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Humanoids (mostly) have a blast at Alien Costume Contest

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Hundreds of camera flashes added to the other-worldly atmosphere of the Alien Costume Contest at Pearson Auditorium on Friday afternoon.

Contestants of all ages, most of whom had alien aliases too difficult to pronounce, strutted for the audience in their extraterrestrial attire. Though most were highly inventive, there was one standout.

Ruth Monticello, of Roswell, dressed as "Sissy Snakeneck," was named best overall contestant.

"I'm so excited. Last year I came in first place in the funky adult (category). This year I wanted overall," she said. "I worked all winter."

J.B. Letuli, right, and Felicia Casillas, sporting body paint designs by DC Entertainment, wait to make their entrance during the 2009 UFO Festival Alien Costume Contest at Pearson Auditorium, Friday. ([Daily Record/Mark Wilson](#))

Monticello said the hardest part about putting her costume together was "my sequins, or my scales. They kept falling off."

16 and under, and adults.

The costumes were divided into three categories for children,

Winners of the Most Creative Costume, children's category, were:

- First place: Sienna Fleming, of Roswell
- Second place: Rose Thorsted, of Roswell
- Third place: Shelby Halvorson, of Roswell

Winners of the Most Creative Costume, adult category, were:

- First place: Ruth Monticello, of Roswell
- Second place: Susan Garrett, of Roswell

- Third place: Rick and Joan Reinsel, of Cocoa, Fla.

The winners of the best TV/Movie Personality, children's category, were:

- First place: Czarina and Jonathan Pitts, of Tucson, Ariz.
- Second place: Jeremiah Cherinko, of Roswell
- Third place: Samantha Thorsted, of Roswell

The winners of best TV/Movie Personality, adult category, were:

- First place: Dorothy and Joe Baca, of El Paso, Texas
- Second place: Jared Rawlings, of Salina, Kan.
- Third place: J.B. Letuli, of McIntosh

The winner of the Scariest Costume, children's category, was Jayman Cherinko, of Roswell. Cherinko was the only contestant in the category.

The winner of the Scariest Costume, adult category, were Sara and Tom Tetting, of Las Cruces. The Tettings were the only contestants in the category.