

Winter: a time of chilly days, warm drinks, generosity and merriment. For the students of Alhambra High School, a certain dance comes along with such things.

Winterball, which is hosted annually by Girls' League, was held this year on Dec. 16 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Long Beach. The week before the dance, students could vote for the members of the Winter Ball Court. This year's Winter Court princesses were freshman Sherry Zhou, sophomore Celeste Trinidad, junior Dana Chu, and seniors Matilda Dam, Emily Wong and Anna Wu, while the princes consisted of freshman David Chow, sophomore Wesley Han, junior Paul Ngo, and seniors Brendan Ma, Steven Uy and Yuki Wong.

At the night of the event, participants first had a buffet-style dinner. The coronation took place at 9:00, in which Anna Wu and Yuki Wong were crowned Queen and King.

"I'm very honored [to be Queen]. I feel like the other princesses deserved it as much as I did. I want to thank everyone who voted for me and [for] Exec," Wu said. "My favorite part of Winterball was when all my friends cheered for me when I

walked down for coronation. All their support made my last Winterball memorable."

They had the first dance and were joined by their fellow court members when Wu called to them, "Join us! Join us!"

After the coronation, everyone mingled on the dance floor. Couples and groups could take pictures at a photography booth during the night.

"It was my first time [at Winterball.] I feel honored to be named king. I didn't expect to win," Wong said.

Girls' League attributed this year's success to thorough planning and student interest.

"I think the cancellation of Winterball last year made people want to go this year," Girls' League President Stephanie Lu said. "I'm happy about how Winterball turned out. Girls' League has put in all their hard work since the summer to make this happen."

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Winterball 2011:

"Here In Your Arms"

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A Scoop of Winterball

The end of the year is approaching, and that means winter is coming. Following school tradition and the spirit of the holiday season, Girls' League hosted this year's Winterball.

This year's theme was "Here in Your Arms," inspired by the song from the band Hellogoodbye and the cool-toned colors of ivory, winter blue and lavender, complementing the elegant seasonal occasion.

The hotel's location offered attendees a beautiful view of the sunset as well as the Queen Mary on the beach. Outside of the ball room, Christmas trees stood tall adorned with ornaments and lights.

The attendees also had access to refreshments to enjoy during the dance; there was an ice cream bar with frozen treats; a non-alcoholic drinks bar and a vegetable dip bar. Among the foods served were California rolls, festively-colored chips and breadsticks.

This year's Winterball was a great success. "It's actually my first Winterball I've been to and it's my last, also. I think it's pretty successful. I've been working the whole dance, but I see a lot of people having fun," Girls' League President senior Stephanie Lu said.

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A Cozy Wonderland

Those who attended Winterball 2011 found the night to be reminiscent of the winter season.

The theme colors emulated the scenery of a Winter Wonderland, accentuated by huge Christmas trees outside the dance room and the theme illustrated a feeling of being snuggled up within the cozy arms of a date where it's safe from the chill of the evening but also in view of the beautiful snow around—in snow-less California's case, a dark expansion of the lovely night sky. The theme was inspired by Hellogoodbye's "Here in Your Arms" whose complete phrase is: "There's no place I could be but here in your arms". Girls' League member, junior Kimberly Phan discovered the song when she and other members were trying to think about themes.

As for the Winterball playlist, Girls' League didn't feature any winter-specific music. The songs were organized by the DJ and was a compilation of Top 40 songs.

"The night was miraculous," junior Micalob Tri said.

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