

Dear CCS team,

Over the course of Sara's illness, she received so much help and support from so many people. There are so many to thank:

Her colleagues from CCS, both staff and students, who supported her through texts, emails, calls, social media and the Caring Bridge, each of whom provided so much giving and care. Your communication with her over time kept her going each day as her illness progressed.

Each of the students who came to Sara seeking advice and counsel, or as just someone to talk to from time to time - you probably gave as much to her as she gave to each of you. She spoke often of her joy in being able to connect with people and help anyone in some small way.

Everyone who came to the service, and all of you who joined the service remotely, and everyone who came to the beach and shared with us your stories of your time with Sara and what she meant to each of you. Sara meant everything to us, and your memories of the times you spent with her that you shared with us only added to our understanding of her impact on everyone around her. Thank you so much.

Each of you shared something of yourselves in times of wellness and of illness, and perhaps spent time with Sara at her most needy and most vulnerable. You each received something from her as well, some of her kindness, her humor, her indomitable personality, her ability to deflect from herself and focus on others.

We thank you all for everything that you did for her, for everything that you may have shared with her, for every moment of kindness and consideration, every time you went above and beyond, every thoughtful word and moment of compassion, every time that you made this journey just that little bit easier for her. We will all miss her, now and always.

With much appreciation and love,

Eric Rind and the Sterphone & Rind families