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### MEXICAN COMMUNITY PORTRAYED THROUGH USD STUDENT'S EYES

With Mexico's Independence Day celebration set for September 16, it seems only fitting that the University of San Diego is displaying photos of a Tijuana neighborhood, by USD student Fred Gonzales.

The black and white photographic exhibit focuses on a neighborhood in Tijuana named after an Aztec god.

"Xicotencatl, Portrait of a Community" is being held in USD's Founders Gallery from September 21 through October 12.

Gonzales explains that the goal of his photographic work is "to show the universality of all people. Although we are separated by a border, culture and language, we still have much in common." He adds, "despite the harshness of their environment, the residents of this colonia are wealthy -- wealth which is shown through their community and spiritual life."

The public is invited to an opening reception at 5 p.m. September 20. Nicaraguan player Engel O. will perform music from the new song movement known as "Volcanto" (the song of the volcano). Gallery hours are 9 a.m to 5 p.m. weekdays. For more information, please call Maria Martinez-Cosio at 260-4681.