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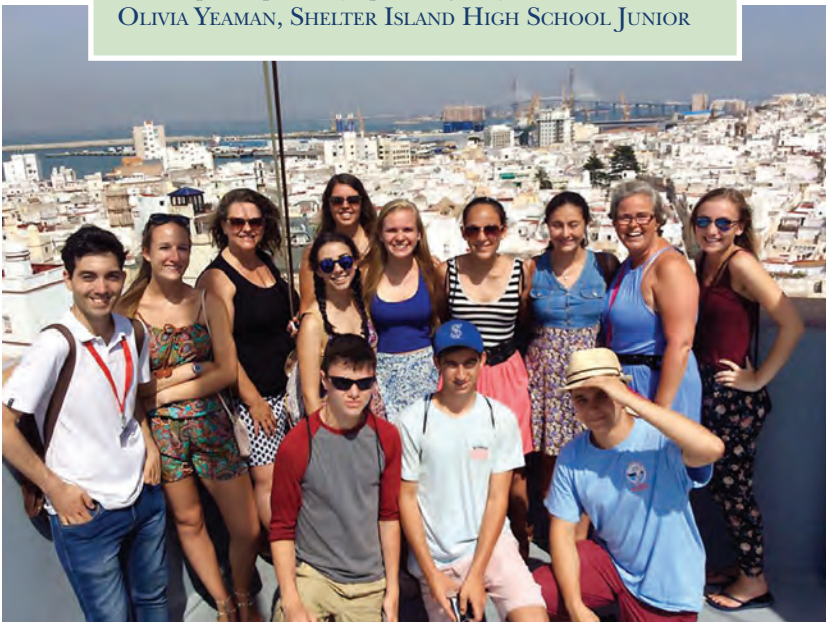
Together with the educational program Centro Mundo Lengua, ten students from Shelter Island High School spoke and dreamed in Spanish for a week in Cádiz, Spain this past July. Living with host families, the students easily absorbed the rich culture of the oldest city in Europe, founded by the Phoenicians in approximately 1,100 BC. They visited museums, explored local markets, learned how to make paella and yes, did a little Flamenco dancing. They also took day excursions to Sevilla and Gibraltar.

Many thanks to you — our supporters — for enriching the lives of these lucky students, and to chaperones Janine Mahoney and Meghan Lang.



“Not only did I get to travel around with friends I already had, I was able to make new friends, all while really immersing myself in the Spanish language and culture. This helped improve my Spanish greatly!”

OLIVIA YEAMAN, SHELTER ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR





To Our Supporters,

This year the Shelter Island Educational Foundation celebrates 20 years of inspiring children and young adults on

the Island! Over the last two decades the Foundation has awarded hundreds of individual and institutional grants that have enhanced their lives.

I am forever grateful to you, our supporters, who have made these endeavors a reality. It is because of you the world beyond Shelter Island has been opened to our children and in turn, our community enriched.

Please join me in celebrating the accomplishments of our past grant recipients. Now and in the future, we charge Shelter Island students, teachers and community members to dream, explore and be bold when envisioning educational experiences, and let us help make them possible.

Sincerely,

Christine Gallagher

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A Magical Day for Sophomores at the Met

The Shelter Island tenth grade class studied Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* in both music and English class, and then attended a final dress rehearsal at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City. This unforgettable experience was made possible through a partnership with the Metropolitan Opera Guild's Access Opera program, which provides teachers with resources for drawing connections across literature, social studies, foreign language, and the arts.

The Metropolitan Opera



"It was amazing to see how an opera comes together, and even though The Magic Flute was in a different language, everyone can still appreciate the time and effort put into such a beautiful story. I think that everyone should be able to see an opera at least once in their life, as it was one of the best experiences I've ever had. Thank you to the Ed Foundation for making this trip possible!"
JULIA LABROZZI, SHELTER ISLAND H.S. JUNIOR

Wildlife, Woods and Warden-in-Training

Shelter Island High School senior Richard Ruscica has dreams about becoming a game warden, so he spent a week this past summer at Unity Warden Camp at Unity College. Deep in the North Woods of Maine, he participated in surveillance training, search and rescue activities, wildlife forensics, and more. The experience led him to apply instant admission to the college and was accepted, with honors, to pursue a bachelor's degree in Conservation Law Enforcement. Richard highly recommends the camp to his peers to "help them cope and properly react during a crisis." Thank you for helping Richard move closer to fulfilling his dream!



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Mischievous Mice and Toy Soldiers

Eighth Graders Attend Ballet at Lincoln Center

With your support, Shelter Island's 8th grade class was treated to a production of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*, choreographed by George Balanchine and performed by the New York City Ballet. Leading up to the trip, the students learned about the music and history of the ballet with teachers Jessica Bosak and Keith Brace.

Music Students Give Their Regards

Shelter Island students who participate in Suffolk County Music Educators' Association (SCMEA), Select Choir, and Jazz Band have the opportunity to attend the music department's annual Broadway trip. This year the day started with a *Broadway 101* workshop with professional actors on improvisation, movement, singing, and acting. (They were in serious mode when music teacher Jessica Bosak snapped the photo, right!) After a Q and A session with one of the lead actors in *On The Town*, the students saw the production that afternoon at the Lyric Theater.



"The show had great choreography and music. It was an exciting trip for people who love music like myself. Thanks for giving us the opportunity!"

PAUL MURPHY, SHELTER ISLAND H.S. FRESHMAN

"The Nutcracker was an amazing trip! I had so much fun, and know that this year's eighth grade is going to love it too. The sets were incredible and the dancing was spectacular. My favorite part was the big Christmas tree, the transparent screen, and the snow trees scene."

LILY GARRISON, SHELTER ISLAND H.S. FRESHMAN

Prepare to Come About!

Shelter Island School's seventh grade class conveniently began their voyage on a 126-foot Gloucester schooner in the waters of Dering Harbor. For many students, the five-day sailing adventure aboard the Alabama was their first extended stay away from their parents. As members of the crew, they learned to tie knots, hoist sails, swab the decks, and work together as a team. Shelter Island English teacher Jim Bocca added a literary component to this year's trip, and students documented their experiences on paper—no computers, tablets or mobile phones on this boat!

Thank you to the Shelter Island Yacht Club for shuttling the sailors to the schooner, to chaperones Ian Kanarvogel and Jim Bocca, to Captain Morgan of Black Dog Tall Ships and to the talented, enthusiastic crew of the Alabama.



"I cannot even describe the fantastic feelings towards the trip. Without the Ed Foundation's commitment, some of the students in the class would not have been able to afford to go on such an amazing adventure. I would personally like to thank you all for the most fabulous experience of my thirteen years on this earth!"

ABBY KOTULA, SHELTER ISLAND EIGHTH GRADER





Photo by Bev Walz

Porch and Pork Parties!

In July, the Chequit hosted the Foundation's 6th annual Porch Party benefit, which was a great success. Many thanks to the Chequit, Dandy Liquors, and the auction and raffle donors. A few weeks later, at the 2015 Shelter Island Whole Hog Invitational, there was a whole lot of pork eating and competing!



Photo by JoAnn Kirkland

Thank you to Katherine and Marco Birch for hosting this community-inspired event. Proceeds from the Porch Party and SIWHI are translated directly into educational grants and programs that inspire and enhance the lives of children on Shelter Island.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Grant Awards Celebration

Annual Meeting: Sunday, November 22, 4-6pm at Sylvester Manor

Please join us for our favorite day! Grant recipients will share their educational adventures and how their lives have been impacted. Open to the public. Tea and cookies will be served.



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With your generous support, the Foundation provided these additional programs and grants in 2014-15:

PROGRAMS

- Shelter Island School Sailing Club for middle and high school students
- Broadway production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* for high school students.
- Broadway production of *On the Town* for middle and high school music students
- Special theater showing of civil rights film *Selma* for Shelter Island middle and high school students, with students from Sag Harbor schools
- School workshop performance by bluegrass band Banksters
- Updated materials for college guidance

GRANTS

- U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Aviation Challenge for a high school student
- Marine Ecology of U.S. Virgin Islands trip for a high school student
- Perlman Music Program collaboration with Shelter Island school music students
- Broadway trip to *Matilda* for Shelter Island Girl Scouts
- Brown University Sports Camp for a high school student interested in rowing
- The Retreat's "Safe Dates" workshop series for high school students
- Community sailing camp for an elementary school student
- Ross School Japan trip for a high school student
- Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island trip for seventh and eighth graders
- Adirondack chair construction project for high school students
- Empty Bowls ceramic bowl making/farm to table for K-12 students
- Time Travelers Camp for children ages 6-12 in partnership with the Shelter Island Historical Society
- Action sports camp in Woodward, PA for a middle school student
- Marine mammal preservation and rescue workshops for high school science students in partnership with the Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation
- Community day camp for an elementary student
- Laptop and revitalization of playground for Shelter Island Preschool