

Spring 2025



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April-May-June



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Dear Dante Alighieri Members,



Happy spring to all of you! In Italian the first season of the year is called primavera and is associated with renewal and beginnings. Italians often associate the season with love and youth: “La primavera è la stagione dell’amore” (Spring is the season of love) & “La giovinezza è la primavera della vita” (Youth is the spring of life).

During this season we celebrate Dante’s birth (he was a Gemini) and Dantedì, a special day established by the Italian government that began 5 years ago and takes place every March 25th. The day was selected because it supposedly represents the day on which the pilgrim Dante begins his fictional journey in the Divine Comedy. We hope that our members will participate by reading a canto or piece of writing by Dante.

I’d like to begin by first thanking our board members for their continuous work and dedication to the DA of Pueblo. Our Carnevale celebration was a tremendous success thanks to the countless hours that Barbara and Anissa put into planning the event. Our sponsorship of CSU Pueblo’s Circolo Italiano has also been very positive – thanks to our treasurer, Joey, and secretary, Wyatt, for your attendance and enthusiasm. Students and community members have really enjoyed getting together and speaking Italian at Thunderzone Pizzeria on Tuesday nights.

I encourage you to visit our website, which is becoming more and more user-friendly and is updated regularly with new information thanks to our webmaster, David. Our relationship with Dante Global continues to grow and be strengthened by our communication and participation in events and initiatives promoted by the DA headquarters. We encourage you to learn more about what is happening in Rome by clicking the following link: <https://www.dante.global/en>. Thank you, Rita, for the creation of the “Straciatella” video for Dante Global; we hope everyone enjoys it!

Are you interested in traveling to Italy next year? All are welcome - Dante Members and non-members, family and friends! To check out the trip itinerary, click the following link: <https://groups.goaheadtours.com/tours/dante-alighieri-of-pueblo-food-wine-northern-italy-the-italian-riviera>

Our annual scholarship luncheon will be on Sunday, May 4th from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. at the Pueblo Country Club. Tickets will cost \$40 for adults and \$25 for children. Please check our website to purchase your tickets online. Those of you planning on paying for tickets at the door should send a written confirmation of your reservation by Friday, April 25, 2025, to me at chris.picicci@csupueblo.edu. The scholarship committee will be reviewing applications at the beginning of April for the event. This is a wonderful way for us to give back to the community and encourage the continued study of Italian in Pueblo. Good luck to the student applicants!

We wish you a joyous spring season and look forward to seeing you at our scholarship luncheon in May. Thank you for your continued support and participation in our organization. We are fortunate to stand alongside you in promoting Italian language and culture in Pueblo and southern Colorado.

Best wishes,
Chris



Dante.global. la nostra pietra angolare...



Our latest interaction with Dante.global headquarters in Rome was to participate in a video submission project for the annual Assembly of the Members meeting that was held on March 28, 2025. To stimulate interaction with everyone on the topic of Italian language, Dante.Global invited us to participate in an activity called "**Senti come suona**" ("**Listen to how it sounds**"). We were invited to make a video in which we shared our passion for Italian language and culture by choosing an Italian word or expression that you love for its sound. Our word: "**Stracciatella**". Stracciatella can refer to a variety of things in Italian cuisine: a creamy cheese, a gelato flavor, and a Roman soup. I am still trying to find out if our video was used, but thank you to the Circolo Italiano group for creating the video.

View Video here: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Zoo3ZApIPzA>

Tutte le strade portano a Roma!

Calendar of Events:

- May 4th, 2025 - Scholarship Awards Lunch
- August 15th, 2025 - Summer Festa "Buon Ferragosto"
- October 17th, 2025 - Regional Dinner
- December 6th, 2025 - Christmas Party
- January 10th, 2026 - Annual Meeting
- February 6th, 2026 - Carnevale



WE WANT



you!

Open positions:



- Marketing Liaison
- Historian
- Membership Committee Chair

If interested, please email:
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Join
our team!

Suggestion Box:

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2025 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

WHERE: PUEBLO COUNTRY CLUB

TIME: 12-2 PM

COST: \$40 ADULTS / \$25 KIDS

RSVP DEADLINE: April 25th, 2025

Purchase tickets on our website via the "Scholarship Tickets" button.

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR



APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 9TH
www.dantealighieripueblo.org

OUR PROGRAMS

- High School Scholarship
- College Scholarship
- Heritage Scholarship
- Travel Stipend Scholarship

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Now**





Dante Alighieri of Pueblo - Food & Wine: Northern Italy & the Italian Riviera

12 days|14 days with Venice extension | Jun 06 2026—Jun 17 2026

Eating isn't just a part of the daily grind here—it's a full-on art form. Stand beside the masters in their kitchens, farms, and wineries and learn the ins and outs of the region's knockout delights. From wine on the Riviera to Parmigiano-Reggiano in Parma to fresh-cooked tagliatelle in Bologna, prepare to indulge in the best the region has to offer on this small group Food & Wine Tour.



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Included highlights Turin's

- Palazzo Madama
- Alba truffle hunt
- Castle of Grinzane Cavour
- Barolo wine tasting
- Parmigiano-Reggiano tasting
- Balsamic vinegar tasting
- Piazza Maggiore market
- Pasta-making class
- Valpolicella wine tasting
- Verona Arena

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 3 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills.

For more information, contact

<https://groups.goaheadtours.com/tours/dante-alighieri-of-pueblo-food-wine-northern-italy-the-italian-riviera> | 1-800-438-7672

Learn Italian with Dr. Picicci every Tuesday
at Thunderzone Pizza 7pm to 8pm



JOIN US ON TUESDAY EVENINGS
THIS SEMESTER

CIRCOLO ITALIANO @ Thunderzone Pizzeria

from 7-8 pm

2270 Rawlings Blvd, Pueblo, CO
[HTTPS://WWW.THUNDERZONETAPHOUSE.COM/CS-PUEBLO/](https://www.thunderzonetaphouse.com/cs-pueblo/)
FOR MORE INFO., CONTACT
CHRIS.PICICCI@CSUPUEBLO.EDU



Circolo Meeting Dates:
April 15th, 22nd, 29th, May 6th



KEEP CALM AND SPEAK ITALIAN

In Italy we don't say "Dinner is ready"
In Italy we SHOUT!
"Aooo, a tavola e pronto"

In Italy we don't say "Faster"
In Italy we say "Dai dai dai"

In Italy we don't say "I am shocked"
In Italy we say "Madoo"

In Italy we don't say "Oh, Ok, bye bye"
In Italy we say "va bene dai ciao"

Buona Pasqua



Leonardo da Vinci Museum of North America



DERBY PARTY

SATURDAY | MAY 3 | 2:00 PM

FULL BAR • MINT JULEPS • LED VIDEO WALL • FOOD

Ladies grab your Derby hats and men your fedoras and bowties, let's sip Mint Juleps, enjoy tasty treats, view the races on the 12'X7' LED wall screen and capture the memories in the photo booth at the most stylish Derby Party in town!

Join us for a celebration filled with excitement, elegance, and plenty of fun all while supporting the Leonardo da Vinci Museum of North America (all ticket sales benefit the museum)

Go to <https://leonardomuseumna.org> and click on "Events" to RSVP

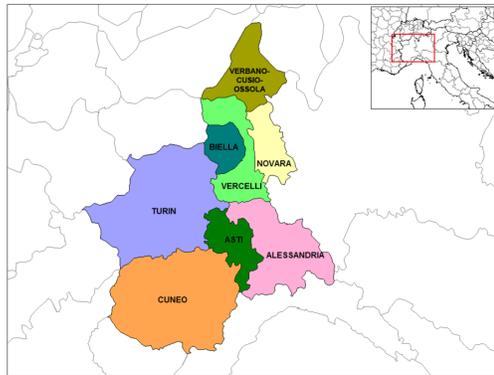
Regional Spotlight: Piedmont

Piedmont is located in northwest Italy and is one of the 20 regions of Italy. It borders the Liguria region to the south, the Lombardy and Emilia-Romagna regions to the east, and the Aosta Valley region to the northwest. Piedmont also borders Switzerland to the north and France to the west.

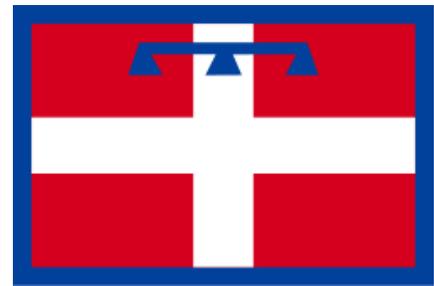
Piedmont has an area of 25,402 km² (9,808 sq mi), making it the second-largest region of Italy after Sicily. As of 31 January 2021, the population was 4,269,714. The capital of Piedmont is Turin, which was also the capital of the Kingdom of Italy from 1861 to 1865.

The region contains major industrial centers, the most important of which is Turin, home to the Fiat conglomerate, but mass-market Fiat cars are not produced anymore, only small-scale manufacturing of luxury Maserati cars (36,702 in 2020).

The food is heavily influenced by French cuisine. Some local specialties include include tagliolini (alternative names - *tagliarini*, *tajarin*), *agnolotti*, *vitello tonnato* (also popular in Argentina), and *bagna càuda*.



8 regions of Piedmont



Flag of Piedmont



Fiat 500E



tagliolini



Maserati Lavante





From the Heart: Students Express Gratitude

Having spent most of my summer vacations as a child visiting my grandparents in Italy, I was ecstatic to learn that CSU-Pueblo offered study abroad opportunities. I immediately knew I wanted to study in northern Italy and get the true Italian college experience, while being able to visit my grandparents on the weekends. That's how I ended up choosing to spend the Fall 2024 semester at the University of Turin (UNITO) in Piedmont, Italy. Having never lived in a big city, it was an adjustment, to say the least, and I never quite got the hang of public transportation. That being said, I quickly realized that the best thing about Turin is being able to walk everywhere you need to go. I always enjoyed the one hour walk to campus, and I learned you get to know a place a lot better by walking through it rather than driving past it. While at UNITO I took four classes, all of which offered unique and varied perspectives to my major which I otherwise would have never gotten to explore. Additionally, I was able to enroll in higher level classes I otherwise will not have access to for a couple more years. My favorite class by far was the Italian language course offered only to international students. I got to meet so many students from all over Europe and learn about their distinctive cultures and customs. The professor always made the classes very fun and interactive, often making us play games together to socialize and practice conjugating at the same time, and though at first we resisted, it ended up being a lot of fun and I doubt I'll forget how to conjugate conjunctive verbs ever again. In short, it was a truly wonderful experience that I would not trade for anything, and I am eternally grateful to the Dante Alighieri Society for helping me realize this dream. This incredible opportunity to immerse myself in Italian culture and language has meant the world to me, and I am truly honored to have had your support.

By Leticia Innocenti



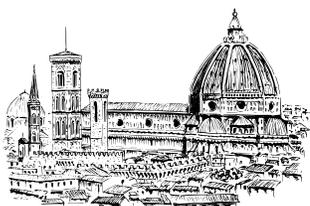
*Did you know?
Bergamo, Italy is
Pueblo's Italian Sister
City and we welcome
students from Italy
almost every semester
at CSU-P.*

Pueblo's Sister City Commission invites you to:
The Unveiling of the Sister Cities Mural
On the Arkansas River Levee by Pillars Park
Friday, May 16, 2025 at 5:30 pm

Park vehicles above Pillars Park near the 4th Street Bridge. A shuttle bus will be provided to bring you down to Pillars Park for the unveiling ceremony.



**Come celebrate Pueblo and
our Sister Cities around the world!**



Pay your Membership Dues online!

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