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To the Dallas Institute family,

With great sadness but with hearts filled with gratitude for the work that she leaves in our charge, we want to inform our Dallas Institute community of the passing of Dr. Louise S. Cowan, at 2:27 AM, Monday, November 16, 2015, at the age of 98. A renowned teacher of literature and poetry, she was a Founding Fellow of the Dallas Institute.

After a weeks-long struggle with her failing systems, she "died softly" according to her family who surrounded her—son, Dr. Bainard Cowan, his wife Christine, and their eldest daughter Claire.

With her husband Dr. Donald Cowan, who passed away in 2002, Dr. Louise embraced a vision of hope for the human enterprise and a commitment to making that hope real in individual lives. People of deep faith, the Cowans believed in the transforming efficacy of education as the highest calling and gave their extraordinary lives to inspiring and deepening the hearts and minds of everyone in the work.

We ourselves were both transformed, awakened to our callings and to the purpose of our lives by our blessed relationship with Dr. Louise. She was our teacher, as she was for many, at both the University of Dallas and the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture.

The Dallas Institute bears the indelible mark of Dr. Louise's and Dr. Donald's vision and grace, and the work of the Dallas Institute's Louise and Donald Cowan Center for Education is on the threshold of bringing their distinctive vision of liberal education for all to our public schools, a focus of abiding love and concern for them both in their work at the Dallas Institute.

Sincerely,

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