



On Saturday, July 12th, 2014, forty-two high school juniors from Instituto San Roman, an Assumptionist high school in Buenos Aires, Argentina, arrived at Assumption College in Worcester to inaugurate a four-week summer program in English. The program is the realization of four years of discussion, planning, and organization. The idea for this initiative goes back to a visit of the College in 2010 by parents of two current students and friends of the Assumptionists, one of whom, the father, is an alumnus of the high school and the other, the mother, a member of the campus ministry team. In proposing the program, they saw it not only as an effective way to enhance the language skills of their students but also to lay the groundwork for a global network of initiatives among Assumptionist-sponsored schools.

The students attend three hours of class every morning, are assigned homework, are able to use the College's recreational facilities and computer labs, and live on campus with their four chaperones and two resident assistants provided by the College. There will be any number of outings including trips to Boston, Concord and Lexington, a weekend in New York City, a day at the beach, and, of course, plenty of opportunity for shopping.

Already more than 75% of next year's group from San Roman has signed up (the capacity of any given group is between 30-45). The College is also hoping to expand the program to other Assumption high schools throughout the world. Also coming this year is a group of Japanese

students from a high school run by the Religious Sisters of the Assumption. There are some 60 high schools world-wide sponsored by the Assumption Family.