



Colleagues and Students,

Over the holiday weekend, our campus community was struck by a senseless tragedy as we learned of the death of Abhishek Sudhesh Bhat, a 25-year old graduate student from India who was pursuing a master's degree in Computer Science. He was killed during an attack that occurred as he was returning from a part-time job in San Bernardino, which places it in the jurisdiction of the San Bernardino Police Department.

While this terrible event took place off campus, we are responding to this incident with all our personnel and resources. We are working closely with Abhishek's family to provide some comfort as they travel to the United States. CSUSB Police Chief Jamsen is in contact with the San Bernardino Police and stands ready to assist as needed. As our campus once again deals with tragedy, I want to assure all members of the campus community that this university is committed to the health, safety and welfare of all our students, faculty and staff.

We remain dedicated to maintaining and nurturing a protective diverse learning environment where all students can attend classes, study, go to university events and meet with fellow students without apprehension or concern. As part of that effort, we have established a number of committees and groups consisting of administrators, faculty, staff and students who regularly meet to discuss, develop and implement policies and programs that promote safety within our campus community.

There are numerous resources to assist in dealing with such devastating events, including the [CARE \(Campus Assessment, Response and Education\) team](#) and [Counseling and Psychological Services](#). CSUSB employees can contact our employee assistance program, Life Matters at 1-800-367-7474.

All of Cal State San Bernardino and the extended Coyote family are deeply saddened by this loss. We send our condolences to Abhishek's family, friends and colleagues, and ask everyone to keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult ordeal.

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President