

Celebrating South Asia at St. Norbert

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Sophomore Naina Rattu ('27) describes her family's home state of Punjab, India

Seeking events to satisfy social group or club requirements at the end of the semester is nothing new for a college student. On Wednesday, Nov. 20, nearing the final days of the 2024 fall semester, St. Norbert students were given the opportunity to gather in the Mulva Library and listen to students of South Asian heritage give an overview of four countries: Pakistan, Malaysia, India, and Nepal. Each of the presenting students described their own connection to one of the four countries, sharing photos from their travels and childhoods abroad.

The event provided attendees with traditional Indian cuisine from Green Bay's Taste of India, which included saag paneer, chicken tikka masala, rice, naan, and mango lassi.

Information about each spotlighted country, which encompassed a variety of national characteristics including geographical landmarks, ethnic and religious makeup, traditional foods and attire, language, and historical architecture, was presented by the South Asian student representatives.

Some of the presentations were received with laughter from attendees. This especially applied to sophomore Muhammad Raffay Chaudhury ('27), who made sure to sprinkle memorable bits of humor into his presentation. Regarding Pakistani attire, Chaudhury explained, "You will see people dressed up in traditional Western clothing, but since it's so hot there, we make sure that our foreheads are not the only things that are drippy."

Following the presentations, attendees were given the chance to win a prize by testing their knowledge through an online game of Kahoot. All student attendees fulfilled their Educational (EDU) and Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) event requirements through their presence.

For more opportunities to discover cultures around the world and satisfy requirements, visit MySNC and register for upcoming events on campus.