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Subject: Sad news - Loss of a dear colleague

Dear Journalism Faculty and Staff,

It is with a heavy heart that I am informing you Kent Collins died this morning. It goes without saying that Kent's presence is felt across the School and his fingerprints can be seen nationally across the profession.

Kent cared deeply about this School and its mission, and regularly advocated for faculty and staff who were helping move it forward. His love of the School extended to decades long relationships with media organizations and leaders across the country. As we all know, he expertly organized these relationships into a recruitment operation to benefit our students that is the gold standard nationally.

Even before I started as dean, Kent reached out to help with the transition to ensure the School moved forward smoothly. I will always be grateful for his friendship and the long legacy he leaves here.

While I know this news will travel fast, the family respectfully requests that we refrain from social media posts today until they have a chance to craft a message to share on their social media platforms to inform their friends and family.

Kent will be missed.

Sincerely,



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