



Office of the
President

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Dear Colleagues,

As you know, today was a very busy day on campus. Lightning struck our campus, created a couple of fires, and damaged our main power supply. Southern California Edison and several members of our Facilities team are working as we speak to ensure we can re-establish the power supply to campus and the surrounding area. We are expecting to re-open our campus by Friday morning. I want to thank everyone who acted quickly to ensure we had a plan to minimize any damage on campus and keep everyone informed.

Special thanks to the Campus Police and Facilities departments for their “lightning fast” responses today. Officer Huy Nguyen and Chief Don Mueller quickly responded to the scene, and we also are thankful for the support from our cadets Lisette Calderon, David Lor and Daniela Roman.

A big thank you goes to Faizal Pedraza, Javier Ruiz, Hengel Bonilla and Carlos Serna in our Facilities department for putting out the second brush fire (two fires were caused by the lightning - one handled by LA Fire and the other by the facilities team).

Also seen in action were Alfred Rodriguez, David Garcia, Donnie Hawkins, Tramaine Peele, Claudia Cruz, Daniel McKinney, and Carlos Serna, each of whom helped with the timely evacuation of our buildings.

To George Cuevas, Les Bell, Javier Ruiz, and Anthony Parker: thank you for supporting our teams and your continued efforts working with Southern California Edison on restoring power to the campus.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to Samuel Chavez, Kelly Kwan, Aya Aoki, and Miya Walker for preparing informative materials and notices to our campus community so quickly.

I know that many of you not listed in this message also did your part to keep others safe and informed throughout the day. Thank you for continuing to help our students and campus community. We will provide the campus with updated information as we receive it.

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President/Superintendent