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Iraqi, Kenyan and Indian immigrant families in the SM East community find new lives in the U.S.

story by **GRACE PEI**

IN A COMMUNITY where the only way the majority of students come close to knowing the reality of immigration is through a stream of headlines on the screen, it's easy to be indifferent rather than empathetic. But to understand the immigrants walking the halls of SM East, here's a collection of immigrant stories that aren't

always visible.

They're the students who brought daal, a lentil soup to lunch, and their peers asked, "What's that smell?"

They're that students whose classmates asked if their home country was "dirty."

And they're the students in our community from Iraq, Kenya and India who went through cultural adjustments and worries of having to leave – but also have hope for their future in the US.

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