9 (six weeks)
• Transcribed as SIS 425 Internship (3 credits)
• 120 clock hours total (20 hours per week)
• Tuition: $1,200 + Homestay: $1,500 = $2,750 total

Summer Term 2 (upon completion of Summer Term 1 or a full semester):
• June 10 – July 8 (four weeks)
• Transcribed as SIS 425 Internship (2 credits)
• 80 clock hours total (20 hours per week)
• Tuition: $1,200 + Homestay: $1,000 = $2,200 total

To ensure consistency of access to professional mental health services, SIS has partnered with My SSP Student Support Program by LifeWorks, a behavior health resource specifically developed for college students. Their support for study abroad students launched in 2015, considering cultural sensitivities, language, location and clinical licensing. Student have 24/7 access to master’s-level counselors via chat, phone, video, and in-person support.

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