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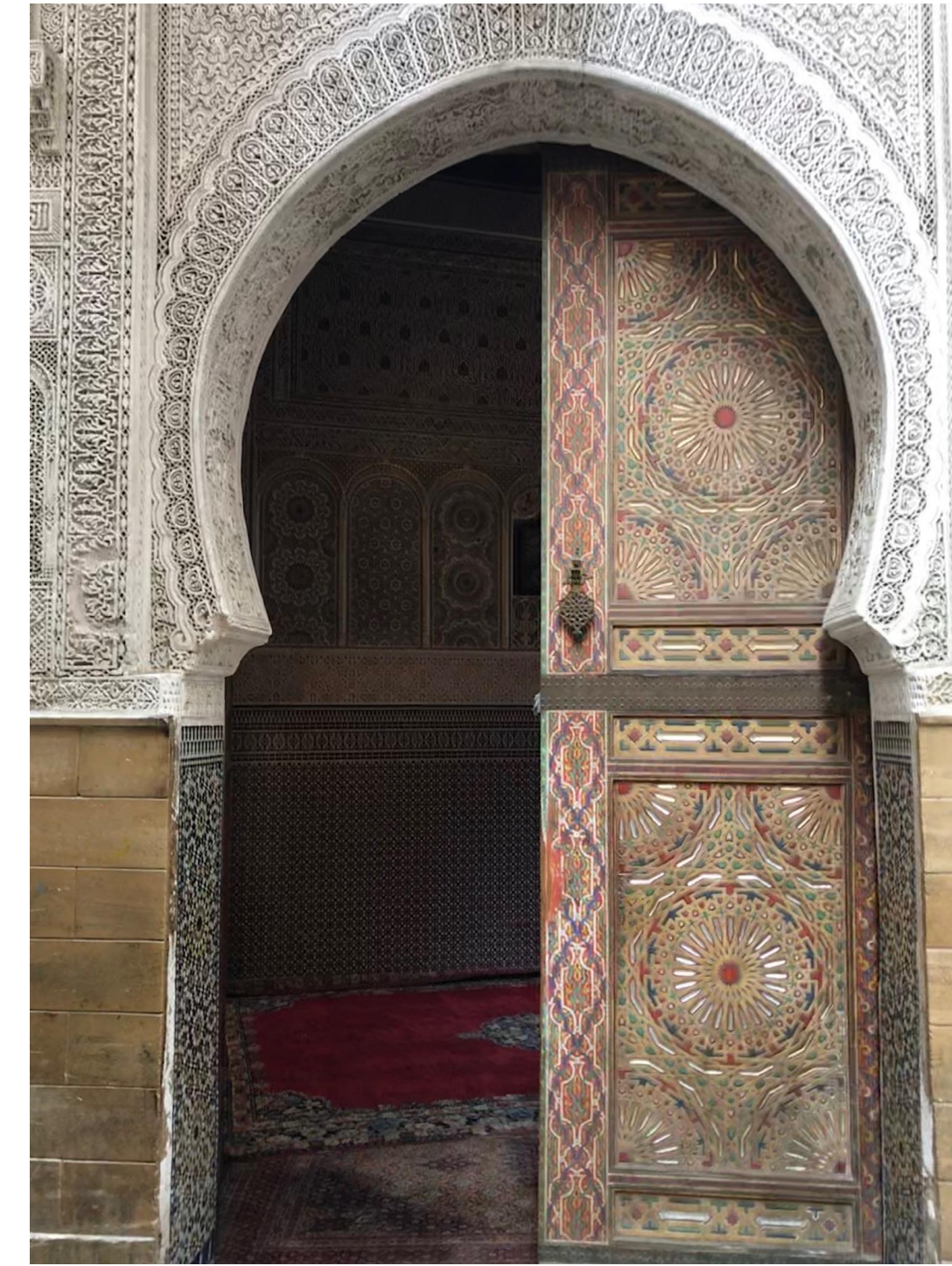
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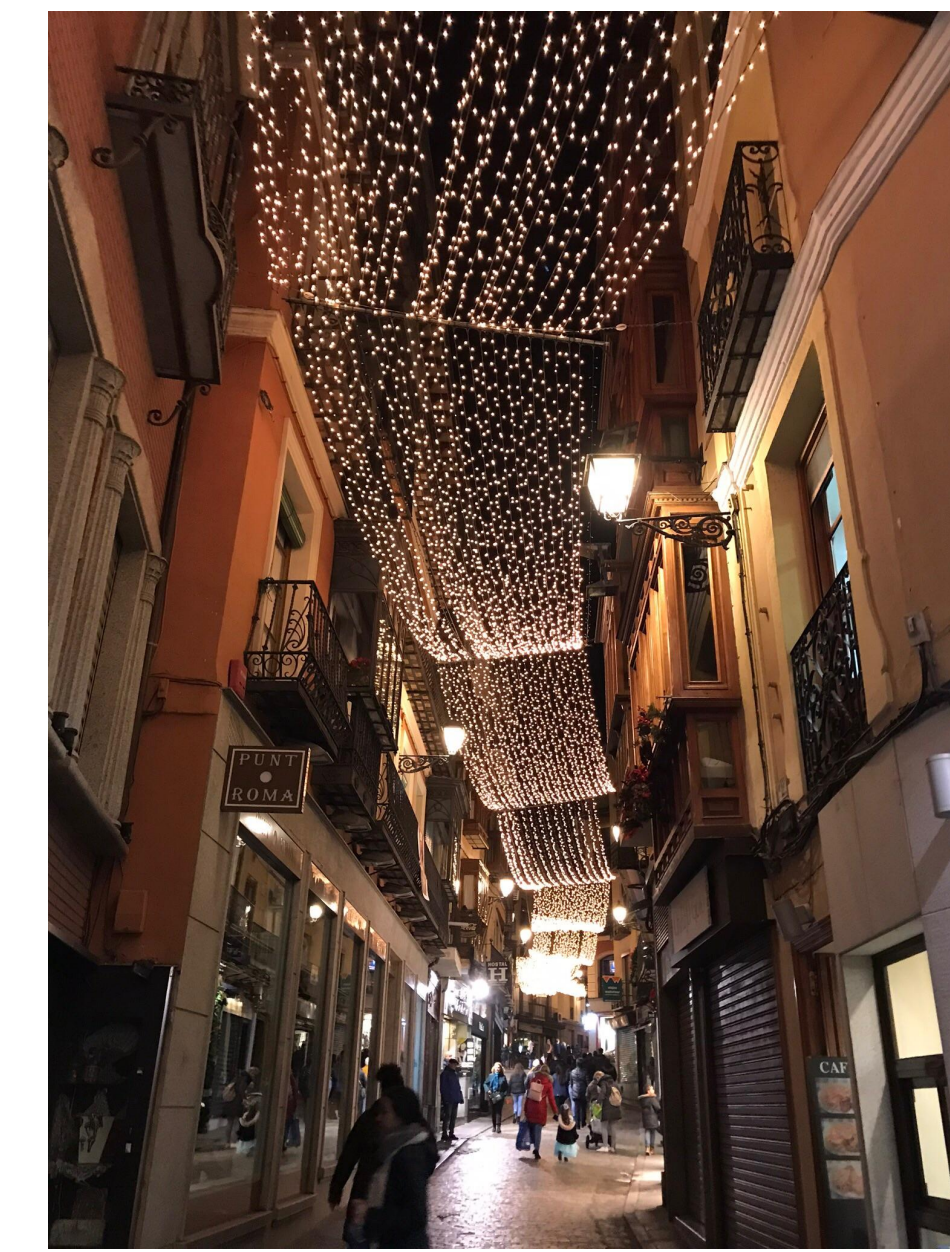
## Jan Term 2019

Outside of the classroom, we had the opportunity to explore the cultures of Spain and Morocco through their unique sites, sounds, and flavors. Come along!



Secret worlds waiting to be explored. (Fez, Morocco).

## From "Hola Chicos!"...



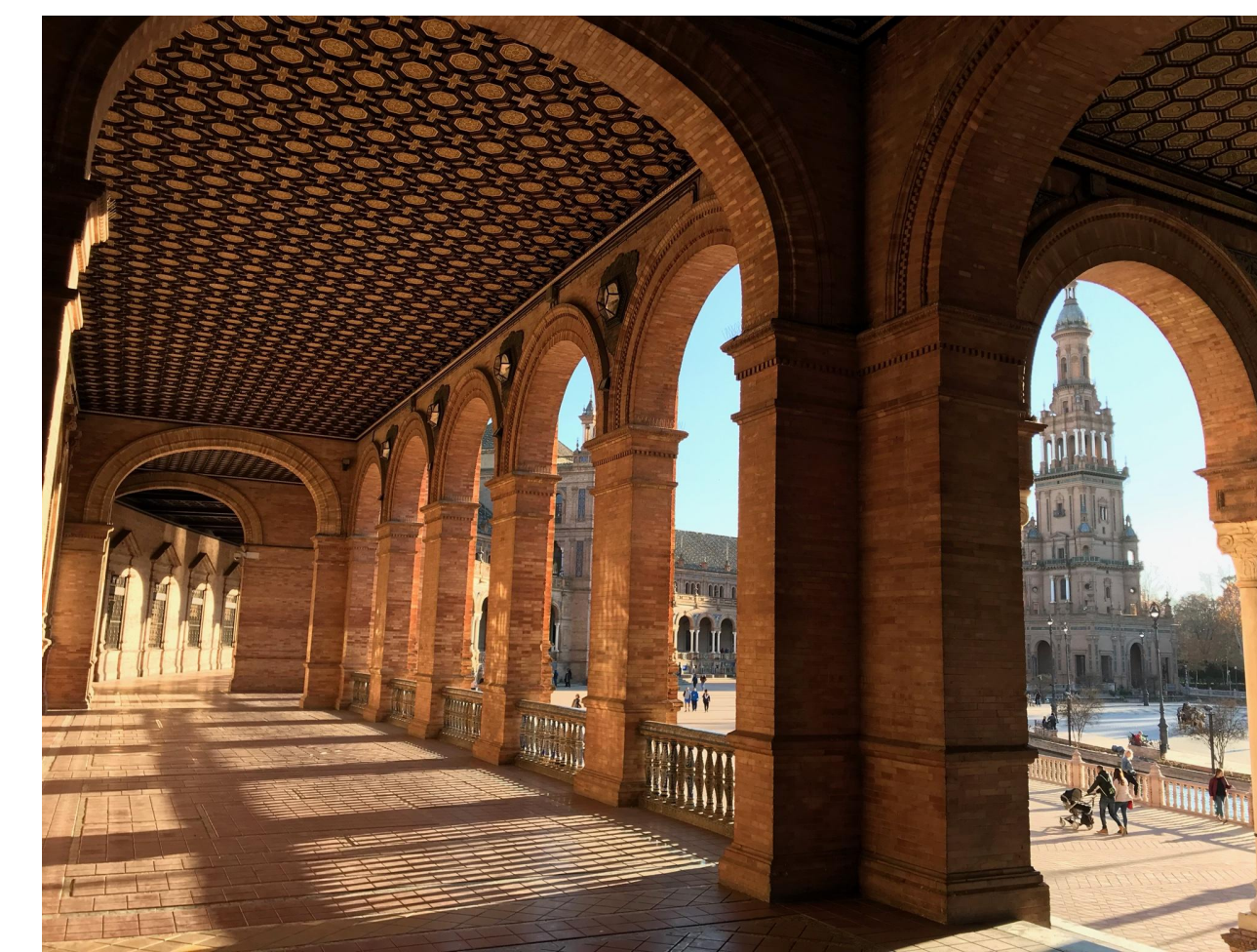
A labyrinth. Lights lead the way. (Toledo, Spain)



The center. Where all roads began. (Madrid, Spain)



Three Gods. Two Shores. One Space. (Granada, Spain)



The most beautiful, ornate government building. (Seville, Spain)



Cathedral in a mosque. Beyond belief. (Cordoba, Spain)



Beautiful blue labyrinth in the Rif. (Chefchaouen, Morocco)



Centuries of history. King's royal stables. (Meknes, Morocco)



New places. New faces. New friendships. (Rabat, Morocco)



Host families. Open hearts. Shukraan jazilaan. (Rabat, Morocco)



The birthplace of Islam in Morocco. (Moulay Idriss, Morocco)

...to "Yalla guys!"

## How did this experience connect you to Linfield in more meaningful ways?

For many of us, our connection to Linfield prior to the trip was solely educational. While abroad, the title of 'Linfield student' became our identity and our community. When asked by other travelers or locals where we were from and what we were doing in Spain or Morocco, we proudly stated that we were Linfield Students from Oregon. We each came home with a more meaningful connection to our school and peers.

## What are specific ways you have developed personally (as a whole human) as a result of your chosen experience(s)?

- Flexibility
- Effective communication
- Curiosity
- Cultural sensitivity
- Social responsibility

## How has your chosen experience(s) impacted you?

- We connected with peers and the people around us, whether it was over paella, a hot cup of Moroccan tea, or dancing to traditional Andalusian music. Worlds apart, but together for a moment.
- The historical complexities of a place and its people are significant; they are the roots of one's culture and identity.

## How has your chosen experience(s) impacted your long-term career or life goals?

- In order to grow, we must step out of our comfort zones and experience new territory - both literally and figuratively.
- Communication is possible, even when language barriers exist. You don't have to be fluent, but by learning how to say 'Hello' or 'Thank you' in another language - the effort is appreciated.
- As future healthcare providers in a global society, this trip emphasized our responsibility to become culturally competent, to better provide unique, individualized care.

## Conclusion

When you have the chance to travel with Linfield, take it! It's the perfect way to broaden your educational experience, gain a new and different perspective of humanity, and create relationships.