

# The Porvenir Times

International College of Seville Newsletter

SUMMER 2024 EDITION

## THIS MONTH'S ISSUE

### SPECIAL AWARD

Learn all about the most special award the ICS has been granted this year.

### CULTURAL VISITS

Read about the Cathedral tour that our students took this month.

### SUMMER TRIPS

View pictures from our day trip to Córdoba, our three-day journey to North Africa and the student trip to the south of Portugal.

### COOKING CLASSES

See how our students enjoyed learning to make delicious Mixed Paella and Fruity Sangría.

### STUDENT CORNER

"The Final Week" by Florida Southwestern University student, Hannah Fernander.

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

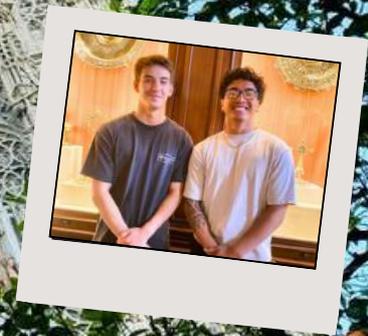
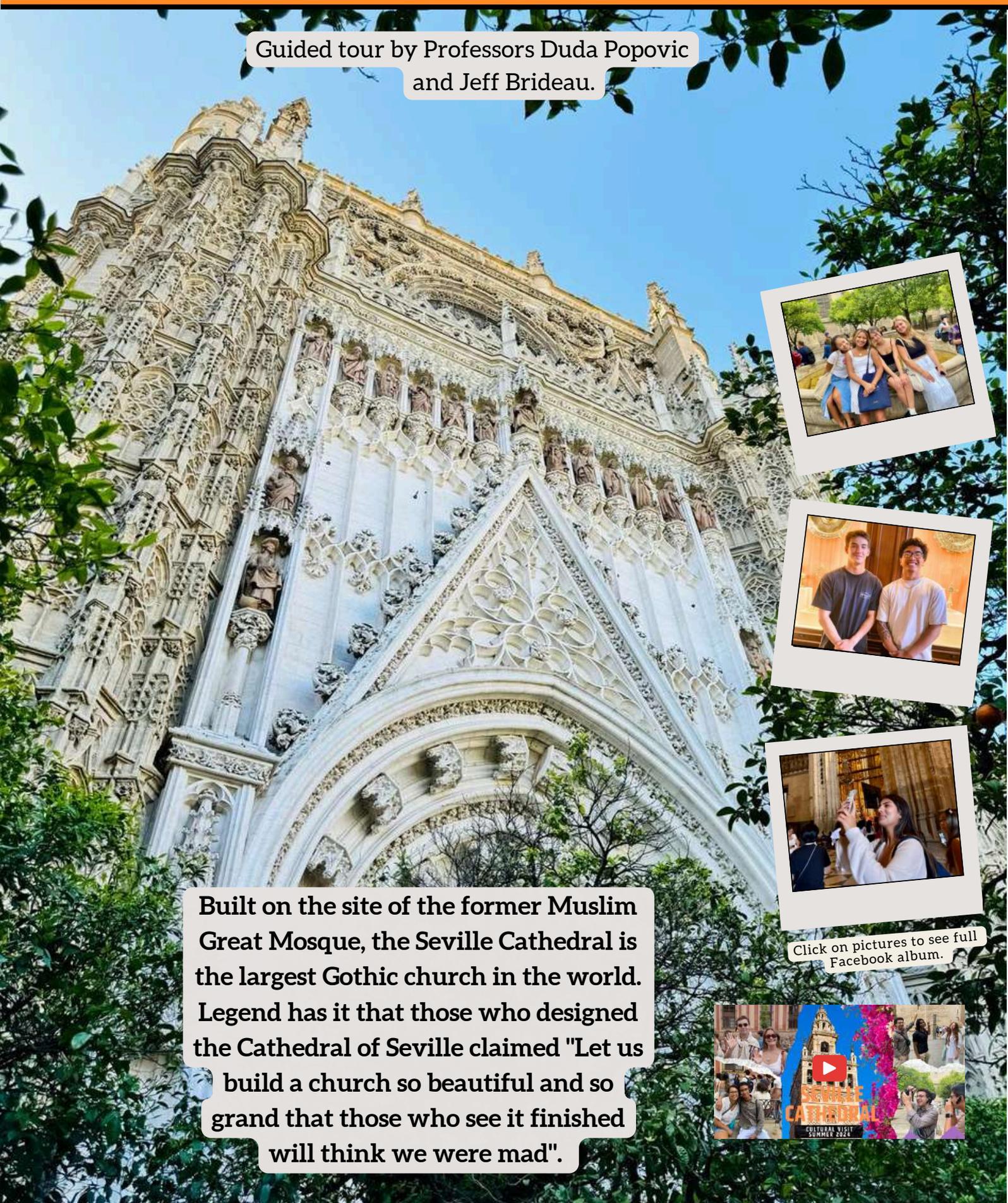


# THE CATHEDRAL



## *Summer Cultural Visits*

Guided tour by Professors Duda Popovic  
and Jeff Brideau.



Click on pictures to see full Facebook album.

Built on the site of the former Muslim Great Mosque, the Seville Cathedral is the largest Gothic church in the world. Legend has it that those who designed the Cathedral of Seville claimed "Let us build a church so beautiful and so grand that those who see it finished will think we were mad".





# SPANISH COOKING

## Mixed Paella & Fruity Sangría



**Our home-cooked meals of exceptional food and even better fun!**

We thank our students and our dear housemothers, Esther Gil and Rocío Albéniz, for making Spanish cooking such fun!



Traditional Spanish Cooking Class with the ICS

**How To Make Mixed Paella & Fruity Sangria**

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# SUMMER TRIP CÓRDOBA



## Exploring the original vestiges of Al Andalus

A day spent visiting the ancient Muslim Mosque and medieval Jewish quarters in one of the most charming towns of Spain.

**History & Beauty**



Click on pictures to see full Facebook album.





# STUDENT TRIP PORTUGAL

## Long weekend in southern Portugal.



Most of our students signed up for a three-day trip to southern Portugal, organized by our friends at the We Love Spain student travel agency. They enjoyed the sun and fun on some of the most beautiful beaches of Europe.

**Fun in the sun!**



Click on pictures to see full Facebook album.





**SUMMER TRIP**  
**MOROCCO**



Click on pictures to see full Facebook albums.

**Our three-day adventures in North Africa.**



Three days and two nights touring the towns of Tangiers, Tetuan and Chefchaouen. We experienced an authentic Moroccan Fantasy dinner and rode along the coast of Cape Spartel on camels.

**A trip to remember!**



# the final week

our group in Morocco!



I didn't realize how hard it would be to leave the study abroad program at the end of the month. Though I knew it was coming to an end, and I was excited to see my family again, I was simultaneously unprepared and saddened to leave the space that I'd grown to love.



Hi! I'm Hannah! This picture was taken at the Alhambra!

The space that I created while abroad cultivated a level of comfort that allowed me to grow in profound ways. There's an idea that we become many different versions of ourselves in our lifetimes. One moment we're burdened by our regrets and failures, the next we're proud of what we see in the mirror. There's another idea alongside this: that we become what we experience. Throughout my experience in study abroad, I had the pleasure of getting to know myself deeper. The more I experienced, the more I grew and learned aspects about myself that I wouldn't have known without this opportunity.



last day party!



my friends and I in Morocco!

last trip (to Granada) before I left!



Thus, saying goodbye to the study abroad program almost felt like saying goodbye to a part of me that I didn't really know existed, but that I deeply loved and appreciated. While those aspects of my personality still remain, I believe that with my change in environment it won't be expressed in the same way. Reconciling with this has been challenging for me, but it has brought me immense joy to know that I am not alone in this. The community that I made through this program, the friendships and deep connections that were forged are continuing to support me, even as we are miles apart.

Having staff like Evan and Lisa who continuously check in on their students, having friends who I still call and talk with to this day has been a blessing. I never could have anticipated the genuine and solid relationships that I made on this trip. The memories that I have (both in my mind and in my camera roll) sustain me with such peace because I know that I completed my study abroad experience by living it to the fullest. Returning home was a necessary ending, but I believe that necessary endings are the path to new beginnings. I'm excited to see what else is in store!

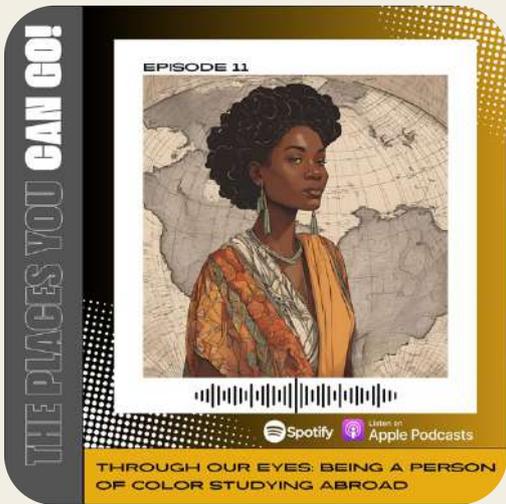


# ICS PODCAST SERIES

## NEW EPISODE



### Ep. 11 – Through Our Eyes: Being a Person of Color Studying Abroad



## Through Our Eyes: Being a Person of Color Studying Abroad

In this episode of The Places You Can Go, we delve into the vital topic of studying abroad as a person of color. Evan Kindle and student guest host, Kashaf Rizwan, sit down with guests, Maygen Daugherty and Hannah Fernander, to discuss navigating the complexities of life and education in a different cultural landscape as a person of color.

34 Minutes

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### THE PLACES YOU CAN GO VOLUNTEERING WHILE STUDYING ABROAD

In this episode, host Evan Kindle and guest host Kashaf Rizwan sit down with Elliott Garvey, an English teacher at BLS Language Academy in Seville, Spain. Elliott shares insights into the volunteer teaching assistant program available for international students, highlighting the cultural immersion and meaningful connections formed through the experience.

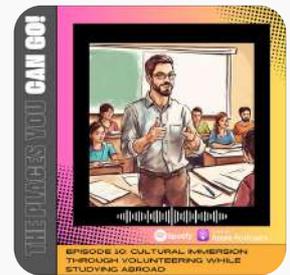
**EPISODE 10** 28 MIN

**GUEST**  
Elliott Garvey  
Teacher, BLS Language Academy

**STUDENT GUEST HOST**  
Kashaf Rizwan  
Marketing/Sales Major  
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## Miss our last episode?

Check out episode 10 of the podcast where we sit down with local English Teacher, Elliott Garvey, about the unique opportunities available to ICS students that are interested in volunteering in the community during their study abroad experience.



28 Minutes

# Studying Abroad

As a person of color in Seville, Spain

## STUDENT CORNER: ICS VLOG

Click the photos for the full panel discussion.



Hannah Fernander



Maygen Daugherty



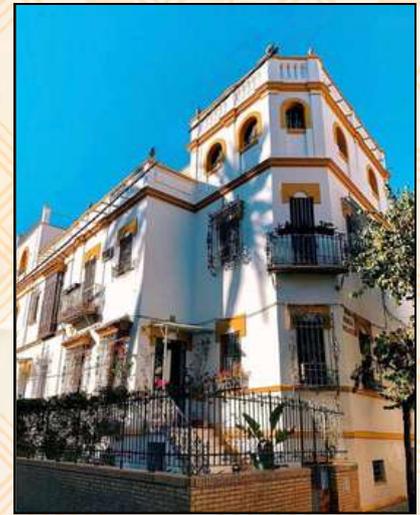
Brittany Bovell

# BEST STUDY-ABROAD PROGRAM PROVIDER 2024 - SPAIN

We are proud to announce that the International College of Seville has been awarded

## Best Study-Abroad Program Provider 2024 - Spain

at the Private Education Awards hosted by Wealth and Finance International!



The ICS

This prestigious award celebrates excellence in private education, recognizing outstanding institutions and educators making a positive impact. Awards Coordinator Jack Ford said: "It has been an honor to get a glimpse into the missions of these outstanding establishments as they continue to shape lives. I'm sure they will continue to make a difference to the world of education through their determination, devotion, and unrivalled skillsets. Congratulations and all the best for the years to come!"



The ICS Team

We announce this award only one year after having received the NASPA 2023 Knowledge Community Award in the category of "Best Practices in International Higher Education Award: Study Abroad Programming".

We can say beyond the shadow of a doubt that we feel that our dedication and our 42 years of history as one of the first U.S. Study Abroad Centers in Seville are recognized and honored in both these awards.

Thank you to our incredible team for their hard work and dedication, and to all of you for your continued support and trust in us!

# UPCOMING AT THE ICS

## *THIS COMING FALL SEMESTER*

We will receive  
our Fall students  
on September 18  
for what will  
certainly be a  
fabulous  
semester.

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



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