

Andrew Coffey

In our family's attempt to heal from the death of our son Andrew, it is incredibly important to us to let the people who have been involved know how grateful we are.

Beginning with the first responders and their efforts to save him, to the staff at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital who took care of "Drew" until he could come home, we thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts.

Our sincerest gratitude also goes out to the Tallahassee Police Department for treating this heart wrenching incident with the utmost dignity and respect. Detective Dan Copelin and his team have been working tirelessly to insure Andrew's death will not be a senseless one. Victims Advocate Sara Latorre has been there for our family whenever we have needed her with kindness and support. In what has truly been the most difficult time in our family's lives, these wonderful people have made it possible for us to obtain some small peace of mind.

Thank you to FSU President Thrasher for his immediate action in the suspension of all Greek life in the wake of Andrew's death, and for his genuine desire and dedication to find a solution to this pervasive problem.

As our family grieves, it is our every hope that Andrew's memory never fades away and that his unnecessary passing will be the catalyst for communication and positive change in a practice that is obviously broken.

We are encouraged to see that FSU is using their powerful position to open the necessary conversations and lead the way in making this change. Not only for themselves, but for Universities throughout the state and hopefully across the nation. These changes can insure that no family will ever have to experience the avoidable heartache of losing a child in the most shining moments of their lives.

We are so grateful for everyone's hard work and thank all of you for your continued prayers and support.

Tom, Sandy and Alison Coffey