MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

Emma Lisa Antunes Leckey, 1996–2018
Undergraduate Student
Woodsworth College
University of Toronto

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Emma Lisa Antunes Leckey was in her last year of undergraduate studies in the Faculty of Arts & Science at Woodsworth College. She was born on the 29th of April, 1996 in Ottawa, Ontario. Emma was struck on her way home by a vehicle while crossing the intersection of Huron Street and College Street, a victim of a hit-and-run. She succumbed to her injuries on March 20th, 2018.

Emma was to attend convocation at the June ceremony.

She was a highly valued member of the student community. At Woodsworth College she is remembered through her involvement with the Woodsworth College Students’ Association, especially during orientation week.

As a student in U of T's Ethics, Society, and Law program, History program and Bioethics program, her passing was a sad occasion, where her advocacy for, and dedication to, social justice causes made her a valuable member.

Through the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS), Leckey was also involved with Relay for Life U of T, which is a fundraising event for the CCS. As a co-chair of the event for two years, she helped raise $40,000.

The Woodsworth College community, close student friends, and instructors in her academic programs extended the deepest condolences to her family for the unexpected loss of such an intelligent, caring, justice oriented young woman. A close friend remarked “She truly believed in making the world a better place for many communities, in particular those that had their voices rarely heard”.

A memorial will be held for Emma on what would have been her 22nd birthday, here at the University of Toronto on Sunday, April 29th, 2018 at 1pm.
An award will be established at Woodsworth College in her name. The Woodsworth College Students’ Association will be funding the award with matching funds from the College. There will be opportunities for members of the University community to donate to the award.

Ms. Leckey will be posthumously awarded her Bachelor of Arts Degree, with High Distinction, in June 2018.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council express its gratitude for the life of Emma Lisa Antunes Leckey and the contributions she made to Woodsworth College and the Faculty of Arts and Science, and that this Resolution be inscribed in the Minutes and a copy sent to her family with the Council’s sympathy.