

GAMMA PHI BETA REMEMBERS SAMANTHA MICHELLE ZECH

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Centennial, Colorado – Gamma Phi Beta mourns the loss of member Samantha Michelle Zech (Rockhurst).

Samantha “Sam” Michelle Zech, 21, of Olathe, Kansas, passed away on May 20, 2021. Born on January 21, 2000, in Kansas City, Missouri, Sam is survived by her mother Stephanie, father Tim, brother Cory and his wife Kara, her nephew Tydus and niece Valerie, step-father Shawn and her cat Patricia Marie.

Sam cared deeply about others, as evident during her time at Rockhurst University, where she embraced the Jesuit tradition of service and pursued a degree in nursing. Sam and her Gamma Phi Beta sisters adopted a Girls on the Run (GOTR) team near Rockhurst and obtained annual sponsorships from local businesses to get the girls running clothes, sports bras and sneakers after learning they did not have proper athletic attire.

“Sam had an incredible impact on everyone she came into contact with – from her sisters to the girls on her GOTR team, to her classmates and professors. Her positive attitude was infectious, and it was hard not to smile when she was around. Her sisters remember her as someone who brought the chapter together and strengthened the sisterhood in a way no one else could have. When she saw the girls on her GOTR team running in their [school] uniforms, she secured all of the items each runner needed to complete a running outfit. Her genuine care for the good of all was apparent in everything she did, and Eta Iota was extremely blessed to have her as a leader in our chapter,” said Gamma Phi Beta advisor Andrea Hart (Rockhurst).

Services took place on May 24 at Johnson County Funeral Chapel in Overland Park, Kansas, and May 25 at Grace United Methodist Church in Olathe, Kansas. Instead of flowers, please donate in Sam’s name to [Girls on the Run KC](#) or a charity of your choice to honor her dedication to serving others.

ABOUT

Gamma Phi Beta was founded on November 11, 1874, at Syracuse University by four bold and courageous women. The Sorority’s mission is to build confident women of character who celebrate sisterhood and make a difference in the world around us. Headquartered in Centennial, Colorado, the



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