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Dear Monarchs,

Last week, Chancellor Rodriguez sent a note that we have lost a member of the LACCD family. At the time, we were unable to share the name of the person. We can now share that the person who passed away was Kabwe Chanda, who also was a member of the LAVC IT team.

Kabwe's long career at the District spanned more than 25 years. He began at West LA College as a student tutor. Kabwe was then selected for a permanent assignment as an Instructional Assistant and then an Assistant Computer & Network Specialist. He also was an adjunct instructor in Computer Science at West LA for more than a decade. He worked at LA Southwest College as a Computer & Network Specialist before being promoted to a Senior Computer & Network Specialist at Valley from 2012-2018. He left Valley to serve as College IT Manager at LA Southwest College and later at LA City College. Most recently, he was promoted as Regional IT Manager.

Kabwe left an indelible mark during his time at Valley College and was a beloved member of our Monarch family. He is fondly remembered for his positive personality, warm smile, laughter, and willingness to help the people around him.

Details about a virtual celebration of Kabwe's life are pending and will be shared as soon as they are available.

As we all work through our grief especially in these challenging times, please continue to support one another and seek help if you need it. Grief counseling is available through the LACCD Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at (800) 327-0449.

Highest regards,

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