

## Upcoming Events:

**October 4th**  
Madrid in Pop Music  
3:15-3:45 pm

**October 5th**  
Film Club 8 pm

**October 6th**  
Intercambio 8 pm

**October 7th**  
Royal Palace Visit

**October 11th**  
Film Club 8 pm

**October 12th**  
Spanish National  
Holiday-(no classes)

**October 14th**  
Bike Tour of Madrid

**October 17th-27th**  
Midterm Exams

**October 19th**  
Flamenco Show  
At Casa Patas 10 pm

**October 23rd**  
Rastro visit 11:00

**October 25th**  
Freshmen meeting  
with Dean Royo  
2-3 pm

**October 26th**  
Intercambio 8 pm

**October 28th-30th**  
Barcelona Trip

**November 1st**  
National Holiday—  
*Todos los Santos*

## SALAMANCA ORIENTATION TRIP



*Students started out the trip with a walking tour of Salamanca's historical center, beginning in the Plaza Mayor.*

Salamanca is home to Spain's oldest university, a quintessential student "must" when in Spain. Its quaint, old-world feeling captivates visitors as they set eyes on the cathedral towers rising up from the Castilian plains. The stage is thus set for the golden brilliance of the city's dazzling Plaza Mayor.

A tour of the University and the Old and New Cathedrals served to situate students within the city's history. Despite the bumpy start to the semester, as Hurricane Irene forced students to arrive whenever and however they could, everyone was nevertheless cheerful and ready to plunge into a new environment.

Students combined city culture with visits to a nearby ranch and the *Arribes del Duero*, a canyon cut out by the Duero River, thus forming the natural boundary between Spain and Portugal. Kayaking through the canyon was the highlight for many students. For others, hiking out to Picón de Felipe was their favorite activity. This *mirador*, or scenic point, provides a panoramic canyon view, including a sheer 300-meter drop down to the water.

Finca Valverde, in Alba de Tormes, was another day-trip destination. Students rode horses, tested their agility against a rambunctious heifer, and tasted their first authentic Spanish barbecue. There, the Valverde family provided a first-hand look at Castilian ranch life.



## HIKE TO CERCEDILLA



*Student Lauren Lopez shown on the Roman Road in Cercedilla. -photo by Leia Depeche*

In mid September, a group of SUMC students boarded a train in Madrid and an hour later were hiking along Cercedilla's *Calzada Romana* (old Roman Road) that leads up to the pass of *La Fuenfría*. From start to finish, hikers climbed 2,000 feet along 9 miles, on stretches of ancient road dating back to the first century A.D. A traveler's treat unknown to many visitors, Cercedilla awaits newcomers with a natural charm that seems to say, "Come away and experience the majestic views from my mountaintops. They are second to none."

## SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

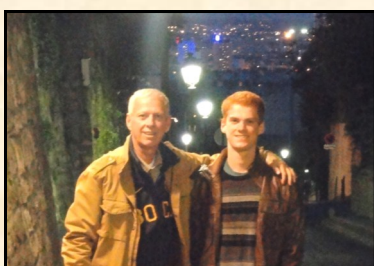
SUMC students recently traveled to the heart of Galicia, Santiago de Compostela. Characterized by rainy skies, moss-covered buildings and grassy hills, Santiago enjoyed three days of unusually sunny skies and warm temperatures in September, offering visitors its finest welcome. Students wandered the narrow cobbled streets of the old city, lined with crafts, foods and jugglers in the medieval fair under way that weekend. A Sunday morning vision of Santiago from atop the cathedral gifted students with an omniscient perspective of the city. Modern-day pilgrims nearing their journey's end were rewarded with the sweet sounds of bagpipe, hammer dulcimer, flute and guitar wafting through the air from musicians in the streets.



*SUMC students shown touring the Cubiertas de la Catedral de Santiago, or Cathedral rooftop. ---Photo courtesy of Prof. Almudena Cros*

## EL RINCÓN del ESTUDIANTE:

Este pasado fin de semana fui a mi ciudad favorita (excluyendo Madrid): París. Estuve allí cinco días con una intención específica: correr en una media-maratón que va desde la Torre Eiffel hasta Versalles. Hice la carrera con mi padre y lo disfrutamos mucho, por la combinación perfecta de clima y ambiente bonito. Corríamos por la ciudad al lado del río Sena, por los barrios fuera de la ciudad y por el bosque, hasta llegar al final a Versalles. Conocimos a gente por el camino. ¡Ojalá que podamos correrlo otra vez en el futuro!



*-texto y foto de Mr. Dwyer y su hijo Kevin, cortesía de K. Dwyer*

## FIESTAS EN LAS ROZAS



The town of Las Rozas is famous for its fall fiestas. SUMC students went last Friday night to see the *recortadores*, young men pitting their acrobatic prowess against 3-year-old bulls. Three men compete at a time with a bull, and the most daring square off in the final round. ¡Increíble!

*Students in Las Rozas for the Recortadores: Rock Vitale, Andrea Blindheim, Bailee Emmert, Csaba Roscik and Samah Deek.*

## DISFRUTA MADRID TAPAS TOUR



The Disfruta Madrid Club organized its first tapas tour in September, which proved a taste-tester's paradise for students exploring some of the city's landmark tapas bars. A big favorite with the SUMC group was *gambas al ajillo*, or shrimp in garlic sauce, which is a specialty of La Casa del Abuelo.

*Above: (l-r): Students Ericka Pradillo, Jennifer Usovicz, Yana Antonova, Caitlin Cataldo, Csaba Roscik, Samah Deek, Brian Lim, Chi Tran, Allegra Batista, Tajha Chappellet-Lanier and Lia Berger*  
*Right: La Casa del Abuelo, one of Madrid's oldest and most famous tapas bars.*



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