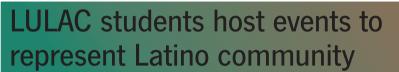
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was to represent the Latino community at events. From Folklorico dancing to fundraising, the students were active on campus to be part of it." to get more members while also making a place for Latino students, according to Victor Hernandez '26.

> "One of the main goals of LULAC is to share culture and represent Latino people everywhere when representation is lacking," Hernandez said. "I feel like LULAC is an opportunity to get the rest of my community recognized. LULAC is much more than just a club. It feels like it's a way to represent our community and share our culture with our fellow

After school, members would practice Folklorico dances in the hallways or sponsor Eugema Monreal's classroom in preparation for performances in the Homecoming Parade in September and at the Winter Pep Assembly.

"Dancing at all of these events allows us to show what LULAC is all about. It's about representation. Crisbel Perez '26 said. "We worked really hard to get each of our performance's just right. I was glad

In December, the organization sold candy canes. Students could send a candy cane with a special message to students. Also, on Valentine's Day, they sold roses that were delivered to students in classes. Each of these events helped raise money for the LULAC scholarship given to graduating seniors at the end of May and presented at the Senior Breakfast.

"As president of LULAC, I am usually organizing all of the events and helping prepare them to make sure that we are ready to go. I like to make sure everyone stays included, and nobody is left out," Jessvy Hernandez '26 said. "Everything we do is to make sure that people feel like they belong here at school. When we dance at pep assemblies, we work so hard to make sure that everything goes just right. When we are raising money for scholarships, it's because we want to provide students an opportunity to reach all of their dreams. It's important."



moment. I felt happy and nervous because lots of people were looking at me Juarez said. "I was glad to represent LULAC." photo by n.duran 3. DRESSED FOR A PARTY. Jessvy Hernandez '26 and Viviada Apodaca '24 Wave to the crowd in their quinceañera dresses at the Homecoming Parade. photo by I.carmichae 4. STANDING STILL. Jessyy Hernandez 26' waits for the Folklorico music to start at the Winter Pen sembly, photo by n.duran

WHO: Spanish for Native Speakers class taught by Eugema Monreal

WHAT: The class was celebrating the cultural holiday, Las Posadas, a Christmas tradition. One of the traditions is a piñata, where an object full of candy is swung by individuals blindfolded.

TEACHER PERSPECTIVE:

"I think it is important to provide students with all of the cultural

Spanish for **Native Speakers** celebrates Las Posadas holiday with piñata

Seriously

experinces that we can," Monreal said. "We took the piñata into the Main Lobby so the student body could see as well."

MY EXPERIENCE:

"It was exciting to see that they were celebrating La Posada because it's something that we would do back home." Karen Isham. secretary said. "It's based on the Mexican tradition and around the Catholic religion, but it's celebrated more like a party."



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A: "Hmong

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BHS I wore an

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Q: WHAT IS HMONG NEW YEARS?

A: "Hmong Nev Year's is based on the Hmong calendar. Hmong people don't really have a calendar. instead they track it by moon cycles Here in the United States Hmong New Year's is celebrated as a new dawn and our clothes stand for fruition and good fortune





1. WAVING WITH PRIDE.

down Southern Street in the

Homecoming Parade on Sept.

be representing the Mexican

community because some feel

like it's not represented at our

school all the time," Hernandez

Yoselin Gonzalez '26 twirls h

said. photo by I.carmichael 2.

DANCE WITH A SMILE.

dress while Folklorico dancing 2

at the Winter Pep Assembly in

January. "It was really stressful

leading up to it, but honestly

everybody was cheering and I

loved that moment," Gonzalez

said. photo by n.duran 3. A GIFT.

Victor Hernandez '26 hands

Adriana Ouintana '26 flowers

that her boyfriend purchased

Valentine's Day fundraiser.

"I didn't really expect it, so

honestly I was very happy and

very touched that my boyfriend

thought to get me a flower," Quintana said. photo by l.pippin

for her from the LULAC

when I got into the gym,

8. "I was feeling proud to

Victor Hernandez '26 holds the Mexican flag while walking