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To: The Wellesley College Community
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Subject: In Memoriam: Carol Ann Paul
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I am saddened to inform you that Carol Ann Paul, senior instructor of science laboratory emerita and a founding member of our neuroscience program, passed away on October 23 at the age of 66. She taught at the College from 1983 until 2010.

Professor Paul taught first in Biological Sciences and later in the Neuroscience Program. Noted by colleagues as the driving force behind the successful laboratory experiences in the core neuroscience courses, she was much beloved by faculty, staff, and students alike.

Professor Paul will be remembered for her commitment to her students and her dedication to creating meaningful laboratory experiences for them—her labs were quite popular among students. She constantly brought in new ideas. For instance, she created a magnetic resonance imaging laboratory with faculty in the chemistry department that was incorporated into an advanced neuroscience course in the spring of 2010. She also organized a laboratory experience with computer science faculty, in which students use a tabletop computer interface to explore bioinformatics.

Her love of neuroscience could be seen in the breadth of academic endeavors that she pursued. She was the editor of *Discovering Neurons: The Experimental Basis of Neuroscience*, which was published in 1997 and co-edited by Barb Beltz, the Allene Lummis Russell Professor of Neuroscience, and Joanne Berger-Sweeney '79, former Wellesley faculty member and Associate Dean of the College. Professor Paul also published many peer-reviewed papers, and she was the principal investigator on an impressive number of grants, including those from the National Science Foundation for neuroscience curriculum development. She also presented her curriculum ideas at workshops for AAC&U's Project Kaleidoscope and Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience.

Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Professor Paul earned a B.A. from Keele University in England, and a master's degree in epidemiology from Boston University School of Public Health. Prior to coming to Wellesley in 1983, she was a lecturer at Williams College and a lab instructor at Harvard University.

Given her many teaching and scholarly contributions to the field, Professor Paul was selected to be awarded the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience Lifetime Achievement Award at the



Society for Neuroscience meeting in November. Because of her failing health, her colleagues chose to share this news with her—which was intended to be a surprise—a few weeks before her death, so that she would know how much her contributions to neuroscience were admired and appreciated on a national level.

There will be a memorial service for Professor Paul held in the Houghton Chapel at 11 a.m. on November 1.

I extend my condolences to Professor Paul's family, friends, and colleagues at this difficult time.