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Juniors, Seniors Travel to Costa Rica

Eleven Queen of Peace students boarded a plane April 4 to spend one full week immersed in the beauty and culture of Costa Rica. Third and fourth year Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish students stayed with host families outside of the city of San Jose.

During the days, groups explored the Tirimbina Rainforest Preserve; visited Arenal Volcano and the Baldi Geothermal Hot Springs, the Sarapiquí River and Hogar Siembra – a home for young women who are victims of abuse; toured Sarchí – famous for its woodworking - and Café Britt – a coffee plantation; took Latino dancing and Costa Rican cooking classes; and went horseback riding and zip lining at the Pozo Azul Canopy.

Students returned to their host families each night to extend their learning of daily life in Costa Rica and practice their Spanish conversational skills.

The following Peace students attended the trip: juniors Vanessa Almaguer, Luz Maria Barajas, Lauren Carrington, Angela Espinoza, Amanda Krch, Justine Villar, and seniors Anna Anderson, Sophie Castellanos, Anna Dron, Kristen Kaczynski, and Jaclyn Kwasny.

“The students actively and eagerly participated in all activities and truly embraced the cultural experience,” said Stacy Kolack, Spanish teacher and chaperone. “I loved hearing their morning updates on the bus each day and shared their sadness when it was time to pack up and leave.”

The Language Department at Queen of Peace promotes the appreciation, respect and understanding of the diverse voices and cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. Queen of Peace

is dedicated to teaching not only communicative skills but also cultural awareness as this encourages students to become global citizens, promoters of justice and lifelong learners.

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Eleven Queen of Peace 3rd and 4th year Spanish students visited Zarcero's Topiary Gardens in Francisco Alvarado Park and spent one week immersed in the beauty and culture of Costa Rica.