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*Summary: The United Latinos at the University of Minnesota, Morris celebrated "Day of the Dead" ("El Día de los Muertos") with an altar display in the Cougar Room of Oyate Hall. In addition to the altar, information about the tradition and its origins was on hand.*

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The Day of the Dead is a holiday celebrated primarily in Mexico and by people of Mexican heritage living in the United States and Canada. The holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and relatives who have died. The celebration traditionally occurs on November 1 and 2, in connection with the Catholic holy days of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day which take place on those days. Traditions include building private altars honoring the deceased, using sugar skulls, marigolds and the favorite foods and beverages of the departed as well as visiting graves with these as gifts.

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