# “Rooted in Culture” Showcase

Hosted by Kitsap Black Student Union & KBSU Olympic College chapter

**Saturday, Nov 7, 2026 • 12-3 pm**
Olympic College, Building 7
1600 Chester Ave, Bremerton, WA 98337




Join Kitsap Black Student Union (KBSU) and Kitsap Black Student Union Olympic College chapter (KBSU OC) for a community celebration of culture, community, and roots. Families, friends, students, community, and neighbors are invited to come together, learn from one another, and honor the many cultures and subcultures represented across Kitsap County.

- Sample cultural foods and learn about traditions from different communities.
- Learn about subcultures and demographics represented across Kitsap and beyond
- Explore history, resources, art, music, and cultural displays.
- Learn about the power of unions throughout history—including how workers organized collectively to improve wages, working conditions, safety, and civil rights.
- Celebrate representation through a parade of cultures fashion catwalk
- Visit “Grounded in Culture” exhibit by KBSU (Indigenous gardening and harvest project)
- Connect with local youth leaders and community organizations through resource tabling.

**Everyone belongs:** Come ready to represent your culture, subcultures, support youth leadership and education, and celebrate the beauty of our shared community.

**Examples of Culture:** cultural traditions, subcultures, unions, biker clubs, gardening clubs, arts and crafts groups, and other communities connected by shared identities, interests, or experiences.

**Volunteers needed:** Adult volunteers are welcome to help with setup **beginning at 9 AM** and throughout the event. Even one hour of support makes a difference.

**Cultural representation needed:** Students are interested in showcasing cultures and subcultures such as goth, Chicano (a), cowboy, and various groups, including gardening, arts & crafts, and more. We all represent the "roots" of our community. We will match groups with students to host a 4-foot table.  We have some supplies and limited budgets. A schedule of student & community craft dates will be posted separately.

**Food:** We need your cultural food represented! We have about $300 for food and supplies for each culture represented. Must have receipts and prior approval to submit for reimbursement. These are sample sizes ONLY. Plan for about 1 sample or various samples to feed 30-50 people per table. **See separate guidelines for food.**

**Performers needed:** We are looking for a few cultural performances, and stipends are provided. Limited funding. Must be able to provide an invoice for services. Must be pre-approved in advance.

**Parade of Cultures contest:** Yes! It's a parade-of-cultures catwalk, and we have judges for those who bring their A game. **See separate guidelines for Parade of Cultures.**

**Insurance:** Kitsap Black Student Union provides insurance endorsement for this event.