Students connect over love for Hello Kitty

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Students embraced their inner child at the Hello Kitty themed event. Those who attended played games, ate free snacks and received fun character-themed prizes.

The Programs Council, ProCon, hosted the Hello Kitty event in the Adanti Student Center on April 8. ProCon programmer healthcare studies major Samia Jimenez, a freshman, said she was excited to see everyone come together and enjoy the afternoon.

"We wanted to host an enjoyable event because I feel like students are clocked out at this point in the semester," Jimenez said. "We want students to relax and have fun."

Jimenez is a member of the daytime programming committee for ProCon. She said she enjoyed organizing the event.

"We wanted to give students the chance to take a break from their schoolwork and have a good time," Jimenez said.

There were new and familiar faces at the Hello Kitty event. Jimenez said she was happy her event was getting noticed by students.

"It's so awesome to see everyone getting along, whether they be regulars at our events, or someone we haven't met before," Jimenez said. "It feels amazing that our organization is respected."

Hello Kitty is a character Jimenez has adored since childhood, but she said she became more of a fan in recent years.

"There's been a Hello Kitty frenzy the past couple years and I love seeing everybody healing their inner child through her," Jimenez said. "This event is bringing everyone with a similar interest together and it makes me happy."

Nursing major Mercies Owusu, a freshman, said she came to the event because she wanted to feel a sense of nostalgia.

"I love cutesy things, especially Hello Kitty," Owusu said. "There's this innocence of living through my inner child and it's really comforting."

ProCon gave students Hello Kitty themed slime, charm bracelet making kits, candy, facemasks and chapstick.

"Even though I didn't win a prize with any of the games, I still got all these cool things," Owusu said. "I definitely love the slime the most."

Another big fan of the slime provided by ProCon was general studies major Sabrine Yaser, a junior. She said she was happy to come to the event after her classes.

"I love playing with slime because it relaxes me," Yaser said. "It's nice to bond with other people who love Hello Kitty as much as I do."

Yaser said she did not know what to expect from the event. She said she was surprised to have such a good time.

"I didn't know that I would be getting a goodie bag and playing fun games," Yaser said. "I'm glad I came because I'm having so much fun right now."



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Psychology major Evelyn Valenzuela, a sophomore and business administration major Jennifer Perez Cerna, a junior, showing off the prize they won while playing Kahoot at the event.

Like Yaser, elementary education major Mia Rios, a junior, said she also was happy to be around people with the same interests.

"I originally came for the free food and goodies, but I'm actually having a great time playing the games and making this bracelet," Rios said.

With all the excitement and nostalgia students had at the Hello Kitty event, Jimenez said she knew they did a good job.

"I feel like people feel forced to grow up, but it's important to have fun and do things that make you happy," Jimenez said.

Drama in Real Housewives of Beverly Hills

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Welcome back to my new series where I recap the housewives franchise. This week we will discuss Real Housewives of Beverly Hills.

Arguably the second best in the franchise, Beverly Hills has fed me and my mother for the last 15 years.

The show premiered on Oct. 14, 2010, on Bravo. The original cast consisted of Kyle Richards, Kim Richards, Lisa Vanderpump, Taylor Armstrong, Adrienne Maloof and Camille Grammer.

All women lived in the ritzy and rich town and boy did they make sure to showcase all the glamour.

This show introduced me to Rolls-Royces, Birkin bags, Chanel, yachts, caviar and those eye rolling rich laughs that are so distinct.

Also, introduced me to domestic violence and how invisible it can be.

Taylor was being physically and mentally abused at home and needed reconstructive surgery.

They filed for divorce in July 2011 and the following month her ex-husband Russell killed himself.

We have seen cast shakeups throughout the years, but I believe the best cast was season 11.

We were blessed with Garcelle Beauvis, Kyle Richards, Sutton Stracke, Dorit Kemsley, Erika Jayne, Lisa Rinna and Crystal Kung Minkoff.

Season 11 was the downfall of Erika Jayne's marriage and luxurious lifestyle. Jayne was swept into her husband Tom's lawsuits that totaled millions of dollars due to her suspected engagement in fraud.

Each week she was getting whacked left and right by the audience and most importantly the cast.

The one who gave her the most hell was none other than her nemesis Sutton. Sutton questioned her role in the lawsuits and how could Erika not have been aware.

Needless to say, Erika finally crashed out at a dinner party hosted by the queen of Beverly Hills, Kathy Hilton.

Now for other notable seasons there were iconic fights embedded in my mind for eternity such as the infamous Amsterdam trip.

In season 5 episode 6, the cast took their season trip to Amsterdam. During dinner all hell broke loose when Kim and Lisa had a fury showdown over Lisa being nosey about Kim's sobriety.

"Let's talk about the husband," Richards said.

The air was sucked out of the room and time stopped. Lisa threw her glass of champagne at Kim and threw the glass on the table where shards flew everywhere.

Sigh...that moment was pure cinema. Unfortunately, we have notseen a blow out to that extent since.

I think my most hated woman on this show is Teddi Mellencamp and her arrogance and always kissing Kyle's butt because she is the og of the show.

I can not even recall Teddi's storyline or even anything pertaining to her personal life. What I do remember is getting into other people's business like Puppygate, which I refuse to get into because it was a headache.

Teddi created drama with Denise Richards by spreading rumors around the group. She said Richards and former housewife Brandi Glanville had a lesbian affair.

Interestingly, Teddi's best friend Kyle Richards has been accused of having a lesbian relationship with country singer Morgan Wade, yet we haven't heard a peep from her and it has been almost three years.

In fact, next season Kyle needs to confirm or deny because she literally has no storyline since she does not want to discuss her ongoing divorce.

Like hello, she got her name tattooed on her after being friends for a few months.

So, Andy Cohen if you are listening then please pull the cushion from underneath Kyle because she has been too comfortable for the last 15 years being a bore.

Owls Decide: What is your favorite thing about spring?

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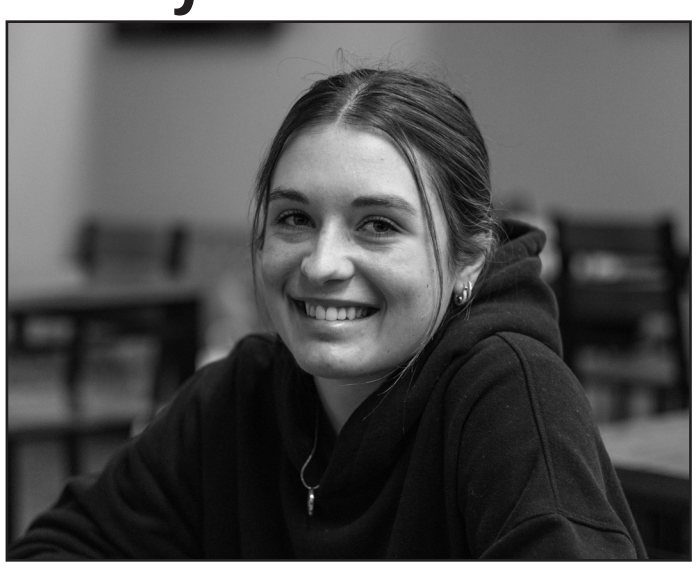



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"Sitting outside and going to the beach."
-Heathcare studies major Taylor Nichols, a senior

"My favorite thing is finally getting to see some sun."
-Nursing major Ruby Webb, a sophomore

"My favorite thing about spring is the pretty flowers."
-Psychology major Miracle Stevenson, a junior







"My favorite thing is the warm weather so I can go on hikes."
-Nursing major Aidan Knappe, a senior

"The flowers because they are so beautiful."
-Data science major Youssef Rafik, a senior

"The brightness outside after a long winter."
-Business administration major Christopher Pearson, a freshman