

Talents of DHS

Students showcase many different talents.

by Lily Peterson

The annual fall Talent Show took place on Thursday, October 10, 2016. Approximately 250 people attended the show to watch as 15 acts showed off their amazing and diverse talents! The forensics team organized the event and senior Dante Perea provided additional entertainment as mc.

The majority of acts were singing acts. Out of the 15 acts, 10 of the performers sang. One of the singing acts was sophomore Isaiah Panke. He started the night off with a beautiful rendition of Young the Giant's "Cough Syrup."

One of the instrumental acts was Upper Octave. Upper Octave, a crowd favorite, played "Funky Town/I Feel Good." The group consists of six talented musicians.

The group's trumpeter, Devonte Merrick, was especially lively during Upper Octave's performance. When asked why their group wanted to perform in the talent show Merrick said, "Upper Octave's main purpose for doing the talent show was to show ways to bring excitement and energy to the crowd."

Although the audience wasn't on stage, there was no lack of audience involvement! During Jaylen Mason's performance of "Lean On Me" by Bill Withers, the audience got in on the act by singing along with him in some parts. During Upper Octave's performance several audience members clapped along to the song. Merrick also said, "We wanted you [the audience] to get up and feel comfortable to dance around and have some fun."

Besides vocal and instrumental acts, the show also featured two dance acts. Freshmen duo Natalie Williams and, Alex Rangel killed the stage with their awesome dancing. DHS Hip Hop Club also graced the stage with its extraordinary dancing skills. One of the organizers for the show, speech teacher Greg Solomon said, "I thought the DHS Hip Hop Club was better than it has ever been in the past. They are always strong, but I thought this year's performance was amazing."

While most acts were musical, like dancing, singing, and playing instru-



*Ewan Decker's impression of Mr. Burns.
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ments, two acts took different approaches. Junior Ewan Decker's hilarious impressions of Kermit, Mr. Burns, Christopher Walken, and more, offered a humorous take on the 2016 Presidential election. He made the audience burst out with laughter! Freshmen Ayana Nicoles delivered an awe-inspiring original spoken word poem calling out the injustices in our society. Judging by the audience's reaction, it was a clear favorite!

None of this would be possible without the hard work of the Forensics team, so a big thanks to them! If you couldn't make it, try again in the spring or next year because it promises to be a good time!



Upper Octave's encore performance after the Talent Show. Photo by Lily Peterson.



Upper Octave's Performance. Photo by Lily Peterson.