

## OCC Chamber Singers Perform Mozart's Requiem at Carnegie Hall in New York

Orange Coast College's Chamber Singers, along with a few other choruses from California, Texas and New York, took part in a performance of Mozart's Requiem at Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 24. Eliza Rubenstein, the Director of Choral and Vocal Activities at OCC, conducted the performance.

In May, OCC's top choir had a successful performance of Mozart's Requiem to a sold-out crowd at the Robert B. Moore Theatre, which served as a precursor to their appearance at Carnegie Hall.

"We spent two and a half days rehearsing the work in New York," said Rubenstein. "This is my fourth time conducting at Carnegie, and it never ceases to be magnificent."

Since 2012, the OCC Chamber Singers have been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall every two to three years by Manhattan Concert Productions, the company that organizes and produces the performance.

"The venue is inspiring by virtue of its history, but it's also simply one of the most resplendent acoustics anywhere in the world; when you give your best artistry to the hall, it gives it back tenfold," explained Rubenstein. "Students who have sung there over the years describe it as almost an otherworldly experience. When you walk off the stage after performing there, you feel changed."





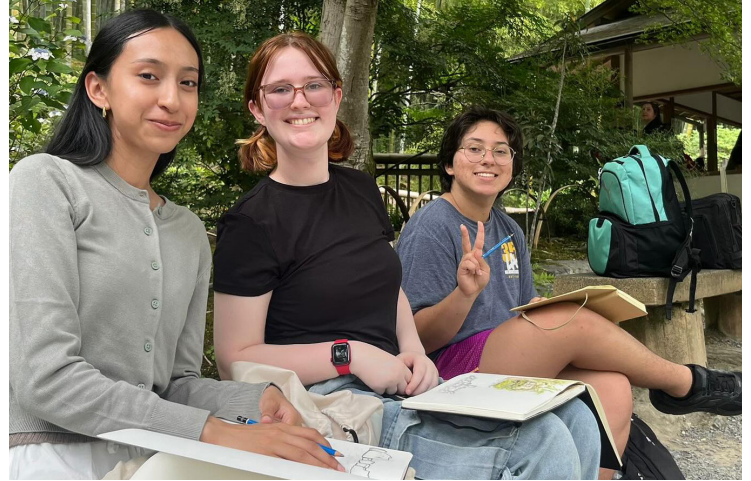
## OCC Students Study Abroad in Kyoto

More than two dozen students from Orange Coast College recently spent a month studying abroad in Kyoto, Japan.



The program was led by two OCC instructors, Chris Kerins and Dr. Dean Abernathy. Kerins has been an Art and Architecture instructor at OCC for 16 years, specializing in illustration, drawing, and watercolor. Dr. Dean L. Abernathy is a practicing architect with over 25 years of experience in teaching and architectural research at OCC, where he teaches design and fabrication studios, as well as architectural history.

During the study abroad program, students focused on drawing, watercolor, and architectural history, all while exploring and getting inspiration from the breathtaking city of Kyoto.



The program also included various excursions, such as:

- A half-day excursion to Arashiyama, which featured a visit to the bamboo forest and Tenryu-ji Temple.
- A half-day excursion to Fushimi-Inari Shrine
- A half-day excursion to Osaka that included a guided tour of Osaka Castle.
- A half-day excursion to Himeji, including entrance and a guided tour of Himeji Castle.
- A full day excursion to Nara, which included entrance to Todaji temple and Kasuga Shrine.
- An overnight excursion to Koyasan, offering accommodation in traditional multi-bedded Japanese rooms, engaging in temple activities, and a dinner.

Other study abroad programs offered in the summer of 2025 included destinations in Florence and Madrid.

