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**To:** Campus Community

As details emerge from the horrific mass shooting at a nightclub this weekend in Orlando, Florida, Cal State San Marcos sends our deepest sympathies to those impacted: the victims, the survivors, the friends and family members, and the entire LGBTQA community.

While our thoughts go out to those impacted, we also stand in solidarity against the hate and violence that now seems all too common in our nation and world. At CSUSM we are a diverse group – diverse in culture, religious belief, political perspective, gender and sexual orientation, nationality, talents and abilities. I firmly believe that these differences are our collective strengths - as a university they make us better and stronger. Now more than ever, we must continue to come together as one community to counteract the hate and divisiveness of our times.

This week the ASI LGBTQA Pride Center will be open every day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist and support those looking to process this senseless tragedy. Staff from Student Health and Counseling Services, the ASI Gender Equity Center, Latin@ Center, Cross-Cultural Center, Student Life and Leadership and the Dean of Students Office will also be available for those seeking support.

Together, we are CSUSM. Together, we stand with Orlando.

Sincerely,  
Karen S. Haynes  
President