

## Diwali Event Caltech – November 10, 2023

Thank you for helping support Diwali. We had over 400 people come, had over twenty of us involved in the planning process and five group performances. People who came said it was one of the best events at Caltech, one of their best nights at Caltech thus far, and highly appreciated the food, decoration and planning that went into the event. While the expenses were significant, as was the effort that went into the planning process, we could not have done it without your help. Here are some photos with you of the event, which highlight the performances, food and decoration. The event was a tremendous success, thanks to your help.

In addition to the planning process, we had four performances, organized by members across divisions here at Caltech. We had a dance performance by the first year graduate students, a musical performance by a band composed of graduate students called incubation.period and a solo dance performance by an alumna of Caltech, among others. The musical performance was a fusion of Indian and Western genres, and what was even more impressive was that only one of the members was ethnically indian. This performance really highlighted that music and art, like science, can transcend language and appeal to the soul of a human being. We also had a postdoctoral member teach the crowd a few Indian dance moves, to help folks appreciate the music, and an open dance floor. We were really grateful to be able to feed such a significant crowd at the event, which could not have happened without BBE DEI support.



Friday, Nov 10 | 5:00-10:00 PM | Beckman Institute Courtyard | Join us to help celebrate Diwali, a festival of lights and one of the major festivals celebrated by [Hindus](#), [Jains](#), and [Sikhs](#). The festival usually lasts five days, or six in some regions of India, and is celebrated during the [Hindu lunisolar](#) month [Kartika](#). Enjoy foods, drinks, cultural programs from graduate students, dance, magic, and singing, henna and Rangoli making. Organized by [OASIS](#) and [CPA](#). Funded by CCE DEI, [BBE DEI](#), CCID, CGSC, GSC and CPA.

