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# Emerson College freshman found dead in dorm room

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A freshman at Emerson College died in her dorm room Tuesday night, the school's president, M. Lee Pelton, wrote in a campuswide e-mail Wednesday.

Jocelyn Amelia Straus, an honors program student who lived in Colonial Residence Hall and studied political communication, "was a bright light taken from this world far too soon," Pelton wrote.

Pelton described her death as "unattended."

"Late last night, several of my Emerson colleagues and I visited with some of you who knew Jocelyn and I want you to know that we all share your deep sense of loss," he wrote. "Words cannot express our grief."

He said the college would soon announce details about a

memorial service “to remember and celebrate” her life.

College counseling, psychological, and spiritual staff will be available to help students, he said.

School officials and local authorities were not immediately available to comment further.

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