

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

student body officers explain their experience at the wish headquarters

Wish week is full of various fun activities and events planned by student council with the end goal of making the year's wish kid's dream come true. Though many students only see one side of the events, the fun side, many often do not see the effort, time and dedication put in by students leading up to the week.

Part of the planning involves a trip to Colorado's branch of the Wish Organization. Part of this group were seniors Sounya Eldau and Cadence Hilton, two student council senior officers. Eldau joined student council to better herself and the school. "I JOINED STUCO TO MAXIMIZE MY POTENTIAL AS A STUDENT AND A LEADER AND HOPEFULLY TO MAKE MY HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE A FUN ONE (IT WORKED!)."

Fellow officer Cadence Hilton also joined with similar reasons as well. "I JOINED STUCO BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE A BIGGER PART OF THE COMMUNITY AT OVERLAND, AND BECAUSE I WANTED TO SOLIDIFY MY LEADERSHIP SKILLS."

One of the main reasons in going to the headquarters was to not only discuss upcoming events planned for wish week, but also to learn about the Wish organization's history and purpose. "We met the wish coordinators there who helped other kids and learned about the

history of the organization, and why it's so important to make Davasia's wish come true" said Eldau.

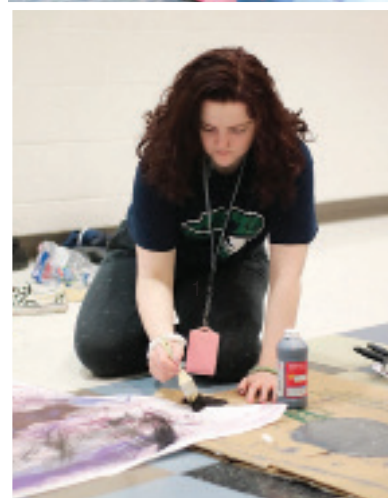
At the headquarters the group met with the coordinator and other leaders. "We talked about the activities we had planned for the student body and Davasia and her family. Our coordinator was really happy to hear our ideas and is looking forward to it [wish week] just as much as us."

But the true meaning of wish week is not about the fun, but the purpose. "WISH WEEK IS SPECIAL BECAUSE IT'S A SELFLESS ACT THE WHOLE SCHOOL PARTICIPATES AND TO MAKE ONE PERSON HAPPY, IT'S THE EPITOME OF HUMAN COMPASSION IN MY EYES" SAID ELDAU.

In the end, Eldau left with a good feeling. "I felt happy. I've been in stuco for most of my high school career but now I know why wish week is so special. My fellow seniors and myself are grateful to be a part of something so selfless."

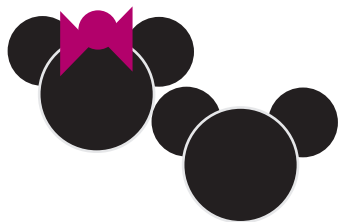
Fellow officer Cadence Hilton also left feeling inspired. "I felt really inspired when I left because I was excited to be able to help grant a wish for someone who needed it." Eldau and Hilton both came out of the Wish headquarters with a better understanding of the organization's purpose.

1. HOLDING A CHECK, senior Sounya Eldau get's ready to present it to Davasia's Family. "I felt really inspired when I left because I was excited to be able to help grant a wish for someone who needed it." Eldau enjoyed her time at stuco. photo by mariana ortega rivera 2. HOLDING ONE SIDE OF A POSTER, senior Gabriella Shead helps with decorations. "Students should be dedicated to their activities because it helps build life lessons for the future and how to be consistent for certain things." Shead has been in stuco for 3 years. photo by ellie vice 3. PAINTING, senior Cadence Hilton works on a poster. "Wish week is special because it's an opportunity for the whole school to come together and accomplish something." Hilton is one of the student body officers. photo by ellie vice 4. ADJUSTING the tuesday poster for wish week, senior Cameron Ramirez helps with decorations. "A lot of us came in on a saturday and finished and hung up a lot of the decorations that weren't finished." Ramirez said he felt accomplished after all the decorations were hung. photo courtesy of Ms.White

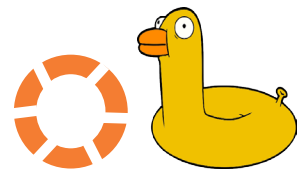


A WISH GRANTED

students explain which wish week day was their favorite and why



Mickey and friends day
"I really love Disney, and the fact that we can dress up as our favorite Disney character is just so fun to me!"
-junior
Angelica Djokonirmolo



Flotation Nation Day
"I think it's funny and it's easy to dress up for but it's also fun."
-sophomore
Tien Ngyuen



Meme Day
"My favorite wish week day was meme day because I feel only certain students understand the memes."
-freshman
Jovan Dotson

5. COLLECTING MONEY IN BUCKETS, sophomore Chloe Narro talks to a group of friends. "There were six or so buckets with teacher's faces on them and whatever bucket had the most money, the teacher got slimed at the end of the week at the assembly. We decided to do that because it would raise money, it would be funny and Davasia likes slime." Narro said that she enjoyed participating in events themed around Davasia. photo by ellie vice 6. CHECKING A POSTER, junior Kobee Fatzinger makes sure the letters are aligned. "Planning everything just takes so much extra time and energy from student council and the student body doesn't see that." Fatzinger was on the advertising committee and enjoyed seeing others dressing up. photo courtesy of Ms.White



SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN

students explain the process of planning for homecoming

FRESHMAN Marissa Carter
"We make fun ideas but sometimes they get turned down so were not the only ones making the ideas it's also administration."

SOPHOMORE Joshua Herrera
"It isn't easy to plan everything, there is a lot of trial and error for getting a final decision and it's very tedious."

SOPHOMORE Chloe Narro
"Trying to plan events and days that all students will enjoy participating in. High student participation is something we all worry about."

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WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

"When there is dedication it shows, and it motivates other students so that it becomes a great experience for everyone."
-junior Kristy Ho

"Students should be dedicated to their activities because it helps build life lessons for the future and how to be consistent for certain things."
-junior Gabriella Shead

"When others rely on you it's more important, but also for yourself to have something that drives you to do better."
-junior Kortney Perales