

A TRUE GALLERY EXPERIENCE

Arts Night, a celebration of studio, visual and performance art at Saint Joseph Prep, transformed Phoenix Hall and several other locations throughout the School into galleries displaying the impressive skill and creativity of our students. The School was brimming with family, friends and guests eager to share in the excitement of the night.

While guests and young artists browsed the artwork on display, **Aleksandra Christie '19**, **Amelia Li '18**, **Helen Miao '19**, and **Sam Wu '18** offered their talents as pianists providing a true gallery experience with background music. The evening's inspiring collection of art was produced by students from all grades taking various levels of Studio Art and Graphic Design, as well as the Art Club at SJP.

In particular, the evening showcased the contributions of the seniors in Advanced Studio Art Honors (*left photo*), whose work was on prominent display in the center of the main gallery. Seniors **Vanessa Alvarado**, **Bethsaida Bien-Aime**, **Ashley Frias**, **Amanda Hernandez**, **Jenaya Hobson**, **Neema-Elie Joseph**, **Gabriele Lomba**, **Lauren McCarthy**, **Thomas McDonough**, **Luciana Torcasio**, **Hannah Walsh**, **Elizabeth Watts**, and **Bryan Williams** were given flowers in recognition of their demonstrated effort and commitment to the arts program.

Among the visual art displayed on the first floor were impressive digital works by the Intro to Graphic Design class. The Sumi Ink Collaborative, created by the Art Club, including members from all grade levels and faculty, offered an incredible black and white painting installation in Café Phoenix, and there was even a photography exhibit by **Yilin Lu '17**. All artwork remained on display throughout May.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY WITH UNITY

The Friday before Holy Week was a day to remember at Saint Joseph Prep. Coordinated by our remarkably talented language teachers—Ms. Bacon, Ms. Creamer, Ms. Gabriel, and Mr. Pasquinelli—and by our International Student Coordinator—Ms. Beach—our community celebrated our annual Multicultural Day. From the brightly decorated exhibition rooms to the wonderfully informative student presentations to the delicious native foods (always a huge hit!), this event had something for everyone, but most importantly, offered beautiful insight into the richly diverse tapestry of our student body.

All told, there were 14 rooms dedicated to a diverse range of countries and cultures, including: Brazil, China, Dominican Republic, El Salvador/Guatemala/Mexico, Haiti, Ireland, Italy, Korea, the Middle East, Norway, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain, and even a room sharing the customs of Judaism. More than 50 students decorated these rooms and participated in teaching the visiting advisories throughout the day. Not only did we learn about the customs, dress, history, language and entertainment of the various cultures, but we also got to taste the sweet, spicy, and intriguing local foods of the different countries.

We are grateful to all the student teams who prepared these delectable and educational treats. The depth and variety of the exhibitions was compelling testimony to the character and diversity of our student body. The entire day was a spectacular celebration, as we all learned about the different, but similar, rich traditions and heritages of our multicultural community. This particular event best exemplifies how by recognizing and celebrating our vast diversity, we actually build and support our sense of unity as a multicultural family at Saint Joseph Prep; just as the Sisters of St. Joseph intended.



Top: Students of Peruvian heritage offered a display of cultural icons and fabrics to support their presentation. Middle, left: Nailah Khoory '18 prepares plates of hummus and falafel for guests visiting the Middle East room. Middle, right: Helen Miao '19 plays the traditional Pipa, or Chinese guitar, for visitors in the China room. Bottom: The hosts of each room display their cultural flags for an all-school gathering in Phoenix Hall.