

Dear Colleagues and Students,

Over the last several days, I know that we have all watched in horror the violence unfolding in the Middle East. For many in our campus community with ties to the region, I am deeply aware that this feels very personal.

As president of CSUSB, I state unequivocally that the targeting of civilian populations with acts of violence is indefensible, and I know that our hearts are broken for the victims of this violence and their families in Israel and in Gaza.

The global response to this situation has been explosive, causing further heartbreak and hurt. Responding to hate with hate does not move us closer to peace. As members of the diverse CSUSB community, I ask each of you to remember the shared humanity of your fellow students and colleagues.

CSUSB is ready with resources to assist, if you need someone to talk with.

- For students: You can call (909) 537-5040 for **Counseling & Psychological Services** or go to <https://www.csusb.edu/caps/services-offered>.
- For faculty and staff: You can contact our Employee Assistance Program, **Life Matters**, 24/7 at 1-800-367-7474.

Alternatively, you can text 988 for the national Crisis Hotline.

Let us continue to hold one another in community at this time as we pray for peace.

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President