

Dr. Jose Fierro
President's Message
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Dear Colleagues,

It is a solemn day for many of us after learning of the untimely passing of retired Los Angeles Laker Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna, and additional members of our Southern California community: Ara Zobayan; John Altobelli, his wife Keri and daughter Alyssa; Christina Mauser; Sarah Chester and her daughter Payton. We each grieve these losses in our unique way and we mourn for the families of those who have passed. We hope that our condolences will somehow reach them and give comfort during this difficult time.

On behalf of Cerritos College, I would also like to express my condolences to the Orange Coast College family for the passing of Coach John Altobelli, his wife Keri and daughter Alyssa. Not only was John a successful coach, he was a pillar in the community and one of the most highly respected coaches/instructors at the California Community College level. We also send our condolences to John's surviving children: son J.J., daughter Alexis and his brother Tony, who is the Orange Coast College Sports Information Director.

If you find that your grief is hard to bear, or you need someone to talk to, please reach out to somebody. And remember, our Employee Assistance Program is available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-800-521-0200.

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