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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:08 AM  
**To:** Colleagues <colleagues@groups.csusb.edu>  
**Subject:** Dr. Erik Schott

Dear Colleagues,

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the unexpected passing of Dr. Erik Schott. Dr. Schott, an assistant professor in the School of Social Work, tragically lost his life in an automobile accident on Nov. 8 in Palm Springs.

A licensed clinical social worker, Dr. Schott joined our campus community in 2022 and was currently teaching at our Palm Desert Campus. Before joining Cal State San Bernardino, he taught for more than 15 years at the University of Southern California. A passionate advocate for health equity, his scholarship interests were in the areas of LGBTQ2SIA+, virtual education through a JEDI-B (justice, equity, diversity, inclusion & belonging) framework, ADHD identity development, HIV/AIDS and transgender wellness and access to affirmative care.

Dr. Schott touched many lives and gained the admiration of both his colleagues and students through his passionate work and commitment to these essential causes. He will be remembered for his warmth, kindness and enthusiasm for the well-being of our campus members and the broader community.

We send our deep condolences to his family and ask you to keep them in your thoughts as they go through this difficult time. Additionally, a therapist will be on-site today at both the San Bernardino and Palm Desert campuses to meet with faculty and staff. CAPS will also be available to meet with students at both campuses.

At the San Bernardino campus, a therapist will be available for faculty and staff walk-ins until 3 p.m. in SB 302G, and a group session will be held from 12-1 p.m. in SB 327C.

At the Palm Desert campus, a therapist is available for faculty and staff walk-ins in RG203.

Sincerely,

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