

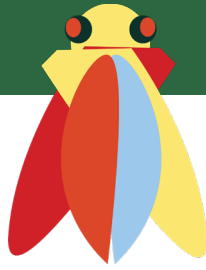


Rassias Center of Dartmouth



"I respect all of our students for wanting to learn another language. They have put all of their trust in us, and I know no one will betray that trust."

- John Rassias



Travel with Rassias

Before diving into the summer, I'm putting an exciting experience on your radar for this coming May. We are pleased to be partnering with the Office of Alumni Relations and Dartmouth Alumni Travel to put forward a thoughtfully tailored adventure through one of my favorite regions. I invite you to read more about this magical seven night Provençal package at the following link:

<https://alumni.dartmouth.edu/travel/partnership-rassias-center-pleasures-provence>



Spanish for Health Care Professionals 2026

We welcomed a new cohort of medical professionals eager to learn and improve their Spanish to better serve their patients. It is always humbling and rewarding to work with Greater Lawrence Family Medicine to make this happen for their Residents. Next year is the 30 year anniversary of our program, piloted in 1997. Since we have opened this program to the public, participants frequently include pharmacists, nurses, and social workers along with the Lawrence Residents.

Each year Greater Lawrence sends us an inspiring group of young physicians who not only display their medical knowledge but their cultural awareness and concern. And by the way, the talent we saw during Karaoke night and during final skits made me question if residency isn't just a side gig.



ALPs 2026

One of the best moments at Rassias this year was welcoming back familiar faces along with many new friends for our second year of the ALPs revival. This program was a success as we built on everything we learned from last year's program.

We were lucky with an especially strong group of students who gave us everything they had for twelve hours each and every day. I was interested to hear this group's "Why ALPs?" which included urgent professional advancement, general cultural interest, and personal betterment.

In referencing talent again, this year's skits were on par with anything that comes from Broadway! I'm excited to hear where everyone takes their new language skills and anticipate welcoming many back for ALPs 2027 alongside the new group.

Of course, none of these programs would be possible without our remarkable Lead Teachers, Assistant Teachers, and Staff who helped to infuse Dartmouth energy into each class.

Thank You!

Precollege Summer Scholars

This summer, the Rassias Center hosted a unique Spanish language program for high school students preparing for their futures. This program included intensive (Rassias style) language in the mornings and cultural workshops in the afternoon.

It was interesting to build this custom program which contextualized our usual fast paced language and culture instruction for a persuasive environment such as might be applied to politics or law. Students worked with visiting scholars and even had the chance to make music with culturally informed experts. Students ended the program presenting their independently directed culminating projects to the group and a variety of visitors.

It is always meaningful to work with high school students and we, as a team, wish them the best in whatever they do next.

Ready! Set! Teach!

We ended the summer participating in a glorious event for Upper Valley Educators. This day was sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the Office of Outreach, and Alliances at GrantGPS.

We laughed our way through our workshop with terrific local educators. Participants were inspirational and kept me moving at quite an impressive pace! In addition to our part in the day, we attended both plenary sessions and brought away so much for our own work.

Programs for You

As always, check our website for information on upcoming Semi-Intensives and Refreshers. We plan to offer Mandarin, German, and hopefully English along with our usual Spanish, Italian, and French. We need five applicants to run a program; if you are interested our first programs begin soon. Tell your friends!

<https://rassias.dartmouth.edu/programs/>

Thanks for reading. More soon.
Yassas be well, Helene