**Sample Condolence Letters**

Purdue University leaders understand that the death of a member of the Purdue University family or extended family is difficult and filled with feelings of grief and loss. The sample condolence letters that follow have been developed to assist employees should they wish to send a letter.

**Sample Condolence Letter for Death of Employee:**

Dear <*Name*>:

I/We were saddened to hear of the death of <*employee’s name>* and want to express my/our condolences to you and your family. <*Insert departmental name>* and its staff appreciated the dedicated service <*employee’s name*>contributed.

Because the Department would like to offer support to you and your family during this difficult time, <*insert Departmental contact name>* has been asked to provide assistance to you in any way possible, including help with University offices associated with such matters as survivor benefits and payroll questions.

Again, please accept my/our sincerest sympathy. Please let me/us know if I/we can help you in any way.

Sincerely,

<Department Head or other Employee Names>

**Sample Condolence Letter for Death of a Family Member:**

Dear <*Employee Name*>:

I/we were saddened to hear of the death of <*insert family member’s name*>. I/we know that this is a difficult time for you and your family. Words are inadequate at a time like this; however, please know that you and your family are in my/our thoughts.

On behalf of all personnel of <*insert departmental name>*, I/we extend our deepest sympathy. Please let me/us know if I/we can help you in any way.

Sincerely,

<Department Head or other Employee Names>