

Day of the Dead celebrated



Raúl Gutiérrez, HCC associate professor of Spanish gave a brief talk about the significance of Dia de los Muertos. *Submitted Photo*

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College celebrated Día de los Muertos, the traditional Mexican Day of the Dead holiday, on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at noon.

The college's El Centro

program and LEA Club (Latinx Empowerment Association) are invited members of the HCC and surrounding community to take part in the construction of an ofrenda on the second floor of the Campus Center outside

room 248.

An ofrenda is a kind of altar designed as a place to celebrate indigenous, Mexican, and Latinx traditions. People

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were invited to bring pictures of their loved ones and any offerings they'd like to include on the community ofrenda.

Raúl Gutiérrez, HCC associate professor of Spanish, coordinator of HCC's Latinx Studies program, advisor to the LEA club, and a native of Mexico, gave a brief talk about the significance of the holiday.

Guests and participants will also were able to enjoy pan de muerto, bread traditionally baked in Mexico during the weeks leading up to Día de los Muertos.

HCC celebrated Día de los Muertos for the first time in November 2022.

"This is another opportunity for us at HCC to celebrate the unique culture of our Latinx community," said Julissa Colón, director of El Centro.

