Dear Tufts Community,

As our community grapples with the loss of one of its own, I wanted to share a message of support and guidance for those navigating grief.

Grief is a natural and important response to loss, and best held with others. Healing takes a long time, and while there is no right way to grieve, we can all benefit from understanding our unique journey. As we continue to process our emotions, we are reminded that Valarie Kaur's words ring true: “...grieving loss in community is how the hole turns into a wound that can heal.”

I have witnessed incredible tenderness and support within the Tufts community in the last few days, and I continue to see it on a daily basis. We are grieving the loss of Madeline “Madie” Wofford, a senior on the women’s soccer team whose life was tragically cut short. Madie was a gifted and radiant friend, family member, teammate, and classmate. We are not the same without her, and this loss has impacted us profoundly. You can read the President's official message to the University about Madie here.

Additionally, Goddard Chapel is open Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. for anyone wishing to come in and reflect, pray, or meditate. With care,

Rev. Elyse Nelson Winger, University Chaplain

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