

The members of UNIDOS made a presentation on Wednesday, May 5, at the

Classic Center ENGLISH in Athens.

During the event, which lasted all day, the high school students displayed images, music, artifacts and other symbols from their countries of origin. Among those countries present at the event were: El Salvador,

Colombia, Peru and Mexico. UNIDOS is a group of students that was recently

created in Clarke Central High School. It was formed with the aim to stimulate integration among students with a Hispanic background, whose parents and themselves come from different Latin-American countries. It also wants that this integration involves students with other ethnic

background. UNIDOS want to help students that had recently arrived to this country by ways of integrating them to the Clarke Central activities and also to the community. We also pretend to

celebrate and let the people know about relevant dates of the Hispanic culture. We also study and compare ideas managed by the different groups that form the Hispanic community in the U.S.

The student that form the UNIDOS group are also dedicated to exchange opinions about differences and articularities of our rich and

diverse cultures, with the valuable help and guidance of Mr. Samuel Hicks, student advisor at Clarke Central, and Ms. Kelly Harper, member of the Migrant Education Program. "The goal of UNIDOS is to increase parent and student involvement at Clarke Central High School, raise cultural awareness and to offer a voice for Hispanics in the school community.

UNIDOS originally formed as the Latino population grew within the walls of CCHS," said Hicks. "Hispanics needed a place to express themselves and be a part of the school community. Thus far, UNIDOS has held parent meetings for Hispanic families, a Mother's Day celebration, attended cultural events in the community and hosted an international dinner open to all students at

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