



Office of the President

A Message from
President Adela de la Torre, Ph.D.

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to say that Dylan Hernandez, the student who was hospitalized last week, has passed away. His family gave their goodbyes late Sunday night. The family has given the university permission today to share this information, and we are working to support them during this incredibly difficult time.

As a mother, nothing can replace the profound loss of a child, and the devastating heartbreak the family and their loved ones are experiencing. All of us in the Aztec family are sending our prayers, and are here to support the family.

Friends of the Hernandez family have established a GoFundMe page, which is accepting donations.

So many within our campus community knew, studied with and cared for Dylan Hernandez. Members of Student Life & Leadership and therapists with Counseling & Psychological Services have been offering support to those directly and indirectly affected over the last several days. We will continue supporting our students, and also have support resources available for faculty and staff.

The university has introduced a webpage, which will be updated as frequently as possible with additional information, including details about support services.

As we have shared in earlier messages and statements, we ask that all respect the privacy of the student's family at this time

Adela de la Torre
San Diego State University President