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THE MAC

BISHOP BLANCHET'S MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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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 and families of color.

MAC FUN IS BACK!!

MAY 21, 2021

After a year hiatus, the MAC Family Unity Night event returned on campus and in person! The Blanchet community reemerged masked up and ready to enjoy live music, a food truck, dance performances, and a screening of *Moana*. Thank you to the sponsors who provided raffle prizes and to the attendees who helped raise \$169 to our selected local organization, API Chaya. Thank you for a memorable MAC FUN and we look forward to more great times next year! Please enjoy the photo highlights in this edition, and check out [this link for the full album](#).

MAC News

June 2021

BOARD DECIDES TO RETIRE "BRAVES" MONIKER LEGACY COUNCIL NEWS

A year ago, BBHS Legacy Council students contacted school administration with concerns over the impact of the "Braves" moniker. Then, over the summer they sent a letter to Seattle Clear Sky Native Youth Council seeking feedback on the school's moniker use. In November, BBHS formed a Moniker Committee to look into the issue further. Legacy Council students were involved in many of the meetings and work to address this issue, and on June 8th, the school's Board of Directors announced a change from the "Braves" moniker to something yet to be determined. The Legacy Council students deserve recognition for initiating the change and putting in the hard work to effect that change. See [official announcement](#) on the BBHS website.

In other news, the Seattle Times Editorial Board calls on the Biden Administration to give the Duwamish Tribe federal recognition. [Read it.](#)

DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY & INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES TO BECOME TWO FULL-TIME POSITIONS

MS. VALENZUELA MOVES TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES, WILL CO-CHAIR THE MAC NEXT YEAR

Since arriving at Blanchet, Ms. Valenzuela has instituted a number of lasting initiatives. From expanding professional development for teachers to establishing the MAC and its many events, starting an annual Diversity Leadership Summit for students (which has now grown to include other Catholic schools) and helping to expand clubs for BIPOC students, "Ms. V" has set the stage for continued growth in all of Blanchet's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion efforts.



Zebiba Denning ('18), Ms. Valenzuela, and Rahewa Solomon ('18) at the first annual MAC FUN event.



MAC VIRTUAL COOK-IN

APRIL 30, 2021

Our third virtual event for the year was a Cook-in presented by several juniors from three BBHS clubs.

First, was the Three Sisters Soup presented by Valerie Heckel from the Legacy Council. Next up, we had Kira Bifone from the Diversity Club leading attendees on how to make Vietnamese Spring Wraps. And finally, Tiffany Blanco, Paulina Prectel, and Erin Mulligan from the Latinx Student Union presented the recipe for Arroz Con Leche.

According to sophomore Christine Cainglet, "it was nice to be able to talk as we cooked."

Thank you to everyone who attended. It was another fun virtual event from this crazy year.

Menu

- Three Sisters Soup
- Vietnamese Spring Wraps
- Arroz Con Leche

Click [here](#) for recipes & ingredients

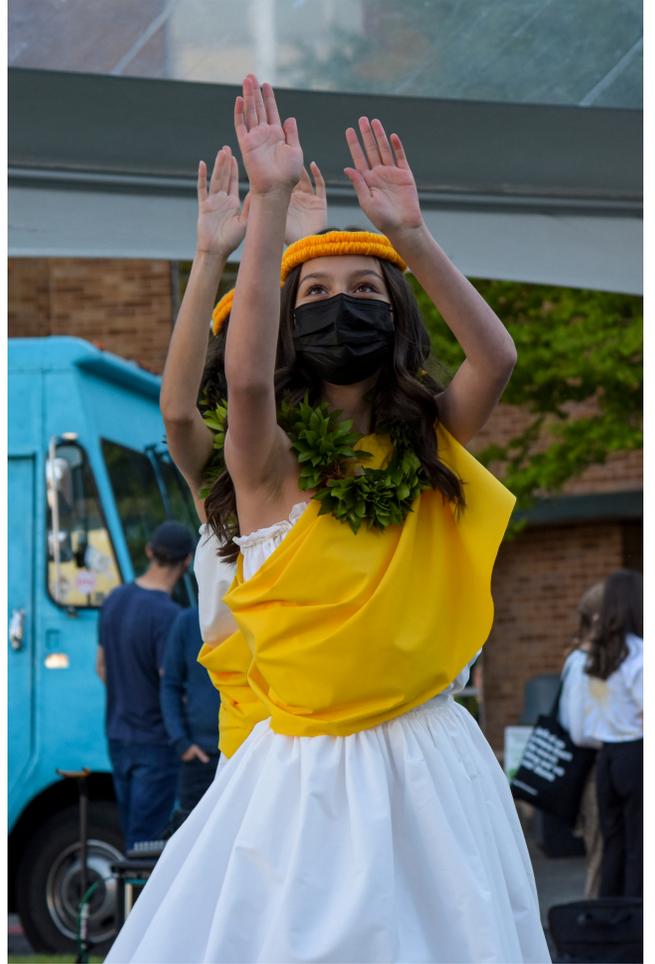
Featured clubs & organizations:

- [Black Student Union](#)
- [Diversity Club](#)
- [Asian Pacific Islander Club](#)
- [Legacy Council](#)
- [Latinx Student Union](#)
- [The MAC](#)

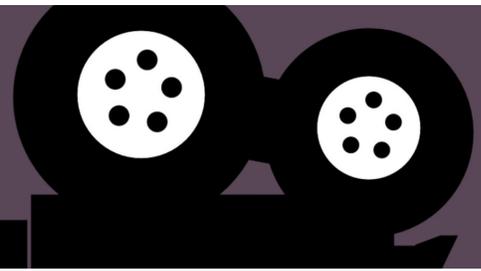
MAC FUN photos



MAC FUN performances



At the movies



GAMES



Raffle



Read. Watch. Listen.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MAC MEMBERS



MR. MCFERON RECOMMENDS

PAYING THE LAND

BOOK BY JOE SACCO

"This journalistic work reveals much about indigenous culture in North America and community efforts to decolonize themselves."



LEAH MULU '22 RECOMMENDS

LOVING

FILM BY JEFF NICHOLS

"The story of Richard and Mildred Loving, whose arrest for interracial marriage in 1960s Virginia began a legal battle that would end with the Supreme Court's historic 1967 decision."



MS. RABE RECOMMENDS

RACIST, SEXIST BOY

SONG BY THE LINDA LINDAS

"Written by the band's drummer, Mila, about her experience with a schoolmate who made a racist comment before the COVID-19 pandemic. "

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