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## Passing of a student — Jordan Taff

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Dear members of the PLU community:

It is with the deepest sorrow that we write to tell you about the passing of one of our own. Student Jordan Taff passed away today, Tuesday, October 12. We offer our deepest condolences to Jordan's family, friends, and loved ones.

During this time of great loss, we are reminded of the importance of community. Losing a fellow student and member of our university is difficult beyond words. We recognize that this loss will be felt by our community in a number of significant ways, and that many will want additional information in order to try to make meaning and to engage in grieving. Please know that those individuals who have already been identified as directly affected are being offered support and connected to resources.

As you also may need support in the coming days, and as you may recognize others who may need support, please be reminded that PLU's [Counseling Center](#) or [Campus Ministry](#) are here for all students.

The PLU Counseling Center offers:

- **Walk-in hours on Wednesday, October 13**, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The center is located on the third floor of the Anderson University Center.
- **PLU Crisis Line** — For urgent mental health support 24/7/365 (including during weekends and holidays), contact the Counseling Center Crisis Line at 253-535-7075.
- **Lute Telehealth TalkNow** — [Lute Telehealth](#) is a free, 24/7/365 resource for PLU students, expanding on-demand and scheduled access to licensed mental health providers.

The PLU [Employee Assistance Program](#) is a support resource for faculty and staff. Please reach out.

Details about an on-campus memorial service will be forthcoming. Until those details are set with Jordan's family, all students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend a brief community gathering tonight in the **Anderson University Center (CK Hall) at 7:00 p.m.** This will be an opportunity to gather as a community and support one another during this time.

Sincerely,

Allan Belton  
President

Dr. Joanna Royce-Davis  
Vice President for Student Life

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