Dear Faculty, Students, and Friends:

The Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies and the Center for Latin American Studies are designing their annual *Altar de Muertos* (Day of the Dead altar). It will be both traditional and innovative and you are invited to participate! The altar will be set up on the third floor of the College of Arts and Letters (CAL) building, near the elevators. It will be on display from October 30 through November 8, 2013.

This year's theme is “Environmental Justice and Water.” The innovative altar will display pieces that address this topic. These include related poems, art, objects, photographs, data charts, etc. Most pieces are created by students, but the invitation to participate is open to the entire SDSU community. Please bring your items between October 28 and 30 to the CAL building, Room 348. If you would like to help set up the altar, simply come by on the 30th, from 10 am to 5:00 pm.

As a traditional altar, we will honor those who are no longer with us. We invite you to bring a photo of your departed loved one(s) and/or any food, beverages, or other items they enjoyed during their lifetime.*

On Monday, November 4, at 12 noon, we will serve coffee and *pan de muertos* (sweet bread). Coral MacFarland Thuet, one of our own CCS professors, and Jaime Valle, jazz musician—both renowned talents—will perform traditional Mexican songs beginning at 12:30 pm.

Please plan on joining us!

For more information, please contact Priscila Moreno or Bertha Hernández at 594-6452 or Alejandra González at 594-8748.

Visit our website at [http://aztlan.sdsu.edu](http://aztlan.sdsu.edu) for photos of past altares.

* Please keep in mind that these items will be unattended. You may pick them up starting Tuesday, November 12, at the CCS office (CAL 348). Unclaimed items will be discarded or used for next year’s altar.