

**Memorial Resolution for Patricia (Patty) Lynn Klecker
November 7, 1984 - June 13, 2014**

Patty Klecker, marketing specialist at the School of Pharmacy, passed away on June 13 at the age of 29. Patty was beyond thrilled to learn she was selected for the communications position—proclaiming often that in working for UW-Madison she had obtained her “dream job.”

Patty started with the School on February 24, 2014. Perhaps because Patty knew she was living with cancer, or more likely, because that’s just who she was, she wasted no time in jumping into a newly created position-- absorbing as much as she could about her role, a professional School, the campus, and her profession.

Prior to arriving on the UW-Madison campus, Patty contributed her expertise in positions at Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation and Wisconsin Public Power Inc.

Patty is survived by her loving husband Conor Klecker, an information processing consultant, at the Department of Biochemistry. She is further survived by her parents Gerald and Barbara Schenker; brothers Bryan and Jayson (Lisa) Schenker; and numerous other family and friends she held dear in her heart. Patty was devoted to all her family, friends and most of all her dog Lucy.

Patty’s role at the School of Pharmacy allowed her to contribute in the areas of marketing strategies, marketing communications, media and public relations activities, and event planning to both external and internal audiences. She embraced the range of responsibilities and was energetic about identifying synergies that supported the mission, vision, and strategic priorities of the UW-Madison School of Pharmacy.

Patty had wisdom beyond her years and did not hesitate to brainstorm initiatives, offer ideas to problem-solve a current challenge, or accept opportunities to learn about the broad array of disciplines that encompass the field of pharmacy. There wasn’t any challenge she wasn’t willing to take on. She was a keen listener, eagle-eye editor, and a quick study.

She continued to work full time and continued to improve her skills and seek professional development opportunities while doing treatment. With humor and tact, Patty was an optimist. Despite the physical toll, very few colleagues were aware of her health challenges. She remained committed to her “dream job” and maintained her desire to be in the office every day. When egos or attitude brought out the worst in people, Patty took it in stride.

Patty was an amazing, talented, witty, and responsible colleague. She demonstrated grace and gratitude and reminded us all of the honor of working for this great institution of UW-Madison. The School of Pharmacy, campus, and myself are all better for having crossed paths with Patty Klecker. She was a successful professional, a personification of strength and modesty, is greatly missed and will always be remembered.

Respectfully submitted,

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