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Mission Statement

The mission of the Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo, Colorado is to promote and preserve the Italian language, culture and customs in Pueblo and Southern Colorado regions.

To achieve this mission, the following goals are set forth:

To award scholarships to Pueblo area senior high school students to continue the study of the Italian language at the university level and to sponsor cultural and social activities to enhance the Italian American community.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WHY DANTE MATTERS 700 YEARS LATER

CSU-Pueblo Library and Resource Center (LARC)

Room #109

March 19th 5:30-7:00pm

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Pueblo Country Club

May 3rd @ 12:30pm

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Ciao, amici!

While Pueblo might actually, finally be having something that looks like winter, spring is on the horizon. With spring comes one of our most important events, the annual scholarship luncheon. It is slated for Sunday, May 3rd at 12:30pm at the Pueblo Country Club. Our scholarship program and criteria arguably do more to promote and continue our Italian heritage with our young people than any other scholarship program. It requires the recipients to not only be proficient in Italian now, but also to continue their studies going forward! Our food and language are our deepest ties to our past and to our homeland. The Italian language is the language of fashion, music and art. To keep it alive is vital. Thanks to Donna Stuzman and Dr. Chris Picicci for making this all possible.

All of you are encouraged to donate to our scholarship fund for this program but also for the Italian language and travel abroad fund at CSU Pueblo.

While we have several connections to our Sister City in Italy, Bergamo, the most active is the student exchange. For more than 11 years students from Pueblo and Bergamo have been studying at the University of Bergamo and at CSU Pueblo. During times we have lost other contacts with Bergamo (for example change of government) the university exchange has thrived. But travel is costly so your help is vital. If you have not paid your 2020 dues, another opportunity appears elsewhere in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you all May 3!

Non vedo l'ora!

Michael G. Salardino, President

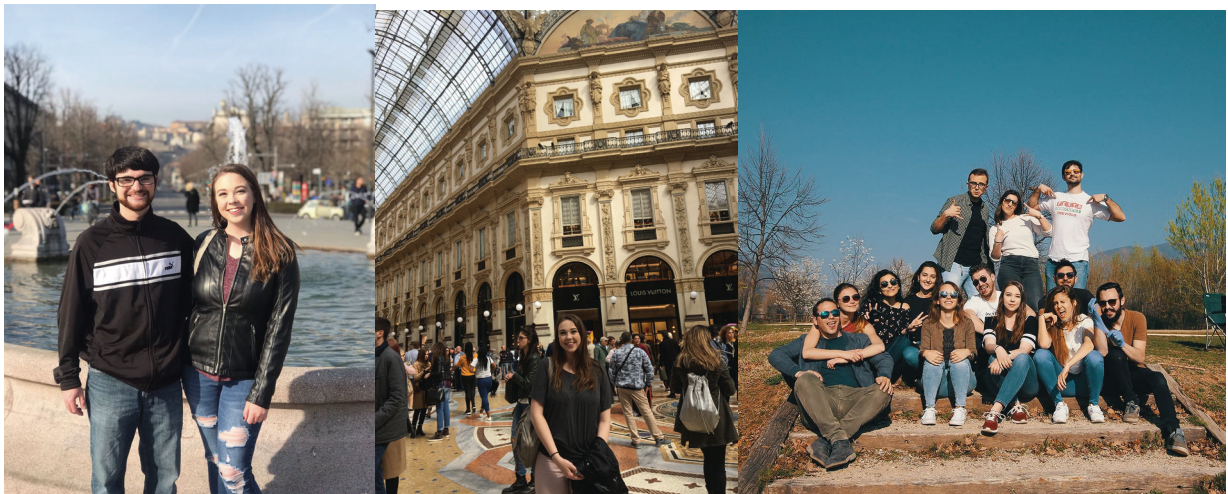
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Bergamo Italy - Spring 2019

- **By Amy Kasza** -

My study abroad in Italy was the best experience of my life, and I have the Dante Society of Pueblo to thank for helping fund such an incredible adventure. Without the generous scholarship from the Dante Society, I wouldn't have been able to have the freedom to explore Italy and broaden my knowledge of the Italian language and culture. I was not only able to take really interesting classes, but I was also able to travel and fully experience what it meant to be a part of such a beautiful culture.

When I first arrived in Italy, I fell in love with the views. Then, I fell in love with the coffee, food, and music. Before I left Italy, I found that I had fallen in love with the people. I think that being in Italy for six months gave me the time I needed to fully understand what it takes to really appreciate another culture. I was lucky enough to be there for an extended amount of time which let me love all of Italy. While I was there, I learned many nuances about Italy's language and dialects. I learned about the country's history, politics, art, sports, and holidays. I learned about the people that lived in my neighborhood. I knew about their hobbies, interests, and lives. I became a part of their wonderful little community. Bergamo, Italy will always be my favorite place in the world, and I am very grateful that I was lucky enough to call it home.



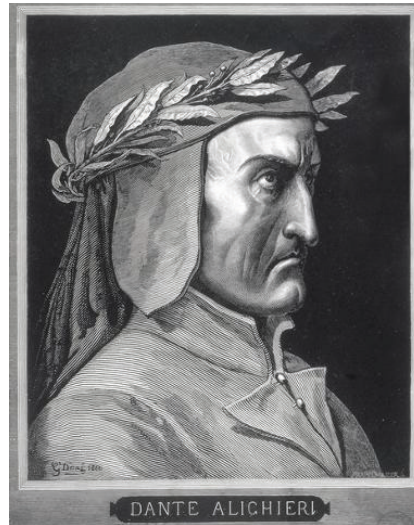
ITALIAN TALKS

Dear Dante Alighieri Society Members,

You are cordially invited to attend the talk, **“Why Dante Matters 700 Years Later”** by **Assistant Professor of Italian, Amanda Minervini of Colorado College**. Come and learn about Dante’s enduring legacy and the impact he had on the development of the Tuscan vernacular and centuries of Italian literature.

T. S. Eliot is known for saying: “Dante and Shakespeare divide the modern world between them. There is no third.” This talk will further underscore CSU-Pueblo’s commitment to the study of the Italian language and culture on campus. Attendees will learn why Dante is considered one of the greatest writers of Western civilization.

Join us Thursday evening, March 19th, 2020 from 5:30-7:00 PM in Room 109 of the Library and Resource Center (LARC).



Scholarship Donations and Corporate Sponsors

The Dante Alighieri Society is pleased to give members the opportunity to donate to the scholarship fund either as a personal gift or in memory of a loved one. If your donation is \$500 or more, we will dedicate a scholarship in the name that you specify. Please remember that tax deductible contributions are accepted throughout the year and may be sent to Dante Scholarship Fund, PO Box 1561, Pueblo, CO 81002. If you wish to donate a scholarship at this year’s event at the Pueblo Country Club on May 3, 2020, or if you would like to be one of our corporate sponsors, please contact the scholarship committee by April 3, 2020.

Corporate Sponsors receive recognition at the Scholarship Awards Celebration and an ad in the Dante quarterly newsletter. Listed below are the levels of sponsorship.

Diamond Level: \$200

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For further information please contact the Scholarship Committee Chairs:
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THE GRAND TOUR OF ITALY

June 2021

Members of the community are cordially invited to join faculty and students from CSU-Pueblo on the Grand Tour of Italy from June 1 to June 10, 2021. On this journey from northern to southern Italy, we will experience some of the country's most iconic landmarks, savor the regional cuisine, and enjoy “la bella vita” as we immerse ourselves in Italian culture. Wander the winding cobblestone streets of Venice or take a gondola ride on its sparkling crystal blue canals. Enjoy views of Florence’s Renaissance treasures from the top of the Duomo of Santa Maria del Fiore and marvel at the beauty of Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria. Become inspired in Assisi with visits to the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi and the Basilica of Saint Clare. Visit Pompeii, the most well-preserved city of antiquity and see first-hand Roman frescoes and vestiges of the 79AD eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. Finally, imagine yourself standing in the Coliseum, looking up at the Sistine Chapel or experiencing nightlife on the recently renovated Spanish Steps like a Roman. Italy is truly breathtaking, and its artistic treasures and people will never cease to amaze you.

For more information, call the Education First Traveler support line at 1-877-485-4184, visit the following webpage: EFCST.COM/2321037RJ or contact Chris Picicci at chris.picicci@csupueblo.edu (719) 549-2243 or Donna Stutzman at donna.stutzman@csupueblo.edu (719) 545-2870.



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