The Other Prom held for second year

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The second celebration of “The Other Prom” was held in the cafeteria on the Fremont campus on Friday night. This is the second year in a row the Gay Straight Alliance has organized this black-and-white tie event highlighting the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning) community.

The event featured “amateur and experienced drag queens and kings from all over the Bay, best dressed prom court elections, and a great DJ,” according to the event Facebook page.

Small appetizers and virgin cocktails were available while supplies lasted. The event was for ages 16 and older, and admission was by donation only. No one was turned away for lack of funds and everyone was able to have a great time.

Party-goers were required to sign a release form at the door. One participant, the GSA aims “to bring fun, access to equality on campuses for all LGBTQ+ students, and knowledge and empowerment to our communities.”

Attendees were dressed to impress, while a tropical-themed throne offered dancers a chance to take a break and snap some memorable pictures. The GSA will release photos detailing the entire night on “The Other Prom” Facebook page soon.

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A STRUGGLE: Amanda Ahrari of her group communications class put together the Get Active event, which was held at the Fremont campus. Get Active brought the community together to discuss burning issues such as climate change and global warming.

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