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Foreign Language and Fine Arts Students at Central High Learn Hispanic Culture Through Mask-Making Workshop

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Students enrolled in St. Croix Central High School's Foreign Languages and Fine Arts programs enjoyed participation in the "Masks and Bigheads" workshop by Puerto Rican Artist Kenneth Meléndez from October 3-10 as part of the school's celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month and in recognition of VI/PR Friendship Day, the Department of Education has announced.

Students created artwork while learning about the Hispanic culture, particularly that of Puerto Rico.

“It was a great experience for students and the program covered aspects of regional culture and art as an extracurricular activity,” explained Eli Torres, CHS Spanish teacher. “The participation of the selected students was thorough and they exhibited excellent behavior.”

The students’ artwork is currently on display at the Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts in Frederiksted, where they will remain for two months. The afterschool program was in collaboration with Torres and art teacher, Niarus Benjamin-Walker.

“Thanks to Principal Yves Abraham for giving us the opportunity,” Torres said. “This program was also attended by four adults who acted as chaperones and benefited greatly by engaging in art making.”