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Dear Dante Members,

As the days get shorter and the air turns crisp, I wish you a warm and joyful autumn. The DA board is excited to share the engaging events that we have lined up this season. We will be holding our weekly Circolo Italiano at Thunderzone Taphouse and Pizzeria on the CSU Pueblo campus every Tuesday evening starting September 30th. We would be thrilled to have you join us for conversation and pizza! Additionally, our annual Christmas party will take place at the soon-to-be Leonardo da Vinci Museum on the Pueblo River Walk on Saturday, December 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



We are gearing up for the celebration of Italian heritage month in October. We hope you will honor Cabrini Day, our state's first holiday to recognize a woman. Frances Xavier Cabrini, an Italian, founded over 65 schools, hospitals, and orphanages in North and South America. Additionally, the Pueblo Sons of Italy will be holding its annual event downtown at the 120-year-old Columbus statue on October 13th.

To promote Italian, students studying the language are looking forward to the 25th Anniversary of the *Settimana della Lingua Italiana nel Mondo* that will take place in October. Students will be participating in a few events on campus to mark this important initiative. I hope you will stop by the first floor of the CSU Library and Resource Center (LARC) this fall to view a student-centered exhibit celebrating the language and its global significance.

This newsletter also features inspiring reflections from Shaylan Wilson and Daniel Rogers, two CSU Pueblo students whose academic journeys have been shaped by DA scholarships, a powerful testament to the impact of your membership and generosity. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, we encourage you to do so today to help ensure the continued strength and vitality of our organization.

Grazie e a presto!
Chris Picicci

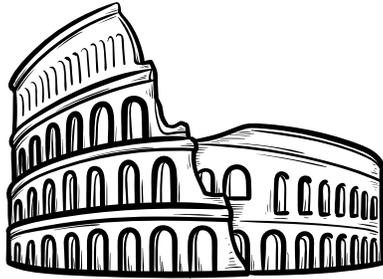




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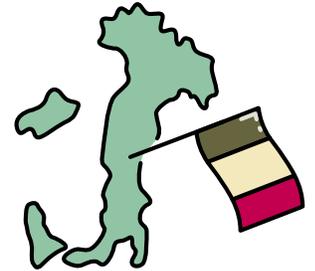
(Dante.global, our cornerstone)

Dante headquarters recently sent out thier 2024 Yearbook, which is a summary of all the activities carried out last year by the Dante Alighieri Society in Italy and around the world in the various areas of teaching in our schools, our committees, certification, language training, and culture. To view online, please see our e-newsletter.



To request a pdf copy be emailed to you, email notiziariodas@gmail.com

Tutte le strade portano a Roma!
(all roads lead to Rome!!)



Open Board Positions

Are you interested in getting more involved? Do you have a passion for all things Italian? Do you enjoy planning events and talking to people? Then we need you! Our annual meeting will take place via Zoom on **Saturday, January 10, 2026**. New board members will be voted in by the membership at that time. Board members serve 2 year terms.

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Interested?
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To our outgoing Treasurer and Secretary

Joey Gavato & Wyatt Farris

We appreciate your time and service to the
Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo



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A Colorado State Holiday observed annually on the 1st Monday of October, Cabrini Day honors an amazing humanitarian, Frances Xavier Cabrini.

CABRINI DAY

*Kindness
Compassion
Community
Cabrini*

October 6, 2025
www.cabriniday.com

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Dante Alighieri of Pueblo's 50th Anniversary Celebration Trip

***Interested in Post Stay to Lucca Sicula? Contact us for more information!

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A tour of Sicily is like stepping into a dreamscape where ancient history, a proud people, and dramatic scenery intertwine. Start in Palermo, where golden sunlight filters through busy markets and cathedral windows. Continue to Syracuse, the enchanting muse of poets and philosophers, and end in Taormina, where the shimmering sea meets the imposing stature of Mount Etna. If you find yourself spellbound, stay in Italy a little longer and fall to the eternal charms of Rome on the tour's extension.



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Your tour package includes

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Included highlights

- Cappella Palatina
- Piazza Armerina
- Island of Ortygia
- Syracuse Cathedral
- Taormina's Greek theater
- Views of Mount Etna

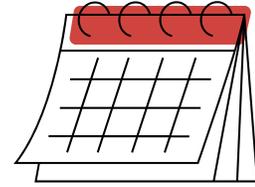
Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across uneven terrain, including cobblestone streets and unpaved roads.

Lock in this price today—just \$99 down!
Limited spots available!

Calendar of Events:

- December 6th, 2025 - Christmas Party
- January 10th, 2026 - Annual Meeting - ZOOM
- February 6th, 2026 - Carnevale



Cordially Invites you to our annual

CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY | DEC. 6TH, 2025
@LEONARDY DA VINCI MUSEUM
310 CENTRAL MAIN ST.
PUEBLO, CO 81003

11:00AM - 2:00PM

FREE TO MEMBERS & GUESTS

COLD CUTS, SALAD AND DESSERT
WINE, BEER AND COFFEE
CHRISTMAS PHOTO BOOTH
WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

PLEASE RSVP BY DEC. 1ST
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Let's
CELEBRATE

**46TH ANNUAL
CARNEVALE**

FRIDAY, FEB. 6TH 2026

THE UNION DEPOT

DETAILS COMING SOON!

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From the Heart: Students Express Gratitude



Study Abroad in Tropea, Italy

by Shaylan Wilson

(Piccola Università - Summer 2025)

Receiving the Dante Alighieri Scholarship and participating in the study abroad program in Italy was an unforgettable experience that has had a profound impact on my academic, cultural, and personal growth. I am incredibly grateful to have been chosen as a recipient, which allowed me to immerse myself in Italian culture, explore historic cities, and create lifelong memories. This journey not only deepened my appreciation for Italy's history and traditions but also gave me once-in-a-lifetime personal milestones that I will cherish forever.

Tropea was an amazing city to stay in Italy, offering a perfect blend of small-city charm, beautiful coastline, and immersive cultural experiences. The Piccola Università provided small, intimate classes with highly supportive instructors, which allowed for personalized instruction and plenty of opportunities to practice conversational Italian. Tropea's central location made it easy to enjoy local restaurants, shops, and cultural sites, creating a vibrant yet approachable environment for students.

Palermo in Sicily was an absolutely magical destination, and it will always hold a special place in my heart. The city's rich history, vibrant culture, and stunning coastal views provided a breathtaking backdrop for our exploration. While in Palermo, I had the honor of being proposed to by my boyfriend of four years – a moment that made this trip even more meaningful and memorable. We enjoyed incredible meals at restaurants where we ate exquisite dishes paired with Sicilian wines. Palermo exemplifies the warmth and hospitality of southern Italy and is a city that I will always remember fondly.

This scholarship has given me not only the opportunity to travel and learn but also the chance to form unforgettable memories, from exploring historic cities to learning Italian with students from around the world. I am deeply grateful to the Dante Alighieri Society in Pueblo for supporting this life-changing, academic opportunity. I hope my story encourages other students to apply for study abroad opportunities. Italy has a way of enriching your mind, heart, and spirit, and the lessons and memories I gained will stay with me forever.



Shaylan Wilson and Daniel Rogers



Dante Pueblo's historical and on-going mission is to (i) award scholarships to Pueblo area senior high school and university students to continue the study of the Italian language at the University level; (ii) to assist the various school boards of Pueblo with keeping Italian language classes in all of the area high schools whenever possible, and to (iii) sponsor cultural and social activities to enhance the Italian-American community of Pueblo and Southern Colorado regions."





From the Heart: Students Express Gratitude



Study Abroad Experience

by Daniel Rogers

The amount of gratitude I have for this experience is immense, as it is something I have dreamed of doing for over a decade. I had always wanted to study abroad in Italy in hopes of visiting Sicily in homage of my great grandparents from Palermo. This study abroad course was in Tropea, Calabria, a beautiful beach town with the volcano, Stromboli, on the horizon.

The 3-week Italian course took place at the Piccola Università, a small language school in the town by the sea situated in a small square with a Mexican Italian restaurant known as “Frida’s Tropea” that decorated the piazza with Frida Kahlo themed art and large vases of cacti. To me, this reflected my own Mexican Italian heritage and a positive sign I was where I should be. The teachers were very kind and the coursework was thorough, I enjoyed applying what I was learning with students and the locals.

We made the most out of our time in Italy and traveled to northern Italy, Rome, and even Sicily. First, we traveled to Rome for a weekend and visited the Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain where my fiancée and I drank from the Lovers’ Fountain for good fortune, we visited a Capuchin crypt and the Spanish Stairs, and before all of that we visited St. Peter’s Basilica and walked through the open Holy Doors and attended mass, an immense blessing in itself. We then went back to Tropea for classes.

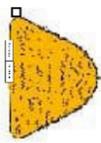
The following weekend, we made our way south to Sicily. We boarded a train onto a ferry, crossed the Strait of Messina, and eventually rolled into Palermo’s main train station in its historic center. There, we enjoyed some nightlife and the following day we went to Ristorante Florio, an exquisite and luxurious outdoor dining experience where I asked my girlfriend for her hand in marriage. We went to the town markets the next day and enjoyed some more great food before heading back to Tropea, where we soaked up as much Italian (and sunshine) as we could before returning home.

All in all, this was an amazing experience and perfect way to begin another chapter of my life. I learned so much about the Italian language & culture and made so many wonderful memories that will truly be cherished by the both of us for the rest of our lives. I greatly appreciate the Dante Alighieri Society for its support, as well as Dr. Picicci of CSU Pueblo for the strong encouragement, effort, and opportunities extended to us along the way.



Autunno

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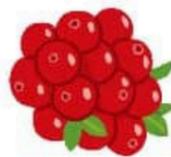
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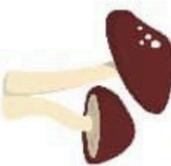
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