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UCT mourns death of performing arts student

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The University of Cape Town confirms that Ms Rosa Carlyle-Mitchell, who died off campus on Sunday (28 July 2013), was a student at UCT. The UCT community is deeply saddened by this tragedy.

Ms Carlyle-Mitchell was a third-year student at UCT and in her second year of studying towards a BA degree in Theatre & Performance. Her lecturers and fellow students at UCT's Hiddingh Campus have been devastated by this tragic loss. The Drama Department has described Ms Carlyle-Mitchell as a bright, lovely young woman who showed great promise, and was thoroughly engaging and good fun.

UCT is in contact with the family and has offered them its support during this difficult time, as well as our condolences. Counselling services are also available to students and staff who are affected by this death. In such cases UCT's Student Wellness Service offers bereavement counselling, trauma debriefing or supportive therapy to students, while UCT provides counselling to its staff via its Human Resources Department.

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