Aztec is a Chicana from this area who was once an SDSU student. She recently completed her Bachelor's in Liberal Studies Education. She was a paid intern and a tutor at the SDSU School of Education, where she helped students with their coursework. Aztec was also a paid intern at the Imperial Valley Food Bank, where she collected food donations from various sources. She helps to continue the education of people in the Valley, including her future students. Aztec has worked with the Chicana Sin Miedo, a Latino non-profit organization, and she plans to return to the Valley after completing her graduate studies.

President Adela de la Torre and other SDSU students and staff are now accepting applications for fall 2023 at SDSU Imperial Valley. The campus is accepting applications for fall 2023 and is the latest in a series of new initiatives being announced at SDSU. The university is working to increase the number of students at its Imperial Valley campus and to improve the lives of all children in the region.

When the Imperial Valley Food Bank held its 11th annual Harvest Bowl fundraiser last year in Imperial Valley, it was able to raise tens of thousands of food and dollars to help those in need. Yet back in 1991, when Ryan Zuniga, a public relations officer at SDSU Imperial Valley, was first introduced to the idea of a food bank, she realized that it was a good option for local students and faculty. Today, Zuniga continues to serve as the director of the San Diego State University shuttle service program, which provides transportation for students and faculty who need to attend SDSU's main campus in San Diego.

Today, the Imperial Valley Food Bank opened its doors to the community and held the 11th annual Harvest Bowl fundraiser. The event was a huge success, with over 1,000 people in attendance and over $100,000 raised.

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