

Multicultural Celebrations at Ursuline Academy By Meera Raskin '26

Is there a better way to celebrate cultural and racial diversity than by hosting an immersive fair? On November 3, ninth graders at Ursuline Academy held an elaborate culture fair for their colloquium class. This class is most similar to a life lessons or home economics class that prepares students for challenges they may face in the future. Students researched a country of their choice and learned about its history, culture, art, and diet. The freshmen created poster boards to showcase their research in addition to preparing a dish native to their chosen country.

From Italian cannolis to Dutch pancakes, students exercised their baking and cooking skills, providing an opportunity to engage with their desired country from a hands-on approach. The culture fair highlights the diversity present in our world and emphasizes the need for our students to educate themselves on the traditions, customs and lifestyles in different countries, as well as how these differences enrich our unique Ursuline community.

The ninth graders were not the only ones having all the fun; the Racial Justice Club also hosted a culture and food fair on November 6. Members of the club worked together to fill a table in the Tea Room, our cafeteria, with different food dishes, pieces of artwork, books, and music. Our various ethnicities and countries of origin were represented, including Nigeria, Cape Verde, Germany, India, Portugal, Belize, and Haiti to name a few.

The Racial Justice Club is a student-run group that discusses topics of social and racial justice and strives to educate the Ursuline community about various ethnic, racial, and cultural groups. Most importantly, the club provides students with a voice to express themselves and their diverse backgrounds. As a half Indian, half Caucasian student attending Ursuline, my background is embraced, my voice is heard, and my heritage, along with many others, is represented. By showcasing our inherent uniqueness through food, art, and music, students gained a deeper appreciation for their classmates' cultural backgrounds. Displaying a wide range of heritages, traditions, and customs, these engaging fairs have enlightened Ursuline students by showcasing the intrinsic beauty of cultural and racial diversity within our community.





1st pic: Celia Mitchell '27

2nd pic: Matilde Bellotti '27