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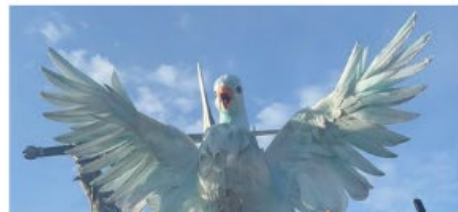
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SECOND WEEK ACTIVITIES WITH NCSAC

WEEK 2 WITH NCSAC

After the first week in Florence, filled with excitement, new experiences, school activities, new friends and so much more; students were able to come a bit more into routine. All students had their first full week of classes. Including Italian language courses and the continuation of Italian Life & Culture lectures and site visits. All of their academic schedules are also met with personal schedules of course, and the AIFS optional events and excursions. We like to keep our students busy here in Florence!



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WINE TASTING 1

Monday night, the first group of students were able to meet with our sommelier of wine. He was able to teach them a bit about wine in Tuscany with a presentation and then offered a tasting of the different wines produced here in Tuscany for the students to try.



ILC LECTURE

Students enjoyed a lecture on Tuesday evening with Angela, who is a professor of Art History. She presented on Florence as the Birthplace of Renaissance. Students always enjoy this lecture as they continuously hear about the influence that art had and still has today on Florence, especially during the Renaissance Era.

ILC UFFIZI VISIT

NCSAC students then visited the Uffizi Gallery here in Florence on Thursday to tie together the lecture and the site visit seamlessly. The Uffizi Gallery in Florence is famous because it houses one of the world's most important collections of Renaissance art. It features masterpieces by artists like Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Caravaggio, and Titian, but it's particularly known for its extensive works by Sandro Botticelli, including The Birth of Venus and Primavera.



VIAREGGIO CARNEVALE

Sunday, students were given the opportunity to take a daytrip with AIFS staff to the Carnival in Viareggio; a beach town outside of Florence that hosts one of the most famous and elaborate Carnival celebrations and parade. The Parade consists of elaborate paper mache floats which takes the teams involved a full year to create.



MORE TO COME THIS WEEK...

NCSAC students this week will have the opportunity to participate in the second Wine Tasting with our wine sommelier. Students will have their third ILC lecture on Tuesday regarding Church and Papacy. Wednesday, our Student Advisor will conduct a Focus Group with students in regards to the program thus far. Thursday, students will be visiting the Santa Croce Church as part of their site seeing activity for ILC. This coming weekend, AIFS staff will be taking a group of students who signed up to the optional excursion to Rome. Students will visit St. Peter's Church, the Roman Forum and the Colosseum. Stay tuned!

