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Community message about the passing of a UMaine student

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The University of Maine community is saddened to learn of the passing of Austin Reardon of Norwood, Massachusetts, a senior majoring in electrical engineering technology (EET) and UMaine Men's Club Hockey teammate, who passed away on July 23.

Austin was an intelligent and gifted student who also served as a lab/teaching assistant in several EET classes, an honor reserved for students who are deemed particularly trustworthy and responsible leaders. As a teaching assistant, he was a great mentor for the students and had a talent for making complex information understandable and enjoyable. His overwhelming desire to help others and willingness to put in extra time and effort made him an outstanding and valuable asset to the EET program.

What stood out about Austin was his infectious enthusiasm for life, a smile and wit that would light up a room, and his never-ending positive attitude. He made friends with fellow students, coworkers and faculty wherever he went.

"Ours is a small and tight-knit community, but Austin was one of those rare individuals who became family," says Jude Pearse, EET professor. "He was liked by all with whom he came in contact, and he will be well-remembered and very sadly missed by all of us."

"We are devastated by the loss of such an intelligent and caring student whose life ended much too soon," says Robert Dana, Vice President for Student Life and Inclusive Excellence, and Dean of Students. "Our community expresses its condolences to Austin's friends, family and colleagues from the Electrical Engineering Technology program."

UMaine students, faculty or staff in need of support can contact the Counseling Center, 207.581.1392, the university's Employee Assistance Program, 877.622.4327, or the Dean of Students Office, 207.581.1406.