

Senators Topp, Oberlander and I speak today, on behalf of the College of Nursing, to pay tribute to faculty member Dr. Temeaka Gray El, who passed away suddenly on Saturday, February 6th, 2021. We begin by extending our deepest condolences to her husband Chris, her children and her beloved grandchildren who were the center of her world. We recognize her influence as a role model in her community and are inspired as we learn of the many lives she affected as a professional nurse, educator, community member and truly caring person.

At the time of her death, Dr. Gray El was a valued faculty in the College of Nursing where she also served as the Director of the Advanced Practice Nursing Program. She was in active practice as a certified women's health practitioner described as a born caretaker, skilled NP and professional mentor. Dr. Gray El served in a variety of professional capacities including terms as a University of Toledo Faculty Senator and as a member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Temeaka is remembered today for all she has done for others. As we mourn her absence, we will cherish her joyful spirit and are so very proud to claim her as our colleague in nursing.