**Information for Assignment #6**

**OBITUARY:** This assignment attempts to combine the skills you should have picked up thus far in class, including gathering information, inverted pyramid/news-style lead, reaction (attribution) and observation (descriptive writing)

**WHAT IS REQUIRED:**

* Students are required to write Professor Yanity’s obituary
* Students are NOT constrained to a specific type of writing, however, they can use *New York Times* obits as examples and combine others.
* Students must use ***three*** human sources

 RULES: 1.) Students may use ***no more than one*** QU faculty member,

 2.) Students may use ***no more than one***student of Yanity’s –

 and ***none from your section,***

 3.) Students must use ***at least one*** of Yanity’s friends of family member.

* Submit a typed, double-spaced, 500 to 750-word article ON TIME

**PLEASE NOTE:** Preface your interview questions by introducing yourself to your subjects that you are a student in my class and this is a class assignment. Do not give the impression that I am actually dead.

**DUE no later than 11:59 p.m., Sunday, May 1 via email**

*To get an A, you must:*

* Submit a typed, double-spaced 500-700-word article
* Have clean, edited copy: AP style, spelling, grammar, and agreement count!
* Attribute quotes correctly
* Be ACCURATE – Is all the information actually true and correct? Factual errors will be graded harshly
* Be RELEVANT – Obits should contain information that is relevant. The Quinnipiac University community is your audience. What makes Professor Yanity relevant to that audience?
* Organize your story well – Create a lead that grabs attention and is relevant. Fold in details. Hold your readers’ attention
* DO NOT EDITORIALIZE – When you need to include opinions, have the sources provide them
* Be on time

SCENARIO: Yanity died of an apparent heart attack in her sleep on Saturday, April 30. She had not suffered health problems and no foul play is suspected. Yanity’s partner said Yanity simply didn’t wake up after going to bed the night of April 30. “Her passing was a complete shock to her family and friends, who loved her dearly,” a family spokesperson said.