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To: Colleagues <colleagues@groups.csusb.edu>

Subject: Passing of Dr. R. Brett Nelson

Dear Colleagues,

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the unexpected passing of R. Brett Nelson, a respected colleague and friend of Cal State San Bernardino for more than 15 years. Dr. Nelson joined our campus community in 2007 as a full professor in the Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation & Counseling. He retired in 2020 and was participating in the Faculty Early Retirement Program at the time of his untimely death.

Before joining CSUSB, Dr. Nelson served as a school psychologist for more than 25 years and later also taught at the University of Northern Colorado. Throughout his 40-year career, he helped to conceptualize, implement, supervise and research an integrated comprehensive service model of school psychological services.

In addition to teaching and extensive mentorship, Dr. Nelson authored more than 40 publications and gave more than 100 presentations at state, national and international conferences. Last year, he was recognized by the American Psychological Association's Division of School Psychology for his exceptional contributions to the field of school psychology.

His passing is a loss to our entire CSUSB family and those who knew and worked with him. We send our deep condolences to his wife, Diana, and his two children, Arianna (a sophomore at CSUSB) and Robert "Aiden," and ask you to keep them in your thoughts as they go through this difficult time.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3 at Emmerson-Barlett Memorial Chapel in Redlands.

Sincerely,

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