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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 14, 2017

TO: The Campus Community

FROM: Horace Mitchell 
President

SUBJECT: The Passing of Dr. Marc Thomas

I am saddened to report that **Dr. Marc Thomas**, professor emeritus of computer science, passed away on August 28th after a nearly four-year battle with pancreatic cancer. His family shares they are glad he spent most of that time happily with family and friends and enjoying his home in Aptos.

Marc earned a bachelor of science degree from UC Davis and a master of arts and Ph.D. from UC Berkeley. He joined the computer science and mathematics faculty at CSUB in 1981. He received the Faculty Scholarship and Creative Activity Award in 1998-99 and the Millie Ablin Excellence Award in Teaching in 2006-07. Marc was colleague, friend, and mentor to many in the Computer and Electrical Engineering/Computer Science Department. He was instrumental in starting our engineering programs. He was pleased to know the programs are growing as he had envisioned and that they have positively impacted the university and the Bakersfield community.

Services for Marc will be held at St. Raymond's Church in Menlo Park today, September 14, 2017 at 1 pm. We extend our condolences to his mother, Dorothy Thomas, and his sister, Suzy Medaglia, and her family.

The CSUB flag is flying at half-staff today in Marc's honor.