Remembrance event planned for student Harris Elledge

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Friends and family of the late Harris Elledge will gather to celebrate his life and share memories at 3 p.m. on Friday (Feb. 12), in the 1834 Club on the second floor of the Lavin-Bernick Center on the Tulane University uptown campus. Dusty Porter, vice president of student affairs, announced the event to the Tulane community.

Porter said in his message that Harris, a Tulane senior from Nashville, Tennessee, made his mark at Tulane through his many friendships and care for others.

Tulane President Mike Fitts had issued a message to the Tulane community on Feb. 5 as follows:

"It grieves me to share the sad news that Harris Elledge, a senior Tulane University business student from Nashville, died of an apparent suicide Thursday night (Feb. 4). Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with Harris' family and his friends. We have contacted Harris' parents and those closest to him, including his Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers, and are assisting them during this tragic time.

"At times like these, we are called to come together as a community and to be extra supportive and caring of our fellow students, faculty and staff. It is so vitally important to know that we can count on one another. Harris' family and friends are currently planning a gathering in his memory on Friday, Feb. 12. We will share more details regarding that gathering when plans are finalized.

"I encourage anyone who may need to speak to a mental health professional to call The Line at 504-264-6074. Your call will be answered any time, day or night, 24/7 (including throughout the Mardi Gras break) by someone who is eager and trained to help. Please do not hesitate to use these resources. In addition, you can call the Tulane University Police Department at 504-865-5911 for any emergency at any time.

"Once again, on behalf of the entire Tulane community, I extend my heartfelt sympathy and deepest condolences to Harris' family and friends."

Counseling also is available through the Student Health Center.