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### Sigma Kappa Mourns the Loss of MIT Chapter Member

CARMEL, INDIANA – It is with great sadness that Sigma Kappa shares the passing of **Katherine “Kate” Hunter**, a collegiate member of the Theta Lambda Chapter at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Kate, a sophomore computer science and engineering major from Newport Beach, California, passed away on December 31 due to complications from the flu.

Kate served as ritual chair in 2016-2017 and was the newly elected vice president of new member education. She was involved in research at the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL) at MIT, and spent last summer in Santiago, Chile, working on air sensors in a rural community that relies on wood-burning ovens. She was also a member of the lightweight Women’s Four crew which captured a collegiate championship at Head of the Charles last year, and an active member of the MIT Cycling Club and Dance Troupe.

According to Chapter President **Madison Darmofal**, “Kate was a cherished and beloved member of our sisterhood. She always had a smile on her face – in the boat, on the dance floor, in the kitchen, and in the chapter room on movie nights. It’s hard to picture all of these places without her in them, and we should all consider ourselves incredibly lucky to have had the chance to know her and to be her sorority sister and friend.”

National President **Sara Chacon**, *Gamma Alpha*, commented, “Sigma Kappa is extremely saddened by the news of Kate’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kate’s family and all those who knew her during this difficult time. Losing a sister is always hard regardless of the circumstances, but having it be so sudden makes her loss even more heartbreaking.”

Letters of condolences can be sent to: Sigma Kappa Sorority, Theta Lambda Chapter, 480 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215-2733.

#### **About Sigma Kappa:**

Sigma Kappa was founded at Colby College in Waterville, Maine in 1874. Valuing personal growth, friendship, service, and loyalty, the sorority has initiated over 168,000 women nationwide. The purpose of Sigma Kappa is “to provide women lifelong opportunities and support for social, intellectual, and spiritual development by bringing women together to positively impact our communities.”