Fall 2026



Società Dante Alighieri Pueblo

Oct-Nov-Dec



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Dear Dante Members and Friends,
As autumn arrives, I wish you all a wonderful fall season. October is a particularly meaningful month for our Society as we celebrate Italian American Heritage Month, recognizing the many significant contributions of Italians and Italian Americans to the cultural, educational, artistic, and civic life of the United State. October was first officially recognized as Italian American Heritage and Culture Month by Congress in 1989.

I hope you will join us for our Cultural Dinner on Saturday, October 17th at the CSU Pueblo Occhiato Student Center. This year, we will celebrate the beautiful region of Lazio. A couple of students from CSU Pueblo who are studying Italian will share their research on the region.We have our Bingo Raffle license back and will be raffling off an imported Italian themed basket. allroom. Buy your tickets here: https://tinyurl.com/DantePueblo

Come see us on Friday, October 16th, 2026 at the Da Vinci After Dark event at the Leonardo Da Vinci Museum of North America. We will be hosting a table and seeking new members. You don't have to be Italian to be in the Dante Alighieri Society, you can also be an Italophile (lover of Italian culture). All are welcome!

Buy tickets here: https://davincisteam.org/event/after-dark.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the Dante Board of Directors for the time and energy that they devote each month to planning, promoting, and supporting our organization. Your commitment allows us to fulfill our mission to protect and promote the Italian language and culture in Southern Colorado. If you would like to become more involved in the Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo, please let us know. We would be delighted to welcome new volunteers and new leadership to our Executive Committee.

Finally, don't forget about our exciting 2027 Spring Break trip to Sicily, where travelers will experience the charm and beauty of this extraordinary island during Holy Week. The deadline to register for that trip is January 9, 2027.
Thank you for being part of our Dante community. I look forward to seeing you on October 17th.

Buon autunno, e viva l'Italia!

Warmly,
Chris Picicci, President
Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo



GO AHEAD TOURS

There's still time to sign up for the 2027 to Sicily! Scan the QR code below, go directly to the website listed below or email notiziariodas@gmail.com for more information.



Dante Alighieri of Pueblo's 50th Anniversary Celebration Trip

9 days|12 days with Rome extension | Mar 20 2027—Mar 28 2027

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.



Scan the QR code to enroll!
How to access our deals:

Give us a call at (800) 438-7672 to find out how much you can save!

Access email for this tour:
notiziariodas@gmail.com

For more information, contact
https://groups.goaheadtours.com/tours/dante-alighieri-2027|1-800-438-7672

Your tour package includes:
7 nights in handpicked hotels
7 breakfasts
3 dinners with beer or wine
5 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights:
Cappella Palatina
Piazza Armerina
Island of Ortigia
Syracuse Cathedral
Taormina's Greek theater
Views of Mount Etna

Tour pace (moderate):
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!

Società Dante Alighieri Pueblo

2026 REGIONAL DINNER

COME AND ENJOY AN AUTHENTIC MENU OF DISHES INSPIRED BY THE REGION OF LAZIO, ITALY!



LAZIO



50-50 RAFFLE IS BACK!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

5:30PM DOORS OPEN & COCKTAIL HOUR

6:00PM DINNER SERVED

CSU Pueblo Ballroom - Occhiato Student Center

2200 Bonforte Blvd. Pueblo, CO 81001

$65 adults $25 student & child



CASH BAR!



RSVP Deadline: Sat. Oct. 10th



REGIONE LAZIO

See Menu here!

Buy your tickets here!

https://tinyurl.com/DantePueblo



Menu

Lazio Style Dinner



Appetizers @ 5:30-6:30 p.m.
(entrance to the CSU Pueblo ballroom)
Prosciutto, Pecorino Romano, Frito Misto Romano, e Bruschetta al Pomodoro.

1st Course (Primo) @ 6:30 p.m.
Bucatini all'Amatriciana
One of the four classic pasta dishes of Rome, tossed with a rich, crunchy pork cheek-based sauce, diced tomatoes, finished with a generous dusting of Pecorino Romano.

2nd Course (Secondo)
Saltimbocca alla Romana
Thin slices of veal wrapped in sage and prosciutto, secured with toothpicks and quickly cooked in a pan with butter and white wine.



Side Dish (Contorno)
Carciofi alla Romana
Artichokes braised in the style of Rome with garlic, mint, and olive oil

Dessert
Made in-house pistachio and coffee gelato served with whipped cream

Dante Alighieri Society Christmas Party and Annual Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 6th, 2026 @ 11:30 am

at the Leonardo Da Vinci Museum of North America's Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo Education Room

MEMBERS ONLY!

FREE

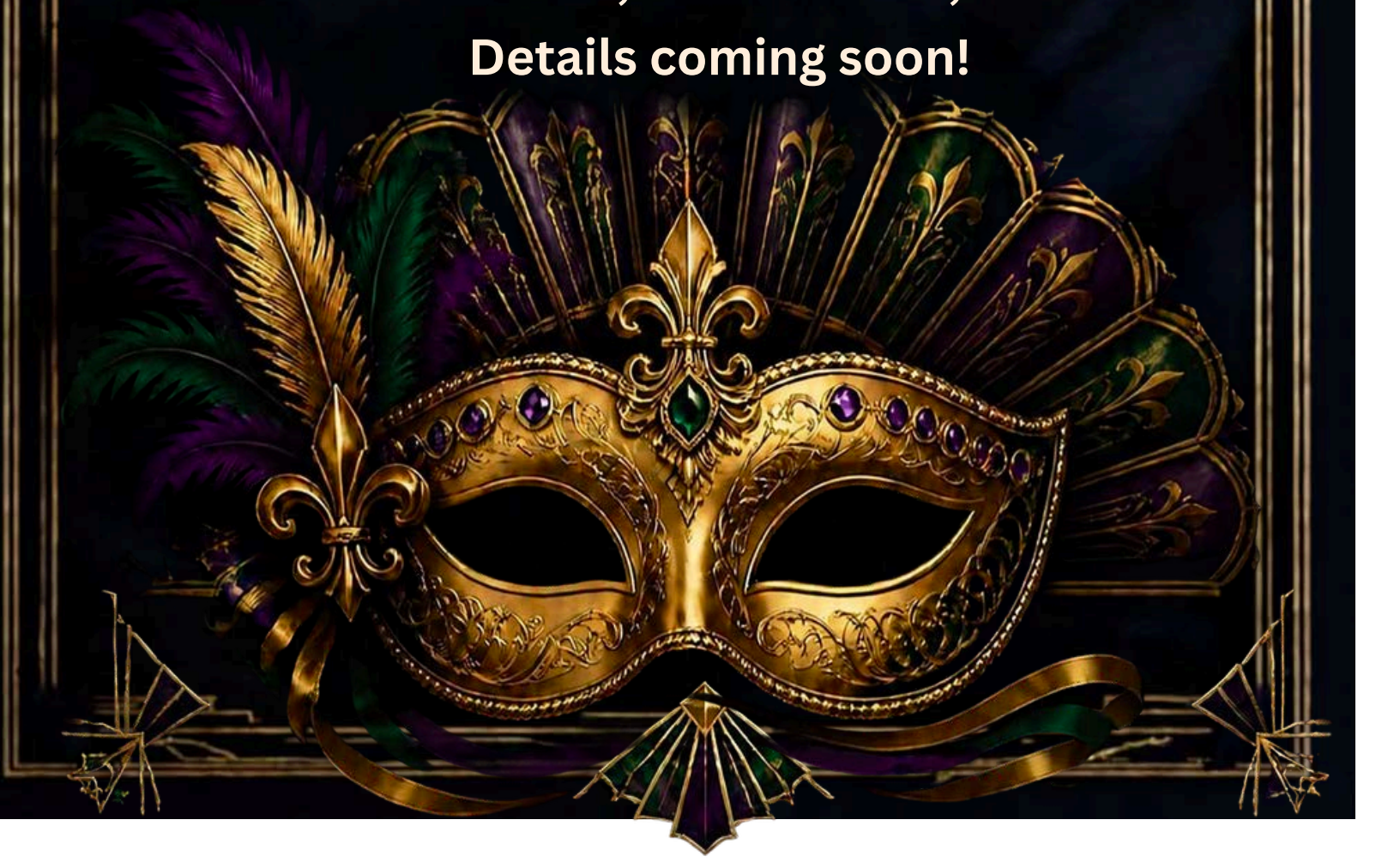
Ugly Sweater Contest and Fun Gift Exchange

Dante Alighieri Society of
Pueblo 47th Annual Carnevale

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2027

Details coming soon!



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 in person at our Members Only Christmas Party and via Zoom on **Sunday, Dec. 6, 2026**. New board members will be voted in by the membership at that time. Board members serve 2 year terms.

President

Board Member @ Large

Vice President



Interested? Send email to:

notiziariodas@gmail.com

Open Committee chair positions!

- Bocce Ball Committee
- Historian
- Student Chapter Leader
- Regional Dinner
- Summer Festa

Get involved and make a difference.





The images of the new crest have meaning. The mountains represent Colorado, the image of a steel factory represents our town's long time industry of steel production and steel workers (CF&I), the pick ax image represents the many Italian immigrants who came to southern Colorado to work in the mining industry. The wheat stalks around the border represent the Italian farmers on the St. Charles Mesa.

ONLINE MERCH STORE

coming soon!

Soon we will be launching an online merchandise store where you can purchase fun Italian themed and Dante Alighieri branded items.

All proceeds will benefit the student scholarship fund and our ongoing mission to support Italian language and culture in the Southern Colorado region.

Study Abroad: Tips From a Pro





Bergamo How-To
by Olivia Eggert (Spring 2026 Scholarship Winer)

Our amazing scholarship winner Olivia Eggert has created a online Google Docs process on exactly "How-To" apply for a study abroad program at CSU-Pueblo for a student exchange semester in Bergamo, Italy. There are funds available for applicants from the CSU Italian Endowment Fund and of course, the Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo's Scholarship fund. If you are interested in broadening your horizons and learning through travel and experience, consider the study abroad program.

To access her Google Docs "How-To" go here: https://tinyurl.com/BergamoHowTo

