

yeah, WE CELEBRATE EVERY MOMENT

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5. DJ PLAY THAT SONG.

Samuel Granado '26 searches for a song as he DJs for Katherine Egarton's birthday party. "I got my first turntable when I was 15. I've done maybe four gigs since I've started," Granado said. "When I was DJing for Katherine, I was really nervous because I didn't want to mess up her day."

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1. A FRIENDLY DANCE.

Noah Medina '24 chats with Katherine Egarton '24 as they dance in front of guests during the 18 Roses Ceremony at her birthday party. "After handing her a rose, we started to dance and just talk. We are good friends, so I was glad to be part of the day," Medina said.

'24 friends circle around after the dinner. photo by r.doherty. 3. WHO WANTS CAKE? After blowing out the candles, Katherine Egarton '24 starts to cut the cake into pieces for guests. photo by n.duran. 4. A NEW BOY BAND. Ryan Luc '24, Manuel Rosales '24 and Avery Wilson '25 stare at their phones while singing "I Want It That Way" by the Backstreet Boys during karaoke. "I felt like I was a member of One Direction because we harmonized very well," Rosales said. photo by n.duran



Sarai Sanchez's '25 Quinceañera brings grandpa to Colorado



THE FAMILY OF SARAI SANCHEZ '25 HELD HER QUINCEAÑERA

on April 5, 2023, at the Eclipse Event Center. The quince followed tradition including dancing with her court, which she practiced several times a week months prior to the event.

Her grandpa came from Mexico to attend her ceremony. Without his presence, there would not have been a quince.

"It was an unforgettable experience. It'll be something I will always look back on because there was never a dull moment," Sanchez said.

"My grandpa had sung me 'Te Quiero Dijiste' by Javier Solis as he did at my baptism. This moment meant so much because I hardly get to see him since he lives in Mexico," Sanchez said.

One other highlight for Sanchez was the father-daughter dance.

"Dancing with my dad brought me back home to when I was younger. We danced around the house and he held me close while we swung around the kitchen," Sanchez said.



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Katherine Egarton '24 hosts Filipino 18th birthday party

AT 3 A.M. KATHERINE EGARTON '24 WOKE UP TO PREPARE FOR HER 18TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

From setting the tables to memorizing her dance moves, Egarton needed to help her family have everything in place before dressing for the party.

"Once everything was done, we were waiting for my sister to show up and help get me ready with my hair and makeup, so I wasn't able to step out into the party until an hour and half later than scheduled," Egarton said.

After walking out to applause and blowing kisses at friends and family, the Filipino tradition began with the 18 candles. Egarton chose 18 of her friends and family to hold a candle and make a speech about her and wishing her well.

"During the speeches, I was afraid of crying because I didn't want to mess up my makeup. I didn't know everyone felt that way about me, so it was heartwarming to hear," Egarton said.

Next, the 18 Roses Ceremony took place where 18 male friends and family gave her a rose. Once they handed her a rose, they shared a dance that they had rehearsed and choreographed.

"I felt nervous because I didn't want to forget any of the special dances I created with each of the guys. With each guy, we got to talk and remember things about our friendship," Egarton said.

After a father-daughter dance, people lined up to eat dinner. The meal included adobo (beef and chicken), pancit (noodles), lechon (full pig), ube deserts, macaroons, rice and Vietnamese noodles.

When it was time for cake, the 18 candles that were given during the speeches were placed on it and blown out by Egarton.

"At the end of the night it felt unreal because I anticipated the day for so long. I was grateful for everyone who supported me," Egarton said.

THANKS FOR BEING HERE.

With the song "Pony" by Ginuwine playing in the background, Katherine Egarton '24 waves and blows kisses as she walks out to greet her guests. "In the Filipino tradition, the debutante's family walks out first and finds their seats. Shortly after, the debutante comes out to their walk out song of their choice," Egarton said. "I chose Ginuwine to show my personality and then ran back and played 'Daylight' by Taylor Swift. I just wanted to kickoff the party and have everyone having a good time."



FILIPINO DEBUT

GENDER REVEAL

AS ABRELIA ARCHULETA, FAMILY CONSUMER STUDIES TEACHER, AND HER FAMILY finished her son Brook's second birthday party, they gathered outside for a gender reveal.

Archuleta and her husband Ty, along with their parents, poured chemicals into a vase of dry ice to change it's color to either blue or pink revealing a gender. Brooks was the last to pour into the vase.

"I was really nervous and anxious during the day because I thought I was going to have a boy, but then I saw the vase turn to pink, and I cried. We were having a girl, and I was really happy because in my family, Archuleta's are mainly boys. I am happy to have the first girl," Archuleta said.



Family Consumer Studies Teacher Abrelia Archuleta learns she's having baby girl

QUINCEAÑERA

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