



### **Student Government Resolution 120.013**

#### **A Resolution in Memorial of JoEllen Flanagan Engelbart, Truman State University Alumna**

**Sponsored by Kiren MacLeod, External Affairs Committee Chair; Morgan Sprehe, Women's Leadership Conference Committee Chair; Hildana Assefa, Dan Fox, Mike Owsley, and PJ Wuennenberg, External Affairs Committee Members**

#### WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interest of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University's mission; and
- JoEllen Flanagan Engelbart, a 2011 alumna of Truman State University, passed away January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021; and
- Ms. Flanagan Engelbart was a distinguished member of the Truman community during her time here, receiving the New Student Leader Award at the 2008 Leadership Recognition Program Banquet; and
- While at Truman State University, Ms. Flanagan Engelbart served as President of the Student Government; and
- During her tenure as president, she reestablished the tradition of Student Government holding roundtables aimed at receiving feedback from the students; and
- She also oversaw renovations to the library, the creation of the Student Government Grant Committee (now known as the Appropriations Committee); and
- After graduating from Truman State University, she received a Juris Doctorate and Master of Public Administration from University of Missouri - Kansas City; and
- Ms. Flanagan Engelbart continued her public service as an Assistant Prosecutor for the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, specializing in victims of child abuse and domestic violence, and receiving the Missouri Lawyers Weekly's Up and Coming Public Servant Award in 2017; and
- Ms. Flanagan Engelbart was passionate about helping people her entire life, working with multiple non-profit organizations and serving her community; and
- Her coworkers and friends unfailingly praised her as kind and driven; and

- Her legacy will include her work setting up a new program in the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office designed to grade domestic violence offenders on their likelihood of repeat offending, in addition to her reputation as a kind, beloved, and motivated individual; and
- Ms. Flanagan Engelbart will be missed by her friends, family, and fellow Truman alumni;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Extends their condolences to the family of Ms. Flanagan Engelbart, including her husband Matthew and newborn son Ross; and
- Encourages those with the financial ability to do so to donate to the GoFundMe set up to raise money for her family<sup>1</sup> and to the Student Law Academy, a local non-profit organization Ms. Flanagan Engelbart strongly supported<sup>2</sup>; and
- On behalf of the Student Association, formally memorializes her life, legacy, and commitment to bettering the lives of those around her and in her community.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution are disseminated to the family of JoEllen Flanagan Engelbart; Dr. Sue Thomas, President; Dr. Janet Gooch, Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs; Janna Stoskopf, Vice President of Student Affairs; Dr. Scott Alberts, President of Faculty Senate; Dr. Candy Young, Political Science Department Professor; Stacy Tucker-Potter, Director of Engagement; the Truman Media Network and the University Archives.

Passed by unanimous consent, February 21, 2021.



Katie Alexander, President of the Student Association

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-for-the-engelbart-family>

<sup>2</sup> [kcmbf.org/JoEllen](http://kcmbf.org/JoEllen)