

# MAC NEWSLETTER

*The latest news and updates from the BBHS Multicultural Affairs Council*



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## Multicultural Affairs Council (MAC)

Our quarterly newsletter centers on the Multicultural Affairs Council's mission to make all members of the Bishop Blanchet Community feel welcome, celebrated, and safe with a focus on students of color and their families.

## MAC FUN 2022: Blanchet in Bloom

by Ms. Sofia A. Lopez

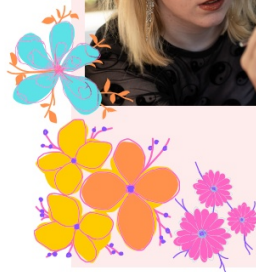
On Friday, May 20, 2022 the Multicultural Affairs Council (MAC) held the fourth annual Family Unity Night (FUN). Current and incoming BBHS families, alumni, faculty and staff, and community partners joined in for a night of entertainment, good food, crafts, games, and prizes.

Our night began with UNEA's Clear Sky Youth Council sharing their land acknowledgment and drumming opening songs. We were awed by student performers showcasing their rich cultural heritage. Seniors Tiffany B. and Josephine P. kicked the night off with signing. Senior Katie C. danced hula. Junior Alessandra L. and her father sang a duet in Spanish. Junior International students Jojo S. and Han H., joined by students Colin B., Christopher S., Joshua D., Keshav M., and Elias T. formed the band 404 Theory Not Found and sang a rendition of a Chinese R&B song. The BBHS API Club performed *tinikling* and taught guests how to do this traditional Filipino dance. We welcomed DIY Tea Lab and food trucks Tacos El Guero and Seoul Bowl to campus. The BBHS National Art Honors Society painted countless faces. With the support and generosity of our BBHS community, we raffled off 17 raffle prizes throughout the evening! Finally, our night closed out with lullaby sung and drummed by UNEA's Clear Sky Youth Council. This year's MAC FUN was definitely one for the books! Thank you to everyone that helped make it a success!

This final issue of the MAC Newsletter Volume 2 serves as a photo-journal, please enjoy!



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# A LETTER OF THANKS

It is with ample gratitude that we close out the academic year. This year the MAC has hosted and partnered in several events that celebrate the richness of our diverse cultures. We began the school year with a virtual parent night, where we shared resources and made connections with families of students of color. In November the MAC hosted the first annual Gratitude Gathering, complete with a yam race, raffle prizes, and tamales from Frelard Tamales. The MAC partnered in BBHS Diversity Week, hosting lunchtime trivia, a gallery walk, and an all-school assembly with student performances and a fashion show! Finally, the MAC closed out the academic year with the fourth annual MAC Family Unity Night (FUN). This has been a year of reconnecting, sharing in community and laughter, all while striving to make all members of the BBHS community feel welcome, celebrated, and safe.

Each of these events have been made possible from the generosity, care, and support of our entire community. To close out this letter of thanks, we would like to highlight the MAC members for their contributions, joy, and efforts throughout this year!

Kira B. '22 (student rep)  
 Tiffany B. '22 (student rep)  
 Christine C. '23 (student rep)  
 Carina H. '24 (student rep)  
 Leah M. '22 (student rep)  
 Mealat M. '24 (student rep)  
 Rut S. '22 (student rep)  
 Teresa H. '84 (parent rep)  
 Rahel S. (parent rep)  
 Kelli C. (faculty/staff)  
 Jen F. (faculty/staff)  
 Nicole M. (faculty/staff)  
 Jesse M. (faculty/staff)  
 Katie N. (faculty/staff)  
 Heather R. (faculty/staff)  
 Sam C. (faculty/staff)  
 Janah V. C. (faculty/staff)  
 Sofia L. (faculty/staff)



*And a special thank you to our graduating seniors!*

## Want to Join in the MAC Next Year?

The MAC is looking for parents and caregivers to join for the 2022-23 academic year. In the effort to foster inclusion and belonging, the MAC plans and hosts several events throughout the year that celebrate our diverse cultures. The MAC meets every six weeks, presence at meetings is key to keeping up with event planning and overall connection within the committee. It is expected that each MAC representative is present and actively engaged as much as possible throughout the academic year. Ready to join these efforts? Reach out to [Sofia Lopez](#) for more information and ways to support the MAC.