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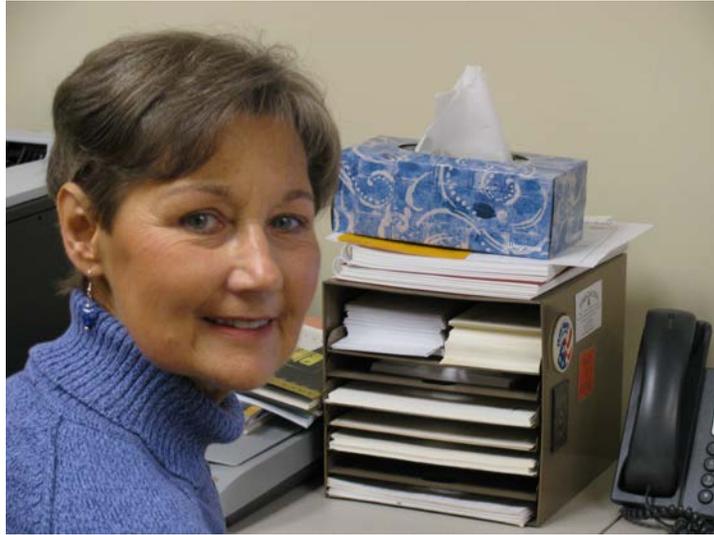
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Abstract

In lieu of an abstract, below is the essay's first paragraph.

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Lin Mocejunas

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Bill Graf

Chair of the Religious Studies Department

No dreams deferred in english this year

Dedicated to Lin Mocejunas

Dec. 28, 2012

By: Geraldine Hogan

When langston asked what
happens to a dream deferred
i shook my head
and shouted
how should I know

Lorraine smiled
and wrote an
iconic play
teaching people
to unite, to fight
for their dreams

I want to be a teacher i cried
I refuse to defer my dreams
allow them
to dry up like
a raisin in the sun

Work in the factory voices ordered
but finally hester wore her A
ernest found the old sea man
nora slammed the door
heard around the world

thousands of students
danced in my classrooms
discussed their dreams
went to college
started businesses

word in the hall was
if you take her class
it's best to have a plan
no dreams deferred
in english this year



Lin was the most unassuming and spiritual person I have ever known. Her many talents were revealed slowly to her friends and colleagues, always in a much understated way.

Lin was part of the Yarn Circle at St. John Fisher College, and she participated in several of our knitting projects, including making baby blankets for the Anthony Jordan Center and a shawl for Laura Phelan when she was expecting her second child. It wasn't until many months later when she brought a project that she was hurrying to complete to the meeting, that we learned her true passion was quilting....and what incredibly beautiful quilts they were!

When Lin was diagnosed with cancer, she was presented with a prayer shawl from the Shawl Ministry at Calvary St. Andrew's. She took it with her to all her chemo appointments, and said it brought her comfort and strength through the difficult times.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention what an excellent writer Lin was. She was particularly noted for sending eloquent and beautiful thank-you notes. I have saved many of them as a reminder of her beautiful spirit and the way she was able to touch our lives.

Dr. Lauren Vicker
(Communications/Journalism Department)



Colleagues,

I received news this morning that Lin Mocejunas passed away earlier today. Lin led the Basil Secretarial Office for many years and also provided secretarial services to the Faculty Assembly. Those of you who know Lin are aware that she endured a number of challenging health situations over the last several years. Throughout this period, Lin maintained a positive outlook and her approach to life was truly an inspiration. At the time I spoke with her daughter, arrangements had yet to be made. I will send this information to you as soon as it becomes available. Regards,

Dr. David Pate



So sad. I don't know what to say. Lin was such an important part of so much that I've done since joining the College 25 years ago. Basil Hall will never be the same. I will miss her immensely. I know she will be equally missed by all who have known her and who have had the pleasure of working with her. Sympathies and prayers to her family

Jim

Dr. James R. Bowers



This is very sad news indeed. Lin was a kind, caring, generous, selfless, loving member of this Family for so many years. I will miss her beauty and grace of her presence. She lived a good life. May she rest in peace and in our hearts, Jim said it so well.

Don Muench



For the ten years or so I've been here, Lin has been kindness personified. Has known everything, answered every question, been helpful, humorous, and done everything always with a willing spirit. I can't even imagine walking by that office without her in it; it just won't ever be the same. She'll be so missed.

All the very best wishes to her family,

Dr. Lisa J. Cunningham



For those of you who would like to know, this was the notice that Lin's daughters posted last night on her Facebook page:

Our incredible mom, Lin Mocejunas passed away this morning, in the most peaceful loving way, after a long battle with cancer. She was a warrior and an inspiration and the strongest person we've ever known. We'll be celebrating her amazing life on Monday December 31st 10 am Spiritus Christi Church 121 Fitzhugh St. Rochester NY. There are no calling hours. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers, we're so grateful.

♥ *Jen and Michelle*

Lauren A. Vicker



"Kindness personified" in "the grace of her presence" -- that seems to describe what she meant to me so perfectly, Lisa and Don. I loved hearing her talk about her grandchildren, how much she respected and loved her daughters. She was so wise. I will miss Lin a great deal.

Jill Swiencicki



Lin was a good friend to everyone. I will never forget her.

Rebirth

I am spring's promise.
Nature is my gardener
Snipping away the weeds
Reprising her glory in me.

Dee Hogan



The word "courage" gets tossed around far too carelessly these days, but Lin was truly courageous. Her illness dealt her a plateful of misery and yet Lin lived life as if it were a banquet. She was inspiring and brave, and I will miss her spirit.

Sarah Freligh



Lin had a way of making all of us feel like we were exclusive, which is what I absolutely loved her for. She was there for me in so many ways as facilitator, confidante, and adviser-- a true sister. I'm heartbroken by this news. I will miss her bright blue eyes and her willingness to laugh. She heard her share of stories from all of us.

Now Lin is everywhere-- in all that she loved and cared for. I think of all the stitches she linked in her quilts, her prayers for all of us to be a little bit better. She always said, "Give more, and expect less."

I will miss seeing her in the morning with tea and toast. Her big hello that always seemed to start the day off right.

She practiced random acts of kindness and loved the ones that came to her as well.

I think my favorite was those gorgeous Spring flowers-- a huge bouquet from Lisa Jadwin's garden. We just gushed over those flowers and they lasted for days. What a joy!
I'm going to miss her terribly.

M.J. Iuppa



Lin tackled her illness with courage and dignity. In the midst of her own battle with cancer, she always sincerely took the time to ask about my health. We shared many "war stories." Through it all she kept her sense of humor, her love for life, and dedication to Fisher. She has truly touched my soul.

Respectfully,

Dr. Susan M. Schultz



Lin was a fighter, but such a gentle and cheerful one. She beat the odds for so long through sheer grit. With many others, I remember when she first arrived, working in the office with her "I smoke and I vote" sticker defiantly pasted on her desk. Over the years as she worked with the faculty she mellowed and grew, managing several transformations and moves and rearrangements of the office...each time with more grace and patience than the last. Book manuscripts, faculty searches, minutes for the Faculty Assembly, encouragement and a cheerful grin, even in the midst of her own grinding pain and therapy setbacks. She set a pretty high standard for living and dying well, looking death in the eye and leaving on her terms. I know she didn't want to go, but in a way looked forward to the next adventure.

Fair winds and following seas...

John Harman



I am so saddened by this news. Lin was a kind and generous woman. The last day of exam week I wished her "Merry Christmas" and told her "thank you for all your help". I am glad I did it.

Teresa Murano

Lin, in her own words:

Dear Mike,

Thank you so much for the wonderful bottle of wine! It is so thoughtful of you, I truly appreciate it. I hope you have the greatest of holidays!

Thanks again,

Love, Lin

Dec. 20, 2012