

## A Special Message to the CSUSB Community

It is with the utmost sadness that I share the news that Monday's tragedy at North Park Elementary School included the death of a CSUSB alumna, Karen Elaine Smith of Riverside. The teacher who was killed during a classroom shooting graduated from this university in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies.

I ask everyone to keep Karen's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers over the coming days, along with those of the young child who was also killed and the other student injured in the incident. Please also lend your support and comfort to everyone who knew or worked with Karen at North Park or here at CSUSB.

This terrible tragedy is a reminder of the fragility of life and the importance of appreciating so much we take for granted each and every day. Everyone copes with pain and despair differently. Our Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is ready to assist any current CSUSB students who feel affected by Monday's shooting. They can be contacted at (909) 537-5040 or [psychcounseling@csusb.edu](mailto:psychcounseling@csusb.edu). Counseling and support services are available to employees through the Community Action Employee Assistance Program. This confidential service is accessible 24 hours per day by calling 1-800-777-9376.

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