



Andover's Tori Smith '20 paints on Proctor's European Art Classroom. Tori is one of four Andover students studying on the abroad program this winter.

Proctor Students Study Abroad on European Classroom

Four Andover students in Aix-en-Provence

Scott Allenby
Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's European Art Classroom program affords eight students the opportunity to live, study, and create art in Aix-en-Provence for nine weeks each winter and spring. Dozens of Andover students have taken part in this program over the past decade, including four Andover natives this winter: Blaine Hinds '20, Vienna Marcus '20, Tori Braley '20, and Ryelle Jenifer '20. Tori recently shared the following blog post on Proctor's website:

"Everyone gathers around the table. 'Cooks, what's for dinner?' Dave says. After the cooks elaborate on the beautifully displayed meal that they crafted, everyone grabs their plates and lines up to get their food. Cooks, of course, eat last.

"Everyone has their very own napkin that they picked out at the local market that is placed at every seat. Each napkin has different colors, patterns, and designs that are custom to each person in our group, and in one way or another, displays each person's sense of style.

"We all sit down at the seat where our napkins are placed. Everyone reaches for their own assigned cup. Each cup, much like the napkins, have their own designs, patterns, and colors on them. Blue polka dots is one, pink stripes wrapping around the whole cup is another. Some with fish on them, others with pink and blue sprinkles all over.

"We raise our cups to the air. As someone proposes a toast, I reflect on my past two weeks here in France. I reflect on the long car rides filled with Jack Johnson; music and laughter filling the air. I reflect on the excursion days with Dave, where we venture off to a location and paint for a few hours. I reflect on the days spent in town walking to the cafe for class. I reflect on Jazercise with Dave, and the gorgeous view that I have been blessed to wake up to every morning. I reflect on Satur-

day night in town, going out to dinner and getting gelato after, and just sitting down and talking and laughing.

"Of course, I have to reflect and give recognition to Paul. Paul has been our best friend here in France. He's everywhere we go, he provides us with delicious sandwiches and pastries. Paul treats everyone very well and he's not that expensive!

"There's so much to be grateful for and so much to appreciate. With that being said, 'I'd like to propose a toast: Here's to an amazing group of people and an amazing past two weeks. I can't wait to see what the rest of the term holds. Cheers!' Everyone clinks glasses and says, 'Cheers!'

"I love this part of the day, where everyone comes together to enjoy a nice, home-cooked meal together and share stories and laughter. The time where we can all sit down and enjoy each other's company and reflect on our day. 'Bon Appétit, Eet Smakelijk' (Dutch for Bon Appétit.)"

Be sure to follow all European Art Classroom's adventures at blogs.ProctorAcademy.org.



Jack McLeod and his grandmothers, Gail Mead and Wendy McLeod, work together to create a tissue paper lantern as part of EAVP's Grandparents' Day celebration.

Caption: Amy Jenkins. Photo: Kimberly Faust

News and Upcoming Enrollment

Grandparents' Day and the party were a blast

Amy Jenkins, EAVP

We had a wonderful holiday season at East Andover Village Preschool, with Grandparents' Day, and a classroom holiday party.

Grandparents' Day was a huge success with 25 grandparents in attendance! We met grandparents from near and far. We showed our visitors what our Morning Meeting looks like, including some yoga, songs, and a story. We then worked together to create tissue paper lanterns. It was a busy, fun morning. Thank you to all those grandparents who attended and made the day special!

Our classroom party was a blast! We shared a special snack and played some holiday-themed games. Priscilla Poulin, the Andover librarian, visited with her guitar and led us in some fun songs. It is a long standing tradition for Santa

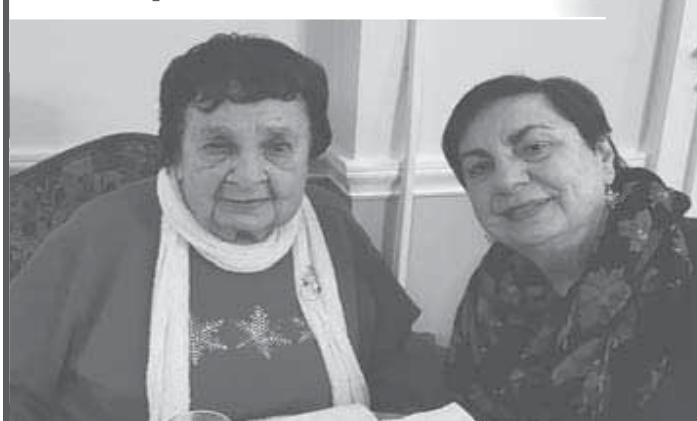
to visit EAVP in the weeks just before Christmas, and this year he didn't disappoint. Santa gifted each child with a backpack and books, listened to their Christmas wishes, and answered questions about his reindeer and the North Pole. The children gave Santa a gift; a mug and some hot chocolate to warm him up after his trip around the world.

Although we have several months left in our school year, the enrollment period for next year is coming right up. Beginning February 1st, current families will be given the opportunity to choose their days for next year. March 1st, families on our waiting list may enroll. We will be hosting an Open House on Saturday morning, March 7 from 9 to 11 AM. Families interested in seeing our school or learning more about our program are invited to stop by. We'd love to meet you! For more information, please call the school at 735-5105 or email us at eavptds.net.



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