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### FEATURES

## FEATURE: GOODBYE Q & A WITH SEÑORA DIVER

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After 31 years of teaching at SPSG, Spanish teacher Aggie Diver is retiring. During her time at the school, Señora Diver truly touched the hearts and minds of all students that entered her classroom. She has taught with intense passion and has exhibited true dedication towards shaping each and every gator into a confident “woman of the future with the ability to find their voice.” She will be greatly missed by the entire school community and, as one of her former students, I felt honored to conduct this goodbye Q&A with her. Below is the transcript of our conversation.

**Q:** What is your favorite “in the classroom” memory at SPSG?

**A:** I have so many favorite “in the classroom” memories. I love doing the crazy fashion shows. I loved doing the Christmas caroling. I loved celebrating the Day of the Dead with a prayer service around the table and making the alter each year. But what I really loved was those “aha” moments that students would have when they could answer a question, talk about a current event, have a conversation, or participate in a debate—all in Spanish. I have also loved taking some of my Spanish students abroad and listening to

them use their Spanish knowledge on the trips that we have taken to places such as Spain, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Argentina. I especially liked experiencing the culture and customs of the countries with them. I am particularly proud of my accomplishment of being able to take my students up the Aztec Pyramid of the Sun located in the ancient city of Teotihuacan, Mexico; it is one of the largest buildings of its kind on the Western Hemisphere. So, there are just so many moments that come to mind, I couldn't name one favorite.

Q: What is your favorite “out of the classroom” memory at SPSG?

A: I just love gathering together at Prayers. I think that's such a wonderful community experience. I also love Lessons and Carols up at the chapel. Oh goodness, I just love the energy of the students, seeing them on the playing field, at the concerts, in the musicals and the plays. It's such a blessing. This school is a blessing to everyone here.

Q: How do you think you have changed over your time working at SPSG?

A: Well, I've had to learn new strategies with technology. I've also mellowed; one does mellow through the years. I've found that you just have to find what interests a student and make that connection, and I think I've made really good connections with students through the years. I have alumnae who still write to me, and I've been to several weddings of former students. So, it's been a joy.

Q: What is your favorite SPSG tradition?

A: Yes, so I would say gathering together at Prayers and Lessons and Carols. And, just how we support one another. We support one another in good times and in sad times. I would not miss [school events] for the world. I always have my special seat in the chapel when the middle schoolers sing. I sit right in the back. For years, I've sat right next to Mrs. Flo-Ro's parents. It's nice to watch and see the excitement that's there—joy, pure joy.

Q: What is your favorite part about being a teacher?

A: I've always loved teaching the beginning of Spanish, when students know very little, and the end. I loved teaching AP Spanish and I loved teaching Spanish 4 and 5 in the upper school. And then when we moved into this new building, I was asked to make a choice—middle school or upper school. I chose middle school because of the energy that was there, and I like that, by the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students are able to truly have a full conversation about a variety of topics. They don't have to be 100% grammatically correct but the idea of being able to communicate, to circumlocute, not get stuck on a word, and convey their ideas as best as they can is so important. My bar is high, and I want for students to do their personal best; I always tell my students “work hard, be yourself, and always try to do the right thing.” I want to help students develop a self-confidence and find their voice. Finding your voice is so important, especial-

ly for girls. I hope I have helped students who have been in my classroom discover their talents and their voice in a safe atmosphere of mutual respect. I always say, “you don’t have to be right, but be confident.” You hope that you make a difference. It’s a joy, teaching has been a joy, and this is a bittersweet moment for me.

Q: What do you most look forward to most about retirement?

A: Well, my husband and I would like to travel more once Covid is over, although I am going to Disney World in July; that’s what I call the happiest place on Earth. I’d also like to do some volunteer work either for Our Daily Bread or maybe in a hospital. I’d like to help wherever I can, but I’ll take a few months to relax before I start on that. Jerusalem, Egypt, and Australia are on my bucket list. I’ve already been all throughout all of Europe. I’ve been to Japan. I’ve been to Argentina, Costa Rica, and Puerto Rico. I’d also love to do a Safari and try some ballroom dancing lessons. My husband just laughed, but I’m trying to convince him.

Q: Do you have any final thoughts or advice of any sort that you’d like to share with the community?

A: I think that every day each person should try and think of at least three positive things about their day here at St. Paul’s School for Girls. I think that everyone should realize that this is such a special place where teachers are supported by the administrators to try new techniques in the classroom. I think that students should realize that their teachers are very caring and that they can go to them for anything. ... I keep saying the word blessing, but this school is a blessing. It’s a blessing for everyone. I’ve taught in three different systems in my life, and this is a fantastic place and that’s why I’ve been here for 31 years. Just think of the positive. It’s very easy to complain about something but, I always say, before you say anything negative, mention three positive things about your day. I always tell students, tell your parents three things that you learned as well because you have to have learned something. Also, remember that the friendships that you make here will last a lifetime.

A huge thanks to Señora Diver for being willing to meet with me! It was wonderful to hear about your experience at the school and plans for the future. Once again, the SPSG community is so grateful for your years of hardworking dedication and wishes you the best.



## 29 THOUGHTS ON “FEATURE: GOODBYE Q & A WITH SEÑORA DIVER”



**Marian**

MAY 25, 2022 AT 3:33 AM

I didn't know that.

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**Lowell**

JUNE 5, 2022 AT 12:46 AM

Aw, this was an extremely good post. Spending some time and actual effort to make a top notch article... but what can I say... I put things off a lot and don't seem to get anything done.

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**Micki**

JUNE 5, 2022 AT 4:28 PM

This paragraph is actually a nice one it helps new net visitors, who are wishing in favor of blogging.

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**Stefanie**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 3:00 PM

Everything is very open with a really clear explanation of the issues.  
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Many thanks for sharing!

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**Myrna**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 4:21 PM

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**Jeanne**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 5:52 PM

Hello there, just became alert to your blog through Google, and found that it is truly informative. I'm going to watch out for brussels. I'll appreciate if you continue this in future. Numerous people will be benefited from your writing. Cheers!

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**Odette**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 5:59 PM

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**Katherin**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 6:36 PM

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**Donny**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 6:46 PM

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**Mariano**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 6:49 PM

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**Micah**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 8:09 PM

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**Mayra**

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writing, it's rare to see a nice blog like this one these days.

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**Brittney**

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things, The web site taste is perfect, the articles is in reality nice :  
D. Just right job, cheers

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**샌즈카지노**

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AUGUST 17, 2022 AT 7:52 PM

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AUGUST 20, 2022 AT 8:22 PM

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AUGUST 21, 2022 AT 8:05 AM

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