SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE ESTABLISHES TWO FUNDS TO HONOR STUDENT DIANA GONZALEZ

SAN DIEGO CA... The students, faculty and staff of San Diego City College have established two separate funds to honor Diana Gonzalez, the 19-year-old student found dead on the college campus on Tuesday, October 12.

The first account, Funds for the Gonzalez Family, will help defray the costs of Diana’s funeral and other family expenses. The second account, Funds for the Daughter of Diana Gonzalez, will establish a scholarship for Diana’s 9-month-old daughter.

Check donations should be written to the San Diego City College Foundation; 1313 Park Blvd, San Diego CA 92101. Please designate the name of the account for your donation.

Donations can also be dropped off in the City College Student Accounting Office, A-114.

Upon hearing the tragic news of this targeted act of violence against a fellow City College student, the outpouring of campus support for Diana began immediately. The Spanish Club created a memorial space in the center of campus and several hundred students, faculty, and staff from throughout the San Diego Community District (SDCCD) gathered on the City College campus last night (Thursday, October 14) for a one-and-a-half hour candlelight vigil.

Speakers included SDCCD Chancellor Constance Carroll and City College President Terrence Burgess; student members from several Associated Student Clubs, including the Inter Club Council organizations, BEAT (Bringing Education and Activism Together), HUBU (Hermanos Unidos/Brothers United) and the Visionary Feminists; several faculty and staff members, including Leslie Easton from the Mental Health Center and Sarah Pitcher from Women’s Studies, and community members from the Center for Community Solutions and the San Diego Family Justice Center. Two members of the Gonzalez family also made brief remarks.

Many of the vigil speakers spoke directly to the issue of domestic violence. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

- **One in every four women** will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.
- An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.
- 85% of domestic violence victims are women.
- Historically, females have been most often victimized by someone they knew.
- Females who are **20-24 years of age** are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence.
- Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police.
The police continue to search for Diana’s former husband, Armando Perez, as a “person of interest” in her death. Police are urging anyone with information about Perez’s whereabouts to call 911 or Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477.

Funeral arrangements for Diana Gonzalez are pending.

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