Showing their pride

The Pride Alliance of Eastern Connecticut State University’s purpose is to broaden the school’s understanding of diversity. The organization does so by hosting speakers, public forums, visibility programs and other related activities. On Tuesday evening, it presented an evening’s entertainment by ‘ChibiCon: The Traveling Cosplay Show’ from Springfield, Mass., at the Mary Tipton Room of the ECSU Student Center. Cosplay is a contraction of the words costume and play. It is performance art in which participants called cosplayers wear costumes and fashion accessories to represent a specific movie or anime character. The characters frequently take on cross-gender roles. In films, Charlie Chaplin began the practice in 1914. In Japan and some other parts of Asia, it is part of popular culture. There were about 200 people in attendance. The event proved to make a very entertaining evening and the audience was very responsive.

LEFT: ECSU student Rachel Pomtbriand from Woodstock, center, jokes with Ruby Galore, left, played by Roberto Salgado. ABOVE: Salgado gets ready for the show to begin.

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