



The High School View

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Minnesingers tour southern Spain

BY CASEY MCANDREWS, KAE LA VECCHIA-ZEITZ

The regional high school Minnesingers said *adios* to America and *hola* to Spain during the April break. They traveled throughout southern Spain, embracing every opportunity to sing. From singing in famous cathedrals to quaint little restaurants, the Minnesingers got a taste of Spanish culture.

The Minnesingers sang at the Sunday Mass at the Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba. Senior Caley Bennett said, "My favorite moment was probably singing at the Mass and just thinking of all the history that was there." The Mosque-Cathedral was completed in 987 AD. The contrasts in architecture throughout the structure reflect the vast number of time periods that the building has gone through.

Senior Grant Santos reflected on the experience of singing at the Mass. He said, "There was an elderly woman who I talked to in

loved our performance at the Mass, and that was a really humbling experience."

The Minnesingers also performed in a friendship



Student travellers, from left, Kayla Goldman, Penelope Dutton, and Zana van Rooyen take a break from singing during their musical tour of southern Spain. Right, the entire Minnesinger group relaxes while taking in some sunshine in Spain.

Spanish before the Mass, and when we went down for a group photo at the altar, I saw her, and she smiled and blew a kiss at me. She truly

concert at a church in Granada. An all-women's choir sang after the Minnesingers' performance. The two choral groups went out to dinner

following the performance. Beatriz Mateo, a member of the women's choir, said, "It was a beautiful interaction. Singing is not a thing where you try to be better than someone. So for us it was a pleasure to sing with the Minnesingers. I believe

Caley talked about the benefits of traveling to Europe with the Minnesingers. She said, "I feel like traveling gives me a new understanding of my own culture. It definitely made me think about how fast-paced Americans are with everything, even with

culture through new eyes." Caley commented on the trip as a whole. She said, "There are so many people in Minnesingers who I would never have met or even talked to but are now my best friends. I think it's really amazing how there are all different kinds of kids in the group but somehow we all are friends and enjoy hanging out with each other."

Junior Penelope Dutton shared her enjoyment of the Spanish lifestyle. She said, "My favorite part of the trip was getting to experience this entirely new culture. Being on the Island, you know everywhere so well that it's hard to find someplace that isn't familiar, but everywhere in Spain was completely different. Every building had some sort of history to it, and each city, each street, was so much different from the last. Plus, the views were amazing, so that was a big bonus. The amount of personality in each building was absolutely beautiful." **HSV**



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that music is not a competition, it's just a way to express things that maybe speaking cannot do. The Minnesingers sounded like angels."

eating lunch. I know that the service was slow in Spain, but it really gave us a chance to talk to each other and connect. It made me look at my

Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night' opens tomorrow



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From left, sophomore Matt Dirlorenzo, junior Miles Thorton, and freshman Jake Hairston rehearse their lines on Monday. Right, seniors Alyssa Cimeno and Aaron Teves practice on stage.

BY KAE LA VECCHIA-ZEITZ

Students in the high school's theater department will perform three shows of *Twelfth Night* this coming weekend. Theater teacher Brooke Hardman will direct the play.

Ms. Hardman is a member of the Actors' Shakespeare Project, a company

based in Boston. She said, "I love Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, and when I talked to the students they were really enthusiastic about it. I definitely want to continue putting on Shakespeare plays at the high school. I feel that it's important for high school students to perform Shakespeare plays so they can really understand

the work. The English department teaches a number of Shakespeare's plays, and presenting a production of a play reinforces the curriculum. It's really just a natural fit."

Showtimes are Friday, May 1, at 8 pm, Saturday, May 2, at 8 pm, and Sunday, May 3, at 2 pm. Admission is free to all. **HSV**

Competition ignites innovation

BY WILLA VIGNEAULT

Thanks to an engineering program, students are learning to be innovative and creative. Accurately titled "Engineering Challenge," the group has met after school for the past seven months, on the last Thursday of each month. They are given 45 minutes to design and accomplish a goal with the materials given.

Chemistry teacher and engineering challenge advisor Natalie Munn said, "[We are trying] to provide students a different type of academic competition, other than science fair, and to promote engineering."

Challenges this year included noise-reducing headphones, a broom to sweep up cat litter, a hanging chandelier, and a box with as many latches as possible to hold M&Ms.

Senior and overall girls' winner Willow Wunsch commented on the challenges given. She said, "I liked the spontaneity of just walking into the room and being presented with random materials and a goal. It was fun having to think on my feet and compete against other students."

Senior Tim Roberts, the overall boys' winner, said, "I think I am going to study engineering in college, and this was a fun and engaging way to start preparing for it."

About 40 people participate overall, 20 of whom are regulars; some only come once or twice, in between sports or other clubs. "It's nice," Dr. Munn said, "because students have the flexibility to come once and try it out, or come every time to compete and win awards."

Tim added, "The

challenges provide an exciting way to get some experience not only with engineering, but also with working as a team, which is always important later in life."

The final challenge took place on April 9, where the winners of the overall challenge were announced. Tim Roberts won for the boys, and Willow Wunsch was the girls' winner. Eli Hanschka and Elizabeth O'Brien were in second place, followed by Christopher Aring, Zachary Bresnick, Connor Downing, Russell Shapiro, Maddy Moore, and Ellie Reagan in third place, and Kevin Montambault and Emily Moore with honorable mentions.

Dr. Munn added, "It diversifies experiences in science that students aren't normally offered, and helps them connect with other like-minded students while working in small groups toward a single goal." **HSV**

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