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students express reasons for joining culture night fashion show organized by fashion club

JUDGEMENT CONNECTION EXPOSURE

"The first time I wore my cultural clothing was in fourth grade. I didn't understand why I was wearing it, but then I saw other girls wear the same clothing as me. That's when I first felt different from others, but in a good way because I realized I come from somewhere different than others. It's good that I am starting to express it more."

Azra Abas '26

"My cultural clothing is my regalia. It's something you wear to pow wows, it's to show off your culture, your personality. I don't see a lot of Native American representation at the school so I wanted to show off my culture. It's called Fancy Shawl Dancing and I've been doing it since I was little. Doing my dance made me feel connected to my roots, and I wasn't so assimilated."

Nancy Soto '24

"If I go out in my cultural clothes everybody will be like, oh, you're so pretty, oh, your dress looks so beautiful. And I feel like when you expose people to your culture, it preserves your heritage because more people are learning about it."

Girena Tesfazghi '24



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1. TRADITION IN TWO, Girena Tesfazghi '24 and Hafom Ermias '24 perform for culture night. Tesfazghi remembered practice always being intense. "I switched partners four times. We didn't have committed people and we had to find people that were willing to show their culture and wouldn't be embarrassed," Tesfazghi said. PHOTO BY SABIRIN JAMA

2. MID PERFORMANCE, Valery Gonzalez Jimenez '24 does a traditional Colombian folklore dance. Jimenez believes she saw a new side of her culture while performing. "I got really nervous about the amount of people that went to culture night. Compared to last year, the event has grown a lot," Jimenez said. PHOTO BY SABIRIN JAMA



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3. HAND IN HAND, Azra Abas '26 dances with her partner. Performing at culture night made her feel closer to her heritage. "I was really nervous at first but after a while, I didn't focus on the crowd. I just kept going and I felt good afterwards. I'm glad I did it," Abas said. PHOTOS BY SABIRIN JAMA

4. HER REGALIA EMBRACED, Nancy Soto '24 Fancy Shawl Dances. Soto was proud to show her Navajo culture. "Culture night is important because it gives everyone a chance to show their culture and learn about other people's. I feel like I made a small impact and that people know a little about native culture now," Soto said. PHOTO BY SABIRIN JAMA

DEPOSIT THE PROFIT

fccla members make sandwiches for nonprofit

Lina Ho '24, Lillian Nelson '24
PHOTO BY SABIRIN JAMA

"Mrs. Hercher and her husband started it as a nonprofit type of thing. FCCLA GAVE ME A REASON TO TRY OUT DIFFERENT THINGS THAT ARE BENEFICIAL TO MY ADULT LIFE like sewing. But other times, people have cooked and did job interviews."

Lina Ho '24

IF YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW

fccla members' best strategies to sell chocolates

"The best way I sell chocolate personally is just by walking around the lunchroom offering chocolate. Most kids already plan to spend money at lunch so it's easier to get kids to buy some."

CLOUD SAYDEE '26

"Honestly when it comes to selling chocolate, it's better when you ask a lot of people because it makes selling chocolate more easier! What makes them the best is that you can meet new people and potentially new friends."

YOUSRA OSMAN '25

"My best strategy for selling chocolates is going around the cafeteria asking if anyone was interested in buying chocolates and I think it's the best because you're actually reaching out to people."

ANDREA MORALES BUTRAGO '25

WORK THOSE ANGLES

fashion club troubleshoots their photo shoot outfits

PHOTOS BY JESSICA JIMENEZ

"I was only able to show off one piece because my pieces had different aesthetics. The style I chose to share was a cleaner cut button up shirt. The other piece I had was a little bit more extravagant and I wasn't really prepared to put a whole fit together for the show."

Dylan Kukic '25



"While the inspiration for the outfit was maximalism, normally I would like to have a lot of things on me. Just to give a recommendation of what I like. I liked the pieces that I chose and the jewelry that I got on."

Itza Marie Flores '25

"The type of style I wore was like 2000's rock. I chose this style because that style is so cute and cool to try to recreate. It's special to me because it's my dream style. I'd love to dress like that. The inspo was Gwen Stefani in a way. I liked the cheetah print top, the cheetah print is so cute and the tights too!"

Alison Retes '25

"I don't really know what my style is. I just kind of go off how I'm feeling that day. It was one of the most colorful outfits I've ever worn. I usually don't do that much color. So I liked that it was different. My shirt had 12 different colors on it."

Jazlyn Autrey '24

