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Death date/ Day of week	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
1/7/10	Henry Lo/ (20) New York	Williams College/ Williams-Exeter Programme through Oxford University/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Switzerland	Switzerland/ Medical Event, injury/ Seven Williams and two Oxford students were hiking in the Alps. An avalanche occurred. Henry died and another student was injured. http://archive.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/06/09/williams_student_killed_in_alps_avalanche/	Henry was a math and religion major. He was attending a year-long study abroad program.
1/12/10	Stephanie Crispinelli/ (19) New York	Lynn University/ Food for the Poor/ Undergrad, mission program/ Haiti	Haiti/ Medical Event, injury/ Students and staff arrived in Haiti the day before a 7.0 earthquake. The hotel they were staying in collapsed. Along with three other students and two faculty, Stephanie died. The group was meant to return to the US on 1/15. http://www5.lynn.edu/haiti/in-remembrance/stephanie-crispinelli	Described as sincere, honest, fun, but no-nonsense, Stephanie was vice president of Food for the Poor's student organization. She was a Human Services major and described herself as "a social activist in the making."

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			http://www.stephaniesmission.org/s-tephaniesstory	
1/12/10	Courtney Hayes/ (23) Georgia	Lynn University/ Food for the Poor/ Undergrad, mission program/ Haiti	Haiti/ Medical Event, injury/ Students and staff arrived in Haiti the day before a 7.0 earthquake. The hotel they were staying in collapsed. Along with three other students and two faculty, Courtney died. The group was meant to return to the US on 1/15. http://www5.lynn.edu/haiti/in-remembrance/courtney-hayes https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB1001424052748703415804575023460787347050	A biology and pre-med major, Courtney was described as outgoing and sweet. She would write thank you notes, even to her professors after class tests. One of her favorite quotes was, "Some people stay in our lives for a while and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same."
1/12/10	Britney ("Brit") Gengel/ (19) Florida	Lynn University/ Food for the Poor/ Undergrad, mission program/ Haiti	Haiti/ Medical Event, injury/ Students and staff arrived in Haiti the day before a 7.0 earthquake. The hotel they were staying in collapsed. Along with three other students and two faculty, Brit died. The group was meant to return to the US on 1/15. http://www.sun-	Three hours before the earthquake, Brit texted her parents, "[The Haitian people] love us so much and everyone is so happy. They love what they have and they work so hard to get nowhere, yet they are all so appreciative. I want to move here and start an orphanage." (In the aftermath of Brit's death, her

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			<p>sentinel.com/local/palm-beach/ap-fau-student-haiti-update-20141225-story.html</p> <p>https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/01/11/brit-gengel-orphanage-haiti-earthquake/21389155</p>	<p>parents started a non-profit organization, “Be Like Brit,” and followed through with their daughter’s wishes, building an orphanage complex that houses 33 girls and 33 boys—33 for the number of days it took searchers to find Britt’s body.)</p>
1/12/10	Christine Gianacaci/ (22) New Jersey	Lynn University/ Food for the Poor/ Undergrad, mission program/ Haiti	<p>Haiti/ Medical event, injury/ Students and staff arrived in Haiti the day before a 7.0 earthquake. The hotel they were staying in collapsed. Along with three other students and two faculty, Christine died. The group was meant to return to the US on 1/15.</p> <p>http://www5.lynn.edu/haiti/in-remembrance/christine-gianacaci</p> <p>http://abcnews.go.com/WN/HaitiEarthquake/haiti-earthquake-missing-lynn-university-florida-student-professors/story?id=9561845</p>	<p>A communications major, Christine was also active in the Resident Hall Association and the Knights in the Community service organization. She raised funds for charities and planned to pursue a career in radio, hoping to someday host her own radio show.</p>
2/18/10	Meada Rose Wood/ (28) California	Massey University/ Graduate student, direct enroll/ New Zealand	<p>Opiki, New Zealand/ Vehicular/ At about 2:30pm, Meada’s car collided with a truck. She died at the scene.</p>	<p>Meada graduated from University of California, Davis. She was completing her veterinary degree at Massey University and was due</p>

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			<p>The third crash on this stretch of road within the week, a local school had lodged many complaints about the frequently speeding traffic.</p> <p>http://www.stuff.co.nz/manawatu-standard/news/3357541/Bereaved-family-on-way-to-NZ</p> <p>http://www.sonomawest.com/sonoma_west_times_and_news/tributes/obituaries/meada-rose-wood/article_23d840be-6315-50fe-98be-5fc4f2a6c071.html</p>	<p>to graduate in 2010. While studying at Massey, she lived with a New Zealand family on their farm and learned how to dairy farm, tend a garden, and ride a horse.</p>
4/1/10	Connor Redd/ (20) Arizona	St. Mary's College of California/ John Cabot University/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Italy	<p>Rome/ Fall/ Connor fell off a 7th floor balcony and died.</p> <p>http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/azcentral/obituary.aspx?pid=141773520</p> <p>https://issuu.com/jcumatthew/docs/thematthewapril7</p> <p>http://departsmart.org/remembering-connor-redd/</p>	<p>Family described Connor as "funny, loving, and compassionate," a student with "lots of accomplishments," including National Honor Society, State Championships in soccer, varsity football, and church camp counseling. A former teacher said of Connor, "Throughout my many years in education, I can honestly say I have loved every student I have taught and never had a favorite. The reality is, however, that some students have had a greater impact on my</p>

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				life. [Connor] was one of the most impressive human beings I have ever known. He was talented, intelligent, and kind in a way that extended far beyond his age. His smile lit up the room and during the typically difficult years of adolescence, I never heard him say a negative thing about anyone. He found a way to take advantage of opportunities to bring out the best qualities in others.”
6/6/10	Daniel Cho/ 17 California	Aragon High School (San Mateo, CA)/ Aragon High School’s music program/ High School, performance program/ Canada	Vancouver, British Columbia/ Fall/ Daniel was part of a 104-person student trip, a musical exchange program through his high school. The bus’s students were traveling north and stopped at the Capilano Suspension Bridge, a popular Vancouver tourist spot. No one actually saw Daniel’s fall, but it is believed he climbed over a 4-foot high fence and fell 100 feet into a ravine. Canadian police concluded that there was no evidence Daniel had climbed the fence with the intention to hurt himself. They ruled his death to be an accident.	[Unable to find further information about Daniel.]

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			<p>http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/teen-blamed-for-own-death-in-capilano-fall-1.935090</p> <p>http://bc.ctvnews.ca/u-s-teen-warned-about-climbing-barriers-before-death-1.520839</p> <p>http://www.mercurynews.com/2010/10/22/coroner-aragon-high-school-student-took-bsd-before-falling-to-death-in-canada/</p>	
6/22/10	Rachel Barrett Swett/ (21) New York	Columbia University/ Canterbury College of Christchurch/ Undergrad, study abroad/ New Zealand	New Zealand/ Medical Event, injury/ On June 17 th , Rachel was skiing at Mt. Hutt when she went “off track...slid nearly 130 meters before striking rock, catapulting into the air, and landing on her head.” Rachel died five days later. In the aftermath of Rachel’s death, her neurosurgeon told a coroners court that “a properly fitted ski helmet would have increased her chances of survival.” The coroner said there was “extraordinary bad luck” in Rachel’s death. The coroner also called on the ski resort to promote using helmets, including not using	Rachel was a psychology major. She was also an avid photographer and traveler and a member of Alpha Chi Omega. Described as “loyal passionate and loving, with a great sense of humor,” Rachel planned to specialize in child psychology.

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			<p>promotional materials showing photographs of unhelmeted skiers. The ski resort responded, “We already actively promote the wearing of helmets.”</p> <p>http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=950CE0DA123AF931A35754C0A9669D8B63</p> <p>http://bwog.com/2010/06/23/breaking-rachel-swett-c11-passes-away-in-new-zealand/</p> <p>http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10753935</p>	
9/30/10	Jonathon Torres Cazares / (18) Georgia	University of Texas, Brownsville/ University of Texas, Brownsville/ Undergrad, study abroad, interim travel/ Mexico	Mexico/ Homicide/ Organized crime members hijacked the bus on which Jonathan was riding. Jonathon and another passenger were shot and killed. In response to Jonathon’s death, UTB indefinitely cancelled “all university-related trips to Mexico.” However, as early as March of 2010, the State Department had been warning American citizens to avoid unnecessary travel to	[Unable to find further information about Jonathan.]

			<p>Chihuahua, Coahuila and Durango. Moreover, an August shooting had resulted in the evacuation of State Department families in Monteray. In spite of this, in the aftermath of Jonathon’s death, two proponents of study abroad (the Center for Global Education at the University of California in Los Angeles and the Consortium for North American Higher Education Cooperation, CONAHEC, at the University of Arizona) expressed concern that suspension or complete withdrawal of study abroad programs could result in an “academic wall” between the US and Mexico. They went on to issue a joint statement proposing institutions first review specific situations and possible impacts to students before deciding to cancel programs.</p> <p>http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/news/valley/article_7b0b45db-5954-542a-8c97-c8c7374e93b1.html</p> <p>http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20101029222858886</p>	
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<p>10/7/10</p>	<p>Nathan Dorpalen/ (26) Unclear, though family from Connecticut</p>	<p>Norwegian University of Life Sciences/ Graduate student, direct enroll/ Norway</p>	<p>Lofoten Islands, Norway/ Fall (presumed)/ Nate died in a “hiking accident” in northern Norway. http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/hartfordcourant/obituary.aspx?page=legacy&pid=146058692 https://www.bates.edu/news/2011/09/15/obituaries-fall-2011/</p>	<p>An environmental sciences graduate of Bates College, Nate had a passion for small-scale organic farming. He was pursuing his master’s degree in environmental agroecology. Nate had traveled to and worked in far flung places, including Alaska, Maine and Russia. Family described him as a “deeply empathetic person,” who “loved to connect with people and hear their stories.”</p>
<p>10/12/10</p>	<p>Sujal Parikh/ (25) Texas</p>	<p>University of Michigan/ University of Michigan/ Graduate student, research program/ Uganda</p>	<p>Kampala, Uganda/ Vehicular/ Sujal was in his 4th year of medical school, doing an AIDS research rotation in Uganda. He and his peers were leaving their lab for home. They repeatedly tried to hail a taxi, but failed. So they resorted to taking motor-bike taxis. Though Sujal owned a helmet, he loaned it to another rider. When Sujal’s motor-bike was rammed by a following car, he sustained a severe head injury and was taken to the hospital, but ultimately died. A report that came out after Sujal’s death revealed road crashes as the worldwide leading cause of traveler</p>	<p>As a medical student, Sujal had already been identified as a “global health advocate”. He was a NIH-Fogarty clinical health research scholar, and also served as Associate-Editor-in-Chief of the American Medical Student Association’s Global Pulse journal. In 2009, Sujal received the Emerging Leader Award from Physicians for Human Rights, and in 2010, he was appointed to the Student Advisory Board of that organization. Sujal’s father quoted his son as saying, “When a man dies nobody is going to remember what religion he had,</p>

			<p>death and injury. This finding is especially true in low- and middle-income countries, where road quality can be poor, vehicles substandard, drivers untrained, tourists disoriented, and development rapid, with related increase in overall traffic. Students and young adults are believed to be at particular risk.</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sujal_Parikh</p> <p>http://www.annarbor.com/news/u-m-medical-student-dies-while-doing-aids-research-in-uganda/</p> <p>http://www.nbcnews.com/id/39769202/#.Wd70tRNSxsM</p>	<p>or how much wealth he's accumulated...all that's going to count is what that person did for the common man and that will be that person's legacy."</p> <p>Posthumously, Sujal received the Navin Narayan Award for lifetime achievement in health and human rights. U-Michigan also granted his medical diploma, and the Texas legislature honored him for his commitment to global health and human rights.</p>
11/6/10	Andre Ramadan/ (20) California	University of California, Santa Barbara/ Semester at Sea/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Viet Nam	Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam/ Not Available/ Andre was studying with Semester at Sea. The program had already traveled from Nova Scotia to Spain, Morocco, Ghana, South Africa, Mauritius, India, and Singapore. The SAS boat had docked at its next stop, Ho Chi Minh City. Andre was found dead. Autopsy results were not	A political science major, friends described Andre as "friendly...a big teddy bear" who "was passionate about people and cultures" and "wanted to get on that boat with other people who loved seeing the world and exploring how people associate."

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			<p>revealed.</p> <p>http://dailynews.com/2010-11-18/ucsb-student-dies-study-program/</p> <p>http://emechulation.blogspot.com/2010/11/in-case-of-death-08.html</p> <p>http://alexaassea.blogspot.com/2010/11/andre-ramadan-english.html</p>	
11/14/10	Ryan Crowder/ (32) Florida	Cornell University/ Cornell University/ Graduate student, research program/ Nicaragua	<p>Managua, Nicaragua/ Homicide/ During a robbery, Ryan was stabbed to death.</p> <p>http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/gainesville/obituary.aspx?pid=146686593</p> <p>http://www.gainesville.com/news/20101117/former-area-resident-killed-in-nicaragua</p> <p>http://periodicals.cals.cornell.edu/2011-spring/features/ryan-crowder.html</p> <p>http://www.ocala.com/news/201011</p>	<p>A graduate student with Cornell University, specializing in natural resources, Ryan was working to develop sustainable lobster harvests along the Atlantic coast. He was also helping local women create a cooperative capable of selling directly to local markets. Ryan had previously obtained a community and rural development master's from Cornell. He'd also engaged in ecosystem restoration at the Alachua Conservation Trust in Gainesville. Cornell professor James Lassoie said, "Ryan took life in great big bites...He really was totally charged about</p>

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			28/university-working-to-minimize-overseas-risks	committing his life to helping people in less-developed parts of the world.”

Non-lethal incidents during 2010:

Sexual assaults

Kidnappings

Robberies

Injuries following natural disaster (earthquake, volcano)

Car accidents with injuries

Fall with critical injuries