

Memorial Resolution – Christina “Chris” D. (Hedrick) Logterman
March 6, 1977 – August 16, 2020

It is with profound sadness I offer a memorial resolution for my dear friend and colleague, Chris Logterman. Chris passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on August 16, 2020; she was preceded in death by her father, Jerome Paul Hedrick, on August 11, 2020; and her brother, James Hedrick in 2010. Chris was a vibrant and ambitious woman who seized life with both hands. She was full of passion and energy and courage. Over the course of her career at UW-Madison, she nurtured many professional and personal relationships, and she is deeply, deeply missed.

Chris was Wisconsin homegrown, through and through. She was born and raised on a dairy farm in Norwalk, Wisconsin. She completed her education and full career all within the UW System. She earned an undergraduate degree in Secondary Education at UW-Madison and a Master’s of Science in Education with a concentration in College Student Development and Administration at UW-La Crosse. Her professional development came full circle when she returned to UW-Madison to accept a Student Services Coordinator position within the School of Nursing. Chris went on to serve five years in the College of Letters and Science Academic Advising Services unit. While in AAS, she held multiple positions such as Transfer Student Coordinator, Interim Director, and Assistant Director. At the time of her death, she was a member of the English Department where she served as the departmental academic advisor. She advised over 300 majors, meeting their needs with warmth and compassion. Students, staff, and faculty in the English Department valued her professionalism and commitment. She took pride in being excellent at her job. "From the moment we met her," notes an English colleague who worked closely with her, "we knew she would be a fantastic advisor, nurturing, good-humored, knowledgeable, wise, and tough-as-nails with students when she had to be."

Chris was a respected and trusted colleague. She executed projects with thoughtfulness and thoroughness. She was direct and honest and always poised to jump in, volunteer, and help out where needed. She wasn’t a glitz and glam sort of person. She didn’t need her name to be front and centered or highlighted. She valued and understood the impact of higher education on the individual and society, and she supported the mission of the university. Most importantly, in my opinion, she cared about people – professional staff and students alike. Chris had a passion for and fierce dedication to working with undergraduate students, particularly, first-generation students, transfer students, and students from underserved and underrepresented populations.

Chris was also committed to social justice. She did the hard and ongoing work of exploring her own identities, privilege, and bias. She did the intellectual work of engaging in a variety of formalized learning experiences such as participating in the Witnessing Whiteness book group; engaging in the Art of Advising learning community and Learning Communities for Institutional Change and Excellence Leadership Institute – just to name a few. Beyond these examples, she did the humanity work. She forged partnerships and collaborations with likeminded individuals to effect change. She had genuine and authentic relationships with diverse people.

Chris is survived by her children, her pride and joy, Samuel and Ella as well as her mother, Carollette Hedrick, her siblings, Michael, Theresa, and Julie, and their families and a collection of extended family. Friends and family of Chris have established a scholarship fund in her honor. The Chris Hedrick Logterman Scholarship for Transfer Students Fund is managed by the UW Foundation in support of first-generation, transfer students within the College of Letters of Science.