

## WHAT NCS ALUMNI SAY ABOUT THE SCHOOL'S SPANISH PROGRAM

*"...acting out skits in Spanish, to singing songs and having cultural food days, our class became very familiar with the language, and also began to have a deeper understanding of Hispanic cultures in the world. Most important [our teacher] **inspired us to want to learn the language.**"*

*"...it wasn't until my middle school years at NCS, did I really realize the hard work and care put into the school's Spanish program. As a freshman at Novato High School, I started in Spanish II, having taken a Spanish placement test and waiving out of Spanish I. So far, we have been going over the past tense and preterit. I smile to myself when the teacher mentions that "this is probably new." I've heard it before. **I directly correlate my experience in high school Spanish to the passion and creativity instilled in the NCS Spanish program.**"*

*"The experience I was lucky enough to have in [Spanish] class was one abundant with fun and energetic enthusiasm, as [my teacher] encouraged us to strive to progress in the Spanish language. [Our teacher] **prepared me thoroughly for high school, making Spanish 3-4 a possibility**, and one that I have taken and that I hope will benefit me in the future. And who knows? It may be that I travel the world, or it may be that I simply take part in a Spanish holiday."*

*"I am the only person in my high school Spanish class who can get up and sing 'Los Dias de la Semana' in three different variations. Spanish at the Charter School was an awakening to the vastness of an ancient, complex and fascinating culture. Through group activities, we explored different Spanish-Speaking regions and recreated the food, music and art in our classrooms. However, basic words and speaking skills were not over-looked; the ability to carry on a polite, simple conversation was an achievement the end of this program. **The Charter School Spanish Program is interwoven into the curriculum in an enjoyable, educational manner.**" (Alumna tested into Spanish III during her 1<sup>st</sup> year in high school).*