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LACCD MOURNS THE DEATH OF ONE OF ITS STUDENTS; DISTRICT JOINS CALL FOR FULL & INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTING

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Community College District is shocked and saddened to learn of the police shooting death on June 18, 2020 of Andres Guardado, an 18-year-old Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC) student by a deputy from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) in a county unincorporated area of Gardena.

On behalf of Los Angeles Trade-Technical College and the entire LACCD community, we express our sincere sympathy to Andres' family and friends during this time. The loss of life is a tragic event, especially when it involves gun violence.

LACCD strongly supports the call by Mr. Guardado's family for a full and independent investigation into the circumstances of the killing. His death comes at a time of national outcry for social justice and significant police reform regarding the use of deadly force by law enforcement and for greater emphasis on de-escalation techniques and community policing. We must never be desensitized to, or normalized by, the alarming number of deaths by law enforcement of black and brown men and women in this country – it cannot be tolerated and the time for police reform is now.

LACCD contracts with the LASD Community College Bureau for its law enforcement services at its nine colleges and District facilities. LACCD is currently reviewing with the Bureau the District's expectations surrounding its community policing practices that include training, professional development and response protocols to ensure the consistent safety and protection of students, faculty and staff.

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We are the Colleges of Los Angeles! LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 250,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California's diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Follow us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/LACCD>, @LACCD, and on Twitter, <https://twitter.com/laccd> @laccd and Instagram, https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu/ @laccd_edu.

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