Wilkinson Hall residents express creativity

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Vibrant paint colors, window art, slime making and student creativity filled the Wilkinson Hall lobby.

On March 24, resident advisers of the building gave students an opportunity to make something they are each proud of.

"We are hosting a social and craft night for our residents tonight," political science major Ryan Williams, a junior, said. "I think it's important for students to destress and catch up after the first day of classes after spring break."

Williams said he wanted to help students get back into school habits after being off campus for a week. He also said this event served its purpose of building connections.

"This builds community because it gives everybody a space to come together even if they aren't the most social person," Williams said. "They get to enjoy each other's company while expressing themselves creatively."

Spanish major John Romano, a senior, was another resident adviser helping to host the crafting event. He said he wanted to give students a night of relaxation before a long week of classes and an even longer couple weeks of the semester.

"They are probably feeling stressed thinking about all the work coming up in the next few weeks," Romano said. "Tonight, they can keep their hands busy with crafting and talk to their friends."

Romano said he was very excited to get all the supplies for the event because he enjoys crafting as well.

"I love all the painting kits, like painting rocks or clay," Romano said. "I got some of those for students to use tonight."

Another resident adviser helping to host the event was psychology major Jamirah Honaker, a senior.

"I'm enjoying seeing all the residents have fun after break because the semester is stressful," Honaker said.

Communication major Rachel Gregory, a sophomore, said she wanted to attend the event because she wanted to hang out with her friends and do a fun activity.

"After a nice relaxing break, it can be difficult to get back into the swing of things academically," Gregory said. "It's nice to set those feelings aside and be with everyone."

Gregory made her own window art. She used paint to fill a flower plastic canvas. She said she really enjoyed making her artistic vision come to life.

"It is so cool watching it come together with all the vibrant colors," Gregory said.

Another student who attended the event was English major Grace Ryan, a sophomore. She said she wanted to tag along with her friends who also came to the event.



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Communication major Rachel Gregory, a sophomore, showing off her window art creation at the event.

Like Gregory, Ryan wanted to try the window art the resident advisers provided. She made a turtle and a heart creation.

"I have never done this sort of craft before or even heard of it," Ryan said. "It is really interesting."

Ryan said hanging out with her friends always helps her relax after a long day of classes.

"I just got out of a night class, so it feels really nice being able to have a break after a long day," Ryan said. "Hanging out with my people and taking a break from schoolwork is always enjoyable.

Interfaith Center brings students together through faith

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Learning about the university's faith-based programs and organizations was the center of this spring open house while offering a variety of goodies to snack on.

Student faith at SCSU is a place for connecting people to one another. Learning and exploring faith can be a way for students to get involved in different programs at the university.

"We have some clubs, faith-based clubs, they could come here to learn more about their faith and serve as a connection to different groups on campus," James Henderson, Director of the Center for Intercultural, said. "We have some students interested in connecting to faith-based connection and we could connect students to those programs as well."

The Interfaith Center represents many different religions and each religion has its own designated meeting time for anyone wishing to join. There are activities for the numerous different sections of the Interfaith, so there is something for everyone looking to get involved.

The event was open for all to participate March 10, Room 236 in the Adanti Student Center. It was held in the evening from 5-6 p.m., with guests able to come and go as they please. Once you entered the room, snacks and goodie bags were provided on the table in the center. Members of the Interfaith Center were stood all around the room awaiting any questions guests may have had.

The Interfaith Center is a place for all those who wish to be included. People go for different reasons, not just faith, but for a place to hang out. Whether students go alone or with others, it is welcome to all.

"Interfaith is a center for people to chill, listen to music and do homework," Chrystal Adlam, student member of the center said. "It taught me a lot about religion and knowledge."

The Interfaith Center is a place students can go to seek information on any religions they might not be familiar with but are desiring to learn more about. It is a place to learn more about themselves as a person of faith and what that faith is.

The Interfaith Center fosters a sense of spiritual and religious diversity for those on campus. It is a place for people to discuss all topics happening around the world that might affect them, be it religiously, culturally, spiritually, socially, economically and so on.

The university represents a host of different religions and has the resources to support them all.

Thomas Robertson said, "I think at the Interfaith Center we have a lot more faith resources and texts."

A big part of what makes the Interfaith Center so inclusive and popular on campus amongst students is resources such as texts or any other materials needed for classes are free to use. It is an organization for the students created by the university.

"They can come in, it's free," Graduate Assistant Danielle Campbell of the Interfaith Center said. "There's material in here to come in and use in the center."

Owls Decide: Why did you choose your major?

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"I am a very creative person and I want to bring my ideas to life."
-Communication and studio art major Pharrell Romero, a sophomore

"I want to advocate for marginalized groups and I feel like being a nurse will help me do that."
-Nursing major Eiruelle Pendon, a junior

"I've been a manager at a martial arts school for like two years and figured this degree would be helpful."
-Business administration major Landon Edward-Scoville, a sophomore







"I picked this because it's a field that really interested me."
-Business administration major Ian Poitras, a sophomore

"I've always wanted to help my community and I fell in love with teaching."
-Elementary education major Ally Contreras, a freshman

"I like radio and talking about opinions. I want to be better at socializing."
-Communication major Daniel Brooks, a junior