

## Students gather for annual Culture Fest

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On April 29, the university hosted Culture Fest 2026 on the Buley Patio and Academic Quad, bringing students together for a midday celebration of cultural and ethnic diversity. This event was hosted by the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Multicultural Center, Office of Student Involvement, Office of International Education and Student Government Association. The event featured food from local vendors, live performances and interactive opportunities that highlighted global traditions. Students visited tables run by multicultural organizations and study abroad programs that shared information about cultural engagement on campus. Music and dance filled the quad as attendees sampled cuisines representing Caribbean, Mediterranean, Asian and Hispanic and Latino cultures. Many stopped by between classes to explore the displays or connect with peers in the warm outdoor setting. The festival promoted community and connection and offered students a chance to experience cultures from around the world without leaving campus.

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The Multicultural Center members helping put wrist bands on students to check them in.



Organization of Latin American Students starting their dance routine.



Mulan dancers performing traditional Chinese dance and Mulan quan.



Taco food truck where students enjoyed free meals.



Soloist from the Mulan dancers twirling her skirt during her dance.



Students grabbing fried dough and other foods.



Caribbean Vibe Steel Drum Band playing their instruments.



Students watching the different performances happening on Buley Patio.



Students and faculty sitting at tables to enjoy the festivities.



Greek life showcase on Buley Patio.



Mulan dancers curtsying during their routine.



Exploratory major Alyssa Parsons, a junior, nursing major Tamika Jean-Baptiste and computer science major Chavani Nelson, seniors, holding up their plates.



Culture Fest in the Academic Quad where students were getting food and visiting tables.