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Dear American University Community,

It is with deep sadness, that the Office of Campus Life informs the AU Community of the death of Z'ane Davis-Smith, a College of Arts & Sciences sophomore and resident of McDowell Hall. Z'ane was a performing arts major and member of the 2015 STEP program from Cheltenham, MD. She died suddenly, following a medical emergency on the evening of November 3.

As we mourn the tragic loss of a promising young student, we extend our sympathy to Z'ane's family and friends and those in the AU community who knew her. At this time, we are reminded of the importance of coming together.

Students seeking support are reminded that the Counseling Center offers walk-in hours daily from 2-4 p.m. The Dean of Students staff is also available on a walk-in basis. Faculty and staff may access support through the Faculty & Staff Assistance Program by calling 202-885-2593. The Kay Spiritual Life Center chapel will be open for reflection from 12-5 p.m. today.

Information about funeral arrangements and a memorial service on campus will be shared as it becomes available.

We encourage you to support one another during this sad time in the life of our community.

Gail Short Hanson  
Vice President of Campus Life