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The Department of Kinesiology is saddened to announce the death of our dear friend and colleague, Cal Caplan, who passed away at his home on March 14, 2024. Presently, there are no details on a community Celebration of Life planned for later in the Spring.

Cal was a native of California. He graduated from San Fernando Valley State College (now Cal State Northridge) in 1965 with a BA where he also competed in swimming and water polo. He earned his MS (1966) and EdD (1969) at the University of California, Berkeley. Cal was a student of the renowned Franklin Henry who was instrumental in the development and transition of Physical Education into the present-day academic discipline of Kinesiology. It was during this time that many sub-disciplines of the field began to develop, and Cal's academic focus was on exercise physiology, as well as acquiring a broad understanding of the integrated field of kinesiology.

In 1968, Cal joined the Physical Education Department at California State College at Hayward. He along with his colleagues in the department were instrumental

academic senate for many years. In 2007-08 he was the recipient of the Sue Schaefer award from the Senate in recognition for his service to the University. He was always interested in assisting his colleagues at all levels of service, his constant refrain being "what can I do to help?".

In 2005 upon retirement, he was awarded emeritus status, but his service did not stop. He returned to his passion for coaching and continued his service contribution from the pool deck as the volunteer goalies' coach for women's water polo program. During this tenure, three ACWPC All-American players were recognized, and he was credited with making critical contributions in the development of the student-athletes' skills and in strength and conditioning, keys to the continuing success of the program. He was given the endearing moniker, "Cappy." It was common to see him intently listening to players, offering advice like only Cappy could do.

Cal's achievements and contributions have brought honor and recognition to the Department, Athletics, the College, and the University. He leaves a legacy and reputation of unwavering dedication to the pursuit of excellence and the common good.