

# Celebrating Different Customs and Traditions

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ASU at Lake Havasu is prominently known for its cultural diversity among all the students. It is astonishing how many international scholars there are, as I come from Kazakhstan, a country in central Asia, and I am one of them as well. At this location, you can enculturate with the versatile humanities and customs of students coming from countries like India, Azerbaijan, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Vietnam, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Ukraine, Pakistan, Türkiye, Sudan, Greece, China, Russia, Egypt, Nepal, Armenia, Georgia and more! I'm enormously grateful for the experience and knowledge I've gained in 2 semesters of studying here. I would never have expected to celebrate unique holidays dedicated to the customs of different cultures.



fasting and praying. Student Activities provided a big amount of food for all the students. I have many Muslim friends in my close circle from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Turkey with whom I have shared my support for their custom of fasting throughout the day and breaking the fast on the eve of sunset. At the event, they broke their last fast of the month with the food provided by the university. It is always amazingly heartwarming to see the appreciation of different cultures from our university staff!



### Sun Devils at Holi Celebration Event

On March 3, we celebrated an exquisite ancient Hindu festival of colors – Holi, denoting the welcoming of spring and start of the new beginnings. Throughout this educational year, I've made a lot of friends from India and other countries, so it was personally important to join them in this celebration. There were around 20 students attending the Holi celebration event at the fields behind the campus location. During the fun runs, students threw colored powders and drew mehndi (henna dye) on each other's hands.

In April, Sun Devils were celebrating Eid - the end of Ramadan, the sacred-for-all-Muslims month of



ASU at Lake Havasu student volunteers