mourning his death. After leaving the cemetery we went to mi Mama Meche’s house to eat. We had tamales and everyone started sharing stories of his past. It was a nice experience because I got to learn so much about him. I didn’t really know that much about mi abuelo before Dia de Los Muertos, because not that many people had ever talked about him and he had passed away before I was born.

- Mayra Granados

I am from Mexico and just moved here less than a year ago. In my family we don’t really celebrate Dia De las Muertos because I am not from Mexico City but from a small town. Continued pg. 2
In school, however, they spend the day teaching us the history of this holiday. They put ofrendas up for us to look at. They lace them with pumpkin flowers, Mexican candy made from chile, sweet potatoes, and/or coconut, pictures and candles. When you have this altar you explain to people that walk by who the people in the pictures are and what you are doing. You eat the pan de muerto, which is sweet bread. You drink hot chocolate or atole. It's basically just gathering with your family. Some families also take things to the grave so that the dead family members can eat their favorite food in the middle of the night. The holiday is really a mix of Catholicism and indigenous Indians of Mexico.

This day is not a day that is meant to be scary. This is a day of memories, a day to remember those that you loved that are now only present in spirit.

Did You Get Your Salsa On?

So how did the salsa-ing go exactly? Well, at the beginning the room was divided, girls on one side, boys on the other. There was a couple in the middle. The woman was wearing a red dress. The man was leading her in an intense, fiery kind of way across the dance floor. Everyone was watching and excited. People started to mimic the moves as best as they could. The instructors stopped dancing. They turned to the crowd and began to instruct. Move by move the dance was broken down and taught to the audience. There were more girls than boys in the room so some friends paired up with each other.

"The way that they broke everything down made it so much easier. When I was first looking at them dance I was telling myself that it was too hard, and I wouldn't be able to do it. Once they slowed it down I got it and could even add in my own flavor! It was a lot of fun!" - anonymous

"It was a fun experience but I was sick so I didn’t do much dancing. I was surprised to see all of the people there. There weren’t many students at first but at the end it was a great turnout." - Mayra G.

"Although there weren’t many people there at first it turned out to be a great way to get students together and learn about National Hispanic Heritage month!" - Rich S.

"It was a good partnership with the other offices, however it was supposed to be Salsa Night and it turned into hip-hop."
How does one make these usually difficult subjects fun and easier to understand? Make them interactive of course! That was the goal of this program and at the end of the day it felt as though that goal was accomplished. All of the kids enjoyed the activities because the workshops were very hands-on. "Math, Science, and Tech day introduced the kids to the subjects in which students of color and women are historically under-represented in." - Gabe Barela. We wanted to give the students interest in those particular subjects. The goal was to make it fun which would peak their interest right away.

"In one experiment, the kids made clouds. They did it in water bottles and got to see how it all works." - Raquel Ramirez

It is so much easier to learn if you do something yourself, rather than have someone just sit and lecture you. This concept plus the people involved, were what made this event so successful! Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered! It was a really great time!

Beverly Sotelo played a great role in this one woman play on stereotypes that we as Americans encounter on a daily basis. She played characters of different races, genders, class, and sexual orientation. "It was cool to see how she portrayed each one of the people. She shared their stories and the conflicts that they faced as minorities," said Wil Galarza after seeing the production.

"This play was, I feel, a way to debunk stereotypes. She showed how each person didn't really 'fit in' whether it was because of race, sexual orientation, etc..." stated Gabe Barela.

Here at CSU we are working so hard to create diversity and overcome stereotypes. Through programs like Faces of America we are educating our campus and helping to better our community.

"Algebra class will be important to you later in life because there's going to be a test six weeks from now."
Colorado State University

Up Coming Events!

misión November 18th: 12-1pm (El Centro Student Services) Scholarship/Financial Aid Workshop! Find scholarships that best suit you! FREE PIZZA!

misión November 22nd 7pm (LSC Main Ballroom) Step Show! $10 if you get your ticket on ticketmaster and $15 vat the door (IBOX) Step Hard or Go Home! This is a big event so get your tickets early! The after party will be at The Cork ($10 cover 18+)

misión November 22nd 10pm (CB & Potts) Pi Lambda Chi Latina Sorority INC. Presents the 5th annual BLACK & WHITE PARTY! $6 black and white $8 without!

Don't forget to visit the office!!!!!!!