

2013 Study Abroad Student Deaths

Death date/ Day of week	Name (age) Home state	Home university/ Education abroad program/ Country of study	Location of death/ Cause of death/ Details/ Links	About this student
1/6/13 Sunday	Tamar Kaplan/ (20) Minnesota	Claremont McKenna College/IES Abroad/ Undergrad, study abroad, post-program travel/ Ecuador	<p>Bolivia/ Vehicular/ Tamar and a fellow study abroad student were on post-program travel. They were touring Bolivia with another family. The driver of their vehicle was traveling too fast for road conditions. He slammed into another vehicle. Family members were notified that Tamar had sustained broken bones and a collapsed lung, but that she was stable, and in a local clinic, receiving medical care. Tamar's father traveled to Bolivia. When he arrived he realized the seriousness of Tamar's condition and made arrangements to transport his daughter. Tamar en route to a hospital in La Paz when she died.</p> <p><a href="http://www.twincities.com/2013/01/06/st-paul-student-20-dies-in-bolivia-crash/">http://www.twincities.com/2013/01/06/st-paul-student-20-dies-in-bolivia-crash/</a></p> <p><a href="http://cmcforum.com/news/01082013-remembering-tamar-kaplan-14">http://cmcforum.com/news/01082013-remembering-tamar-kaplan-14</a></p>	Tamar was a Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) major. She was widely regarded as brilliant, a McKenna Scholar and humanitarian. She was an award-winning member of CMC Mock Trial and The Advocates for Human Rights.

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			<a href="https://www.cmc.edu/news/celebrating-tamar">https://www.cmc.edu/news/celebrating-tamar</a>	
3/10/13 Sunday	Luke Stalker/ (21) Wyoming	Colgate University/ Geneva Study Abroad Program of Colgate/ Undergrad, study abroad/ France	Paris, France/ Fall/ Luke fell from a balcony at a Paris hotel where his study group was staying. An investigation by French authorities found Luke's death to be "accidental." They suggested Luke might have wakened from a nap, stepped onto the balcony, become dizzy and fell.  <a href="http://www.thecolgameroonnews.com/news/article_64ac8253-7678-5531-abe5-1ddf7f98feba.html">http://www.thecolgameroonnews.com/news/article_64ac8253-7678-5531-abe5-1ddf7f98feba.html</a>  <a href="https://www.darientimes.com/17391/obituary-luke-stalker/">https://www.darientimes.com/17391/obituary-luke-stalker/</a>	Luke was a junior, double majoring in Peace and Conflict Studies and International Relations. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and spearheaded the Colgate chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy. Family said, "Luke's honesty and unique character...set him apart." Luke's interest in politics and peace paralleled his connection to nature and wide swath of friends and family across the world.
3/30/13 Sat.	Oliver Pacchiana/ (20) Connecticut	University of Pennsylvania/ CIEE/ Undergrad, study abroad, interim travel/ South Africa	Namibia/ Fall/ During a spring break trip, Oliver went rock climbing and fell.  <a href="http://greenwich.dailyvoice.com/obituaries/greenwicks-oliver-pacchiana-20-dies-while-studying-">http://greenwich.dailyvoice.com/obituaries/greenwicks-oliver-pacchiana-20-dies-while-studying-</a>	As a youngster, Oliver was a chess champion and spelling bee champion. In high school, he was active in band, became an Eagle Scout, and also participated in speech and debate, advancing to finals in Washington, D.C. In college, Oliver was an engineering major,

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			<a href="#">abroad/572866/</a> <a href="http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/UPenn-Student-Dies-in-Rock-Climbing-Accident-201163491.html">http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/UPenn-Student-Dies-in-Rock-Climbing-Accident-201163491.html</a> <a href="http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/greenwichtime/obituary.aspx?pid=164019155">http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/greenwichtime/obituary.aspx?pid=164019155</a>	<p>and also played in the marching band. Family and friends described Oliver as a well-rounded student who knew how to use education to “develop his own public voice. When he spoke, he had something to say. In many ways, he was a consummate teammate.”</p>
4/19/13 Sat.	Jared Paul Maillet/ (21) Maine	Arizona State University/ ASU exchange program with Manchester University/ Undergrad, study abroad/ United Kingdom	<p>United Kingdom/ Fall/ Students were participating in the 30-mile Welsh 3000 Challenge, a race to climb all fifteen Snowdonia peaks above 3000 feet within 24 hours. Jared was lead student hiker when he slipped from an icy trail and fell 500 feet. The next day, hikers located his body. Investigators concluded that Jared had gotten ahead of his group, made a navigational error and ended up on a steeper trail. He “may have tried to descend below cloud to get a visual reference” and lost his footing.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/arizona-state-university-student-dies-falling-icy-mountain-uk-">http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/arizona-state-university-student-dies-falling-icy-mountain-uk-</a></p>	<p>Jared was a sustainability and urban planning major. Jared’s father said his son was hoping to “change the world, one place at a time.” His sister described him as, “such a happy person,” “loved by so many people.” She said, “He potentially saved someone else from slipping off that cliff.” The family described how hurtful it was to read post-mortem media references to Jared as a “thrill seeker” and “adrenaline junkie.” His father noted, “It wasn’t like [Jared] didn’t prepare...it was that type of navigational error that happens,” adding, “he loved the outdoors...[and] just wanted to feel the breeze, take in...beauty of the blue skies and...all the landscape.”</p>

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			<a href="#">article-1.1327040</a>  <a href="http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2507496/American-exchange-student-Jared-Maillet-fell-death-Mount-Snowdon.html">http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2507496/American-exchange-student-Jared-Maillet-fell-death-Mount-Snowdon.html</a>	
6/10/13 Mon.	Andrew Keith ("Keith") Carr/ (21) Indiana	Marquette University/ John Cabot University/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Italy	Rome, Italy/ Fall/ Andrew was in the Trastevere district with friends. He lost his balance while walking on a ledge near the Ponte Sisto bridge. Andrew fell 65 feet onto a sidewalk below and died instantly.  <a href="http://fox6now.com/2013/06/11/marquette-university-student-studying-abroad-dies/">http://fox6now.com/2013/06/11/marquette-university-student-studying-abroad-dies/</a>  <a href="http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/u-s-student-dies-rome-falling-wall-article-1.1370210">http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/u-s-student-dies-rome-falling-wall-article-1.1370210</a>	A high school honors student, Keith was also active in football and basketball. He was a business major on the Dean's list, focused on business operations. He was also a member of Kappa Sigma. Family members said Keith loved "bright colors, music and America."
6/28/13 Fri.	Andrew Pochter/ (21) Maryland	Kenyon College/ AMIDEAST Education Abroad Program/ Undergrad, internship/	Alexandria, Egypt/ Homicide/ Andrew had just completed his sophomore year. He was in Egypt as an intern for AMIDEAST. Civil unrest between supporters and opponents of	Andrew was a religious studies major, with a facility for foreign languages. He was interning in a local school, teaching 7 and 8 year olds, while also improving his Arabic. Friends said, "Andrew's

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		Egypt	<p>Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi had been increasing. When a protest broke out near Andrew’s school, he went outside to check on the disturbance and was stabbed to death by a demonstrator.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2013/06/30/world/middleeast/american-killed-in-egypt-taught-english-to-children.html">http://www.nytimes.com/2013/06/30/world/middleeast/american-killed-in-egypt-taught-english-to-children.html</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.kenyon.edu/middle-path/story/kenyon-mourns-andrew-pochter-15/">http://www.kenyon.edu/middle-path/story/kenyon-mourns-andrew-pochter-15/</a></p>	<p>world was one in which he saw the best in everyone.” He was said to be “dedicated [to helping people] understand each other” and “he lived what he believed.” One student (from another language program based in Egypt) spoke of, “the complete lack of basic security measures [in Alexandria].”</p>
6/27/13 Thurs.	Conor Youngclarke/ (15) California	Sierra Hills High School/ Sierra Hills High School/ High School, language program/ Germany	<p>Germany/ Fall/ Conor’s friends had stayed out past curfew. Conor was trying to help them get into the building. He fell climbing the outer wall.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nydailynews.com/news/world/california-boy-15-plunges-death-balcony-germany-article-1.1390379">http://www.nydailynews.com/news/world/california-boy-15-plunges-death-balcony-germany-article-1.1390379</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2354739/Boy-15-tumbles-">http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2354739/Boy-15-tumbles-</a></p>	<p>Conor was a sophomore in high school, attending a month long course focused on learning the German language. His mother described him as “so funny...spending time with him meant laughing. He was just a very easy going boy.”</p>

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			<a href="#">death-balcony-Germany-studying-abroad.html</a>	
7/10/13 Wed.	Amanda Mundt/ (22) Massachusetts	Clark University/ Clark University/ Undergrad, internship/ Haiti	<p>Les Cayes, Haiti/ Vehicular/ Amanda was at the start of a summer school program. She was riding in a minibus. Her party included family members and Clark faculty. A collision occurred and Amanda was killed, along with her aunt, a Clark professor's daughter, and the minibus driver. Injured were Amanda's father and a Clark professor.</p> <p><a href="http://obits.masslive.com/obituaries/masslive/obituary.aspx?pid=165928360">http://obits.masslive.com/obituaries/masslive/obituary.aspx?pid=165928360</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2013/07/11/clark-university-student-others-die-haiti-car-crash/SgfGaXdhkcKnrnHdlpkgdL/story.html">https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2013/07/11/clark-university-student-others-die-haiti-car-crash/SgfGaXdhkcKnrnHdlpkgdL/story.html</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.telegram.com/article/20130711/news/307119734">http://www.telegram.com/article/20130711/news/307119734</a></p>	<p>Amanda was in her senior year, majoring in International Development and beginning the third year of a humanitarian program she'd started in 2010. This program was meant to break social and cultural barriers between children of Haiti, the "Restavek" or indentured servant and the "free" children. Amanda was recognized as one of Clark's "Making a Difference" Scholars. She was also a member of the field hockey team. Amanda was due to graduate in the spring. Faculty said of her, "If only more of us would learn from [Amanda's] example of selfless love, many of the world's troubles would not exist."</p>
7/12/13	Oeshae	University of	Madrid, Spain/	Oeshae was an economics and

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Friday	Morgan/ (21) Washington, D.C.	Pittsburgh/ U-Pitt International Program/ Undergrad, internship/ Spain	<p>Not available/ Oeshae was found dead in the courtyard of U-Pitt's program. The cause of death was unspecified, but Spanish law enforcement was reported to be investigating.</p> <p><a href="http://www.post-gazette.com/news/education/2013/07/16/Pitt-student-dies-during-Spain-internship/stories/201307160153">http://www.post-gazette.com/news/education/2013/07/16/Pitt-student-dies-during-Spain-internship/stories/201307160153</a></p> <p><a href="http://triblive.com/news/adminpage/4371388-74/death-pitt-morgan">http://triblive.com/news/adminpage/4371388-74/death-pitt-morgan</a></p> <p><a href="https://pittnews.com/article/10518/archives/student-dies-while-interning-in-spain/">https://pittnews.com/article/10518/archives/student-dies-while-interning-in-spain/</a></p>	<p>political science double major, just beginning her senior year. She traveled with U-Pitt's international program for a marketing internship. Oeshae was involved in speech and debate, and was interested in politics. She hoped to someday run for U.S. Congress.</p>
8/15/13 Thurs.	Erhardt Moritz/ (21) Germany	University of Michigan/ University of Michigan/ Undergrad, internship/ England	<p>London/ Medical event/ Erhardt was a University of Michigan student attending a 7-week summer internship with Merrill Lynch, Bank of America, London. In 2010, he'd been diagnosed with epilepsy, which had been managed well with medication. An investigation revealed that before Erhardt collapsed, he'd worked eight "nighters" in two weeks, including the</p>	<p>Erhardt was attending a 7-week summer internship with Merrill Lynch, Bank of America, in London. Though Erhardt was unaware of this, BofA was planning to offer him a full-time position after graduation, calling him a "highly diligent intern at our company with a bright future." Erhardt's father said of his son, "Erhardt wanted to do good in the world. I've been through some</p>

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			<p>three previous nights before his death. When he did not show up for work, bank employees became concerned. Someone was sent to Erhardt’s room. He was found dead under a running shower. In the aftermath, BofA launched an investigation into workplace practices. Bank officials found “a culture of long hours” with “intense competition between [interns].” Specifically, interns were engaging in what banking insiders call “the magic roundabout,” where an intern works late into the night, takes a taxi home to shower, change clothes, and head back to work.</p> <p><a href="https://www.theguardian.com/business/2013/nov/22/moritz-erhardt-merrill-lynch-intern-dead-inquest">https://www.theguardian.com/business/2013/nov/22/moritz-erhardt-merrill-lynch-intern-dead-inquest</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.theguardian.com/business/2013/oct/05/moritz-erhardt-internship-banking">https://www.theguardian.com/business/2013/oct/05/moritz-erhardt-internship-banking</a></p>	<p>his things and found a quote [he’d saved]...’I don’t want to make money. I just want to be wonderful.’”</p>
9/?/17	Unnamed	University of Washington/ Undergrad, Study Abroad	<p>Burns from electrocution</p> <p>[Information provided by professional contacts. Unable to</p>	



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			locate related news sources.]	
10/24/13	Michael Dawkins/ (23) Louisiana	Brown University/ [Program of study is unclear. If we learn that Michael was on personal travel, we will delete him from this record.]/ Peru	Peru/ Medical event/ Michael was found dead. Autopsy showed he had died from cerebral edema, presumed to be due to altitude sickness.  <a href="http://www.browndailyherald.com/2013/10/29/details-undergrads-death-remain-unknown/">http://www.browndailyherald.com/2013/10/29/details-undergrads-death-remain-unknown/</a>  <a href="http://www.browndailyherald.com/2013/10/29/details-undergrads-death-remain-unknown/">http://www.browndailyherald.com/2013/10/29/details-undergrads-death-remain-unknown/</a>  <a href="http://www.pelhamplus.com/obituaries/article_8eaf3e0e-4091-11e3-9672-001a4bcf6878.html">http://www.pelhamplus.com/obituaries/article_8eaf3e0e-4091-11e3-9672-001a4bcf6878.html</a>	When Michael was in junior high school he was identified as a gifted pianist. He was invited by Pelham Music Festival to attend their master piano classes. He performed at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. Following graduation from Brown University, Michael planned to attend a music conservatory and continue his education.
11/8/13	Sophia ("Sophie") Glaser/ (22) Vermont	New York University/ NYU Prague/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Czech Republic	Prague, Czech Republic/ Medical event, illness/ Sophie had been socializing with out-of-town friends. She began feeling ill and retired to her room. Sophia was later found unresponsive. Paramedics were called, but could not revive her. According to an NYU spokesperson, "no evidence has emerged to suggest her death was anything other than	Sophie was a member of NYU's Tisch School of Arts, majoring in film. Friends and teachers recall how inspired they were by Sophie's "creativity, her artistic vibrancy, her sense of humor and her enormous personal warmth." Sophie was interested in every aspect of film creation, from script-writing to filmmaking to editing. Her ambition

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			<p>natural causes.”</p> <p><a href="https://nyulocal.com/updated-student-passes-away-at-nyu-prague-9d401897b01b">https://nyulocal.com/updated-student-passes-away-at-nyu-prague-9d401897b01b</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/burlingtonfreepress/obituary.aspx?pid=168289499">http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/burlingtonfreepress/obituary.aspx?pid=168289499</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.nyunews.com/2013/11/19/glaser/">https://www.nyunews.com/2013/11/19/glaser/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.sophieglaser.com/">http://www.sophieglaser.com/</a></p>	<p>was to start her own film production company.</p>
11/22/13 Thurs.	Matthew Yount (20) California	Cal Poly/ CEA Global Education/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Spain	<p>Seville, Spain/ Drowned/ Two students dove into a river. The river had unexpectedly strong currents. Matthew did not surface. His body was later found.</p> <p><a href="http://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/article39461877.html">http://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/article39461877.html</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/mercurynews/obituary.aspx?pid=168198295">http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/mercurynews/obituary.aspx?pid=168198295</a></p>	<p>Matthew was a scholar-athlete on Cal Poly’s Division I golf team. He loved all sports and being physically active with family and friends. Family said of Matthew, “His love for life was evident to everyone.”</p>

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Non-lethal incidents during 2013:

Sexual assaults

Robberies

Civil unrest

Hostage/Kidnapping

Typhoon

Terror events