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# NEWSLETTER

## Get Out of Your Comfort Zone



Above: (left to right) UMASS students Mackenzie, Leah, and Grace while visiting the Roman Forum.  
Below: (left to right) UMASS students Mackenzie, Leah, and Laura showing off their MiC card.



This April, we spoke to University of Massachusetts students Mackenzie Lewis, Leah Kearney, Laura Schmitt, and Grace Kenney about their study abroad experience at the Pantheon Institute and how living and learning in Rome has helped them try new things and explore new places. We filmed in the famous Largo di Torre Argentina, where Caesar was stabbed in 44 B.C.! Check-out the full interview on our [YouTube @pantheoninstitute](https://www.youtube.com/@pantheoninstitute).



TSOA student Kelly Vigil in the studio.

## Pentacost in Rome

Every Pentacost Sunday, something truly magical occurs in Rome: thousands of rose petals float down from the Pantheon oculus, showering congregants below in a wash of vibrant red, symbolic of the Holy Spirit's anointing of the apostles with the gift of languages which manifested as tongues of fire appearing over the heads. These days, it's the local Roman firefireters who do the anointing, perching atop the dome to losen flowers upon those below.



## Start of Summer 2026!

Summer is in full swing in Rome, and so is our Summer Architecture Program! This May, we welcomed students from Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), The Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc), and The School of Architecture (TSOA) to our 6-week summer program where they are taking Architectural Design Studio, Watercolor, and Cartography. We can't wait to see what our students create in the next few weeks!



Professor Rosati with SCI-Arc student Santiago Sanchez (left) and CMU student David Decker (right).



**First Ever**  
**Alumni**  
**Reunion**  
**October**  
**2026!**

Calling all Alumni! We are celebrating 35 years of architecture programming in Rome with our Inaugural Alumni Reunion! Itinerary includes lectures, city walks, museum visits, an optional Tuscany Tour and so much more!

