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Professor Sheng Chieh "Amy" Leh passed away on November 22, 2021, after a long and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Dr. "Amy" Leh was born in Taiwan, 1959. She earned a Bachelor's degree in English from Providence University, Taiwan. She came to the United States of America for graduate studies and received two master's degrees: Teaching English as a Second Language and Educational Media and Computers. Later, she moved to Arizona where she pursued and earned a Doctoral degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Arizona State University, Tempe.

In 1998, she joined the faculty of the College of Education at California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) as an assistant professor in the Department of Science, Mathematics, and Technology Education, which has been reorganized as the Department of Educational Leadership and Technology. Prior to coming to CSUSB, she was an assistant professor at Oklahoma State University.

During her tenure at CSUSB, Amy wrote more than 30 scholarly articles, and made more than 100 presentations at national and international educational conferences. Amy was committed to research focused on instructional technology in international contexts. Her other areas of research included online learning and instruction, interaction in web-based learning environments, computer-mediated communication and social presence, and telecommunication technologies for foreign (second) language acquisition.

Amy also excelled as a professor. She twice received the CSUSB College of Education Outstanding Professor Award in Professional Achievements. From the International Division of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology, she received two awards: the President's Service Recognition Award and the International Contributions Award. From the Association of the Computer Using Educators, she received the Technology in Learning Leadership Award.

Being a transformational leader, Amy had an innovating and visionary spirit. She served as the Instructional Technology program coordinator and the Interim Director of Academic Technologies and Innovation at CSUSB. She was Co-Founder and Lead Organizer of the Educational Technology Classroom Conference from 2005 to 2014. She served as the Liaison of

Linked Learning Pathways project from 2006 to 2009, the Project Director of the National Council for Community Education Partnership AT&T grant from 2006-2007, the Project Director of Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology grant from 2001 to 2005, and the Technology Standard Review Panel of California Commission on Teacher Credentialing in 2000. She supported the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars for more than 20 years, serving as treasurer and president-elect of Gamma Lambda, the Phi Beta Delta chapter at its home institution, and as the chapter's president.

Amy treasured and valued interacting with students, colleagues, and staff. All in the CSUSB campus are touched by Amy in many positive ways. Students described Amy as an amazing professor who had a passion for her job, loved to teach, and consistently worked to improve the lives of students. Staff described Amy as a wonderful, kind, and caring person that they will forever be grateful to. Faculty depicted Amy as a friend and colleague who always smiled and was dedicated to her work and her students. Her dedication to her students often ranged from being tenacious in her efforts to help them to offering patience when necessary. Amy will be missed tremendously because she left an everlasting impression on those who knew her, but never will she be forgotten.

Donations in memory of Amy Leh can be made to either the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (pancan.org) or Doctors Without Borders (doctorswithoutborders.org).