



Former Penn State student Andrew Garwood passes away

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After a 16-month battle with brain cancer, former Penn State student Andrew Garwood passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at the age of 22.

But fellow members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity said he did not lose his battle with cancer, instead he beat cancer by the manner in which he lived.

Garwood was last enrolled at Penn State in the fall of 2015, where he was a management information systems major.

During his time at Penn State, Garwood was an involved student. He served his fraternity as the president during his sophomore year and was a dedicated supporter of the Penn State Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon.



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“Andrew was a caring individual, a campus leader and a champion of THON,” Penn State Spokesperson Lisa Powers said. “The contributions he made in his short life were tremendous and selfless.”

In 2015, Garwood represented Delta Kappa Epsilon at THON as one of the dancers who stood 46 hours straight in pursuit of a cure for the kids.

Although Garwood was in his own fight with cancer during THON 2015, his fellow Delta Kappa Epsilon members said he stood for every one of those hours and was a driving force for others throughout the weekend. He maintained an “if the kids can be here, I want to do it too” attitude.

“This accomplishment will forever be cherished by our organization and inspire brothers for many years to come,” members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity said in a statement.

Whether it be at a philanthropy event, service project or social function, Garwood’s fraternity brothers said his warm and unreserved personality radiated through the entire room.