

Students travel abroad

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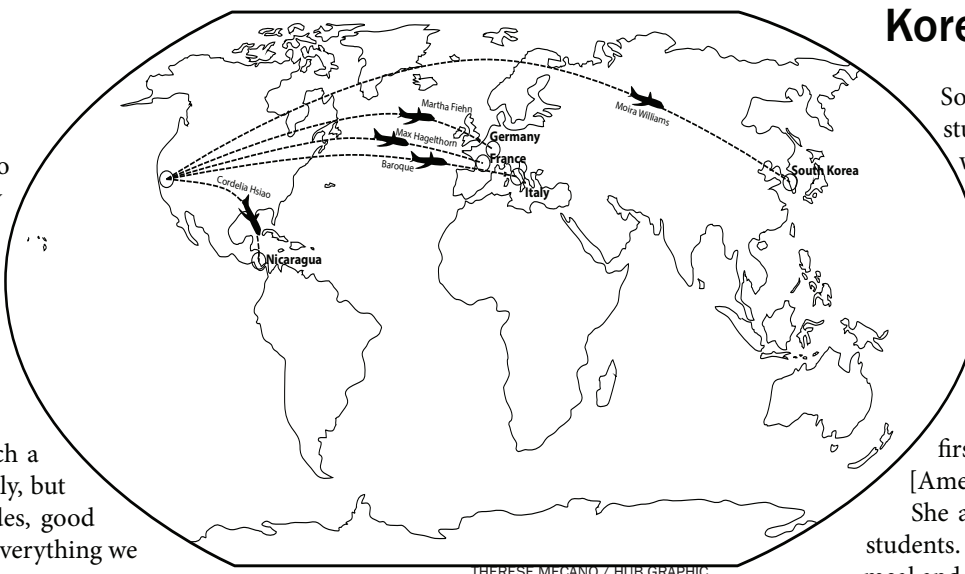
Italy

The Baroque Ensemble traveled to Italy to learn more about the style of music they play and to perform concerts of their own.

Senior Alex Asera joined the group for 10 days visiting multiple cities, including Rome and Milan. They rehearsed and performed in intricate cathedrals.

"The acoustics were amazing-- our notes would resonate for so long!" Asera said.

Before the trip, Asera was worried that such a large group wouldn't be able to fully enjoy Italy, but was relieved when they had "great tour guides, good behavior, and enough time to admire almost everything we saw!"



Korea

Sophomore Moira Williams and nine other DHS students spent 10 days in South Korea, two of which were spent attending Korean school.

Williams went on the trip hoping to absorb more Korean culture. The group visited multiple historical monuments in several different cities, including the Gyeongbokgung Palace in Seoul. However, they spent most of the trip in the small city of Sangju.

"It was a great experience to actually stay with Korean students and experience how they lived firsthand, not just [from] a textbook or staying in an [Americanized] hotel," Williams said.

She also learned some surprising customs of Korean students. "They eat kimchi [with] practically every single meal and go to school from 8 to 11 at night. It was crazy!"

Nicaragua

Senior Cordelia Hsiao joined a program called Global Glimpse with 21 American high school students to visit León, Nicaragua for three weeks. The group aimed to immerse future leaders into Central American culture and help teach Nicaraguan high school students English.

"It was initially challenging, because I stopped Spanish class after sophomore year, but it was one of my favorite parts of the [trip]" Hsiao said.

Hsiao stayed in a hostel without technology for the entirety of the trip. She learned about walks of life very different from her own by spending a day with a family who lives on one dollar a day, and she helped build shelves and doors for a local classroom.

Hsiao joined Global Glimpse to learn how she can impact not only herself, but also others by aiding and visiting lower income parts of the world.

Germany

Senior Martha Fiehn took travel into her own hands and stayed with her sister in Berlin for a month, interning for the German Parliament. She attended meetings, conducted research on the federal budget, translated texts from German to English, and wrote about affirmative action and other topics related to education.

"What fascinated me the most were the great differences between the American and German political systems," said Fiehn. "There is much more general consensus in Germany; there aren't radically different opinions on issues like abortion, health care, and gun laws that are so divisive here in the United States."

Fiehn also enjoyed traveling throughout the city and participating in German cultural events.

"My [favorite part] of any trip is talking to the locals. No matter how many books you've read or movies you've watched, the true character of a place always lies within the hearts of its people," Fiehn said.

France

Senior Max Hagelthorn participated in the Davis-Dole exchange trip to France and visited monuments like the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower as well as the small town of Dole and the French countryside.

Hagelthorn especially appreciated the trip because it "showed [him] how the world isn't as 'America-centered' as we might think it is, and many of our 'ideals' are considered strange in other countries."

For instance, Hagelthorn found it interesting to learn that France does not allow religious symbols to be used in schools, and that it is considered tactless to hang a French flag.

Hagelthorn thought that the most valuable part of his exchange in France was realizing that "our idea of 'normal' is sometimes considered strange, and yet what we consider strange, they may consider normal due to the cultural differences between us."

What did you do over the summer?

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"I was in the Globe Education project in London. At the end of it we got to put on a few scenes from *Julius Caesar* on the Globe stage."
-David Achimore, teacher



"I practiced a lot of basketball, especially my handling and my shot."
- Justice Magnan, sophomore



"I went to Disneyland!"
- Jane Bellamy, junior



"I got fired from [the] team I was managing in FIFA."
- JP Leigh, senior



"I visited friends in LA."
- Kiersten Bernhardt, sophomore

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