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Peace students travel to Paris over spring break

Seventeen Queen of Peace High School French 3 and 4 students spent their spring break learning and expanding their life experiences during a trip to Paris.

French students left Chicago on April 9 to spend one week in France, touring museums, visiting with their host families and improving their French speaking skills. Students visited the Arc de Triomphe; Notre Dame Cathedral; the Louvre; Versailles, a castle in the Loire Valley; and numerous other historical and educational places of interest.

“Global outreach is one of the main reasons we plan this trip,” said French instructor Jura Jancys. “Students’ connection with the language is much stronger after the trip. They also have a wonderful opportunity to experience the French culture first-hand.”

The following students made the trip.

Seniors: Darlene Ariel, Melissa Nunchuck, Laura Szurek, Kaitlyn Seldal, Carla Villarreal, Ariel Zarate and Carla Uhlarik.

Juniors: Julia Amador, Michelle Olvera, Michaele Strauch, Samantha Miranda, Ana Lopez, Aura Lopez, Heather Kierzek, Dana Testa, Annette Carreon and Nancy Estrada.

The students said they would most remember the generosity of their host families.

“They were very warm and welcoming,” senior Carla Uhlarik said. “They made me feel right at home and made my experience in France complete.”

Junior Annette Carreon said she was struck by the “enormous beauty” of Versailles.

“I couldn’t believe I was walking around in the very same castle I had studied in books and on Internet sites,” Annette said.

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