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Alhambra High Chalk Show Artists Add Grand Scale Bursts of Color to Campus

This year's Annual Alhambra High Chalk Paintings Show drew its biggest audience ever. Art literally brightens the day — and attracts a crowd. The vibe of the entire Alhambra High campus changed when the Chalk Show artists went to work. Each student team took inspiration from this year's theme of "Myths and Legends."

The gorgeous, grand-scale chalk paintings were created by artist teams of two that were selected from Jayson Pineda's ceramics class and from the school as a whole. The art of the richly diverse student artists was influenced by their own cultures and cultures that held meaning for them. Artists included English learners, VAPA, under-represented, and foreign students.

Using chalk as a medium allows artists to create smooth blends to cover large areas swiftly. Some students ground chalk into powder and added water to create a painting alternative. Each team of two had to submit a colored design to fit the theme. From those designs, the teams were chosen.

Chalk paintings may have a short life span, but the energy of the vibrant art connects the students in memorable and long-lasting ways. ARTS Advance AUSD

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