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Kobe's Death Stuns World

Tears shed, joyful times recalled

(AP) — Thousands of fans, many wearing Kobe Bryant jerseys and chanting his name, gathered outside the Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles Monday in an outpouring of grief and shock over the sudden loss of the all-time basketball great who spent his entire 20-year career with the Los Angeles Lakers.

The 41-year-old Bryant, who perished Sunday in a helicopter crash with his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, and seven other people, including members of a family with Oregon ties, was one of the game's most popular players, an 18-time All-Star who helped lead the Lakers to five NBA championships.

The Lakers had a game scheduled Tuesday night against the LA Clippers at the Staples Center but the NBA postponed it "out of respect" for the Lakers. The next Lakers home game is Friday night against Portland.

The accident generated an outpouring of grief and shock around the world.

"Words can't describe the pain I am feeling. I loved

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Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gianna watch a NCAA college basketball game in this March 2, 2019 photo from AP. Bryant, an 18-time NBA All-star, was killed along with his daughter and 7 other people in a helicopter crash Sunday in Los Angeles.



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Johnell Bell (left) and Julia Cannell oversee a free aviation and aeronautics training program for young people of color and low income students at the Airway Science for Kids, now located in the former Albina Youth Opportunity School. Pictured at right is McKinzie Ried, one of the school's aviation students, working on a project.

Expanding Opportunities in Aviation

Program offers free training for young people

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Airway Science for Kids, a nonprofit giving free aviation training to young people of color and low-income students, has a new home and new leadership.

Julia Cannell, an aviation expert and educator, is the

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