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Death date/ Day of incident	Name (age) Home state	Home university/ Education abroad program/ Student status/ Country of study	Location of death/ Cause of death/ Details/ News links	About this student
6/9/02	KiShawnda McRoyal/ (21) Illinois	Howard University/ University of Legon/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Ghana, West Africa	Ghana, West Africa/ Medical Event, illness/ KiShawnda was beginning her senior year when she traveled to Ghana for a study abroad. She became ill and died shortly after her return. http://www.angelfire.com/in4/nsaa/history.html http://www.angelfire.com/in4/nsaa/KM-ScholarshipApp.pdf http://www.angelfire.com/in4/nsaa/scholarship.html https://www.highbeam.com/doc/1P2-1487449.html	KiShawna had served as a resident assistant at Howard. She was also a dancer with Howard's African dance group and Nsaa Dance Ensemble. On the Dean's List and an Annenberg Scholar, majoring in television production. KiShawnda said her mission was to "uphold the excellence and essence of movement, and to carry the spirit that had sustained and liberated her ancestors." She aspired to become a film director.
7/31/02	Marla Bennett/ (24) California	Pardes Institute and Hebrew University/ Graduate student, direct enroll/ Jerusalem	Jerusalem/ Homicide, terrorism/ Students were gathered in the university cafeteria when a bomb exploded. This bombing took place during the university's summer	Marla had graduated from the University of California. She was enrolled in a language course at Hebrew University.

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7/31/02	Benjamin Blutstein/ (25) Pennsylvania	Pardes Institute and Hebrew University/ Post-undergrad, direct enroll/ Jerusalem	<p>Jerusalem/ Homicide, terrorism/ Students were gathered in the university cafeteria when a bomb exploded. This bombing took place during the university's summer examination period. Nine people, including five Americans, were killed, plus about 100 people were injured. Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack. Attacking students in an academic setting drew condemnation from many groups, including the United Nations. In the aftermath, Hebrew University added metal detectors and bomb sniffing dogs. Israel also adopted a strategy of demolishing houses belonging to suicide bombers.</p> <p>http://www.legacy.com/Obituaries.asp?Page=LifeStory&n=Benjamin-Thomas-Blutstein&personID=426420</p>	<p>A graduate of Dickinson College, Benjamin was an aspiring teacher. He was interested in philosophy and language. Benjamin also played drums, enjoyed hip-hop music, and was working as a disc jockey, "Benny the B." Ben's family said he had a promising future.</p>

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7/31/02	Janis ("Yonit")	University of	Jerusalem/	Janis had converted to Judaism

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	<p>Ruth Coulter/ (36) New York</p>	<p>Denver/ Hebrew University/ Graduate student/ Jerusalem</p>	<p>Homicide, terrorism/ Janis had arrived in Jerusalem one day before the cafeteria bombing. She was having lunch with 19 American students and was meant to accompany them to their classes. When a bomb exploded, nine people were killed, including five Americans. About 100 people were injured. Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack. Attacking students in an academic setting drew condemnation from many groups, including from the United Nations. In the aftermath, Hebrew University also added metal detectors and bomb sniffing dogs. Israel also adopted a strategy of demolishing houses belonging to suicide bombers.</p> <p>http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ForeignPolicy/Terrorism/Victims/Pages/Janis%20Ruth%20Coulter.aspx</p> <p>http://www.nytimes.com/2002/08/02/world/death-on-the-campus-the-university-a-blow-to-security-and-to-tolerance.html</p>	<p>and chosen a new name, Yonit, meaning “little dove,” which is a symbol of peace. She was a graduate student from the University of Denver, doing research at Hebrew University. Janis was about to finish her master’s thesis on the Book of Ruth.</p>
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7/31/02	David Gritz/ (24) Massachusetts	Hebrew University/ Graduate student/ Jerusalem	<p>Jerusalem/ Homicide, terrorism/ Students were gathered in the university cafeteria when a bomb exploded. This bombing took place during the university's summer examination period. Nine people, including five Americans, were killed, plus about 100 people were injured. Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack. Attacking students in an academic setting drew condemnation from many groups, including the United Nations. In the aftermath, Hebrew University added metal detectors and bomb sniffing dogs. Israel also adopted a strategy of demolishing houses belonging to suicide bombers.</p>	<p>David had dual citizenship, American and French. He had studied both at McGill University and the Sorbonne. David was interested in music and could play the piano, violin and guitar. He had come to Jerusalem to study the Hebrew language and Jewish thought.</p>

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8/1/02	Whitney Mayson Boyer/ (20) Georgia	University of Georgia/ University of New Orleans/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Italy	Cinqueterre, Italy/ Fall/ U-New Orleans's study abroad program, based in Innsbruck, Austria, traveled to Italy. While climbing a cliff in the Mediterranean coastal region of Cinqueterre, Whitney slipped and fell. She died of her injuries. UGA's communications	Whitney was a third-year student majoring in landscape architecture.

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9/13/02	Jill Curran/ (20) Washington	Santa Clara University/ Syracuse University Division of International Education/ Undergrad, study abroad/ London	<p>London/ Vehicular/ On September 10th, Jill was walking a London sidewalk. When she stepped off a curb, the passenger-side mirror of a moving bus hit her. She was rendered unconscious and taken to a hospital. Tests revealed that she had lost brain function. Shortly after the incident, Jill's parents flew to London. Their daughter died three days later.</p> <p>http://dailyorange.com/2002/09/santa-clara-student-dies-while-studying-at-su-dipa-center/</p> <p>http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/</p>	<p>Jill was a marketing major at Santa Clara University and had been recently accepted into SCU's Retail Management Institute. Jill was an accomplished athlete who loved hiking, biking, tennis and fly-fishing. She was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority, and an active volunteer with underprivileged youth programs, the Human Society, and various sports-related organizations.</p>

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Non-lethal incidents in 2002:
Sexual harassment and assaults
Vehicular—boating
Robbery