

2012 Education Abroad Student Deaths

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
1/7/12	Crispin Scott/ (20) Washington	Dartmouth/ Portland State University, Academy of Liberal and Beaux Arts/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Spain	<p>Barcelona/ Homicide/ Crispin had recently arrived in Spain. On January 6th, he met other students and went to dinner. The next day, he did not show up for orientation and authorities were notified. Crispin was found dead in a nearby apartment. Cause of death was initially said to be a recreational drug overdose. But an autopsy revealed a significant quantity of barbiturates. Oscar Castro, the owner of the apartment where Crispin had been found, became a suspect. A search of Castro's computer revealed thousands of photos of victims, drugged and naked. Police concluded Castro had been drugging, photographing and raping young victims. He was charged with Crispin's murder, admitted his guilt, and was sentenced to 16-1/2 years. In the aftermath of Crispin's death, Dartmouth severed ties with the Portland State University program.</p> <p>http://www.dartmouth.edu/press-releases/scott010912.html</p>	<p>Crispin was born in Tokyo, where his father worked for a U.S. company. He attended the American School in Japan through 7th grade. In college, Crispin was a math major, with an added interest in computer science and international studies. He was a member of the Dartmouth rugby team and Phi Delta Alpha fraternity. He chose Spain for his study abroad because he wanted to extend his Spanish language skills and study the European monetary system. Friends described Crispin as "brilliant but modest, caring and open."</p>

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			<p>http://www.cnn.com/2012/02/13/world/europe/spain-us-student-death/index.html</p> <p>http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2100532/Barcelona-landlord-arrested-drugging-death-Dartmouth-student-Crispin-Scott-20.html</p> <p>http://daveseminara.com/update-on-the-murder-of-dartmouth-student-crispin-scott/</p>	
3/16/12	Kelly Dalla Tezza/ (22) Maryland	Fulbright Scholar/ Post-undergrad, scholar program/ Bahrain	<p>Morocco/ Vehicular/ Kelly drove from Bahrain to Morocco to speak at a Fulbright-sponsored conference on women’s rights. On her return, a tire blew and Kelly lost control of the car. While the other passengers survived, Kelly did not.</p> <p>http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2012/03/18/fulbright-scholar-parkville-native-dies-in-a-car-accident-in-morocco/</p> <p>http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/obituaries/bs-md-ob-dalla-tezza-20120321-story.html</p> <p>http://www.bc.edu/publications/chronicle</p>	<p>Kelly had completed undergrad at Boston College and had been accepted to Harvard, Johns Hopkins, and George Washington for graduate school. As a Fulbright scholar, she was studying, researching, and presenting on women’s political influence. She was described as a “future global leader and humanitarian.”</p>

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4/6/12	John B. ("J.J.") Stinson Jr./ (20) Virginia	Virginia Tech/ Presidential Global Scholars Program at VT, Center for European Studies and Arcitecture/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Switzerland	Switzerland/ Fall resulting in unintentional injury, hypothermia/ J.J. was one of thirty students on a Virginia Tech study abroad to Riva San Vitale. He went for walk and did not return. Subsequently, J.J. was found under a tree, dead. Authorities concluded that he'd climbed a tree, fallen, sustained injuries and died from hypothermia. No foul play was suspected. http://www.roanoke.com/community/theburgs/virginia-tech-student-dies-while-studying-abroad-in-switzerland/article_14b45d39-ce4b-5362-9bd5-61ac66679366.html http://hamptonroads.com/2012/04/va-tech-student-dies-while-studying-switzerland	J.J. was an honors student and philosophy major. He was active in the Boy Scouts, church, theater and music. He was attending a semester long spring course at VTs Steger Center in Switzerland.
4/29/12 Sunday	Ravi Thackurdeen/ (19) New York	Swarthmore/ Office of Tropical Studies (OTS)/ Undergrad, study abroad/	Costa Rica/ Drowned/ As an end of semester surprise, OTS took students on a celebratory trip to the beach. Students were unaware of the dangerous rip	Ravi was his high school's valedictorian. In college, he was a double major in chemistry and math. He was interested in public

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		<p>Costa Rica</p>	<p>currents at Playa Tortuga. Moreover, they were unaware that, for this reason, locals did not swim at this beach. When Ravi and another student waded into water, they were immediately pulled deeper. A tourist was able to save the other student, however Ravi had been dragged further out. The program had no rescue equipment, including cell phones. Ravi treaded water for over thirty minutes, but help never came. Two days later, his body was found. Ravi's parents subsequently filed a wrongful death suit against OTS and Duke University.</p> <p>https://www.swarthmore.edu/news-events/funeral-service-held-ravi-thackurdeen-14-costa-rica</p> <p>http://www.recordonline.com/article/20150903/NEWS/150909705</p> <p>http://www.ticotimes.net/2013/05/06/her-boy-was-taken</p> <p>https://www.ballenatales.com/en/rip-current-a-silent-killer-100-preventable-death/</p> <p>https://www.leagle.com/decision/infcco20150903c52</p>	<p>health, preventative medicine and ethnomedicine. Ravi was a certified EMT and served on the Swarthmore Fire and Protective Association. He was 2012's Richard Rubin Scholar and served as research assistant in Professor Stephen Miller's lab. Ravi planned to attend medical school. Family and friends said of him that he was friendly, hard working and talented, an awesome friend and focused student.</p>
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<p>5/12/12 Saturday</p>	<p>Austin Brashears / (21) California</p>	<p>Boston University/ Boston University/ Undergrad, study abroad, interim travel/ New Zealand</p>	<p>New Zealand/ Vehicular/ Three minivans with 26 students were on their way to hike Tongariro Crossing. One vehicle hit gravel and flipped three times. Three students were killed, five injured, one critically.</p> <p>https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/massachusetts/2012/05/12/boston-university-mourns-loss-three-students-new-zealand-crash/Qlnl843DcbBwcGvV52w8FM/story.html</p> <p>http://www.ocregister.com/2012/05/13/student-from-oc-killed-in-new-zealand-crash/</p> <p>http://dailyfreepress.com/2012/05/14/eng-junior-austin-brashears-had-passion-for-alternative-energy-adventure/</p>	<p>Austin was active in his church and soccer. He was also active in the Boy Scouts and had achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. During high school, Austin was a straight-A student. He played varsity water polo and volleyball. In college, Austin was a mechanical engineering major, with a concentration on environmental technologies. He was fascinated with alternative power sources, particularly how resources were being allocated in other countries. One friend said, “[Austin was] the smartest kid I’ve ever met.”</p>
<p>5/12/12 Saturday</p>	<p>Roch Jauberty/ (21) France</p>	<p>Boston University/ Boston University/ Undergrad, study abroad, interim travel/ New Zealand</p>	<p>New Zealand/ Vehicular/ Three minivans with 26 students were on their way to hike Tongariro Crossing. One vehicle hit gravel and flipped three times. Three students killed, five injured, one critically.</p>	<p>Roch was an economics and international relations major, with a minor in business. An avid basketball player, he had started an intramural basketball team on his</p>

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5/12/12 Saturday	Daniela Lekhno/ (20) New Jersey	Boston University/ Boston University/ Undergrad, study abroad, interim travel/ New Zealand	<p>New Zealand/ Vehicular/ Three minivans with 26 students were on their way to hike Tongariro Crossing. One vehicle hit gravel and flipped three times. Three students killed, five injured, one critically.</p> <p>https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/massachusetts/2012/05/12/boston-university-mourns-loss-three-students-new-zealand-crash/Qlnl843DcbBwcGvV52w8FM/story.html</p> <p>http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/brooklyn-raised-student-boston-university-students-killed-new-zealand-wreck-article-1.1077014</p>	<p>Daniela was a business major with a concentration in finance. She was described as a good listener who would thoughtfully analyze all topics. Teachers and peers described her as smart, selfless, and a classroom leader who “raised everyone’s game.” Daniela was a member of Alpha Delta Pi. Friends said she was “a beautiful writer,” “passionate about her education.”</p>

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			http://dailyfreepress.com/2012/05/14/daniela-lekhno-remembered-by-friends-professors/	
5/18/12 Friday	William Cullen ("Cullen") Klein/ (19) Florida	Florida State University/ Tianjin Foreign Language University/ Undergrad, study abroad/ China	Tianjin, China/ Fall/ Cullen had been awarded this prestigious two years Master's Degree fellowship at Tianjin University. He on the dormitory roof to view the nighttime sky, when he fell 14- stories. http://www.cnn.com/2012/05/21/world/asia/china-florida-student-dies/index.html http://www.wctv.tv/home/headlines/FSU_Student_Dies_While_Studying_in_China_152_289485.html http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/floridatoday/obituary.aspx?pid=157862338	Cullen was a focused student, having graduated high school in 3 years. As a practicing Catholic, Cullen attended a Jesuit retreat and participated in mission work in Haiti. In college, Cullen was a Chinese and Spanish language major, with a minor in French and Arabic.
5/19/12	Evan Dube/ (19) New Hampshire	Bates College/ Shetland Islands Climate and Settlement Project/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Scotland	Scotland/ Not Available, possible Unintentional Injury/ Evan was at a beach cookout. He went into the water with other students. The water was quite cold and when Evan came out, he collapsed. Resuscitation efforts were immediate, but unsuccessful. Evan was	Evan was interested in theater, volleyball and Model UN. He was described as a "great debater, very bright, a great speaker." In college, Evan was a classical studies major. He also built an

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			<p>taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.</p> <p>https://www.bates.edu/news/2012/05/21/dube/ http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2147622/US-student-Evan-Dube-archaeological-dig-Shetland-Islands-collapses-dies.html http://www.wmur.com/article/nh-teen-ewan-dube-dies-while-studying-in-scotland/5173889</p>	<p>admired theatrical resume.</p>
<p>6/12/12 Tuesday</p>	<p>Joshua Shane/ (21) Kansas</p>	<p>Arizona State University/ ASU, faculty-led program/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Thailand</p>	<p>Phuket, Thailand/ Drowned/ Students at the beach with Joshua became caught in a riptide. They called to Joshua, who went into the water to help them, which he did. He then drowned. Family later learned that students had been placed in Thailand during monsoon, and that the rainy season is linked to a spike in drowning deaths. In fact, from May 18th to June 12th of that year, at that beach where Joshua died, there had been at least seven drowning deaths.</p> <p>http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/local/copy_shop/thai-police-find-body-of-missing-</p>	<p>Joshua was passionate about social justice and the environment. In college, he was a sustainable development major. He also served as President of the ASU chapter of Oxfam America.</p>

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6/20/12 Wed.	Louis Frierson III/ (20) North Carolina	University of North Carolina/ Japan Gakushuin University/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Japan	Japan/ Not Available/ No cause of death was reported. https://webapp1.meaningfulfunerals.net/?action=obituaries.obit_view&o_id=1518539&fh_id=13343	Louis graduated high school with the highest GPA in the Cisco 1 and 2 programs and was recognized by the College Board as an AP scholar. He loved computers, video games, music, art and writing. In college, Louis was majoring in Japanese and Computer Science. He made the Dean's List his freshman year and had aspirations of creating a video game that would become his own brand. His family said "he was a dreamer...[who] saw no limits."
6/23/12	Bradford ("Brad") Lanier Killen/	University of Texas at Austin/ U-Texas	Prague/ Not Available/ No cause of death was reported.	Brad loved playing music, reading literature, and spending time in nature. He

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	(18) Texas	“Maymester” program/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Czech Republic	http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dallasmorningnews/obituary.aspx?pid=158285250 https://www.dailytexanonline.com/person/bradford-lanier-killen	walked, biked, and skateboarded everywhere. He was a freshman philosophy major. While at college, he started an existential philosophy club called The Existent. Friends said of Brad that he was open-minded, with a strong work ethic.
7/18/12	Chad DiGregoria/ (26) Massachusetts	Boston University/ Boston University, Central Lydia Archeological Survey/ Graduate school, research program/ Turkey	<p>Tekelioglu, Turkey/ Fall/ Chad was in Turkey working on research for his dissertation. On the day of his death, he was searching for artifacts. When he failed to return for dinner, a police search party used his cell phone GPS to find him. Chad’s body was found the next day, about one hour from campus. He appeared to have fallen in a rugged area of hills and caves.</p> <p>https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2012/07/20/boston-university-graduate-student-found-dead-turkey-from-apparent-fall/tEkDhTsakonlfyE4I3ua0M/story.html</p> <p>https://www.bostonglobe.com/news/nation/2013/04/29/boston-university-struggles-with-string-student-deaths/bsPS4PbLBrKTPYi1M9RwxL/story</p>	Chad was a magna cum laude graduate of Providence College in Rhode Island. He then attended BU, where he was a third-year PhD student in archeology. At the time of his death, Chad was involved in several excavations focused on Aegean prehistory. He was described as “one of archeology’s most promising students,” with “a sharp intelligence and great energy and discipline.”

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7/19/12	Samantha ("Sam") Hale/ (21) Indiana	Indiana University- Purdue University, Indianapolis/ IUPUI Service Learning Program/ Undergrad, study abroad, service learning/ Greece	Greece/ Fall/ On June 29 th (which was the study abroad program's last night), Sam fell from a 4 th floor balcony. She was taken to a hospital in Athens and died twenty-one days later. News coverage indicated that police did not identify a cause for her fall. http://www.heraldtimesonline.com/stories/2012/07/23/statenews.qp-9438175.sto http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/indystar/obituary.aspx?pid=158976279	Sam loved music, animals, computers and kids. As an informatics major, Sam was one of seven students on a four-week course studying the use of digital media on the island of Paros.
11/21/12 Wed.	Alyssa Weaver/ (20) Virginia	Northwestern University/ Arcadia University (Philadelphia) and University of London's Goldsmith's program/ Undergrad, study abroad/ England	London/ Intentional Injury, suicide/ Alyssa's family decided to be open about her suicide. It is their hope that transparency about what happened will contribute to prevention efforts, both on Northwestern campus and in the broader community of higher education. https://dailynorthwestern.com/2012/11/23/campus/weinberg-junior-alyssa-weaver-dies-while-studying-abroad-in-london/	Peers described Alyssa as enthusiastic, saying she "brightened everyone's day." In the aftermath of Alyssa's death, friends and teachers expressed shock, and NU resolved to reexamine mental health services.

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			https://dailynorthwestern.com/2012/11/26/campus/weinberg-junior-alyssa-weaver-commits-suicide-on-study-abroad-in-london/	
12/1/12 Saturday	Casey Shulman/ (22) Virginia	University of Virginia/ Semester at Sea/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Dominica	<p>Dominica/ Vehicular with Unintentional Injury/ While snorkeling with fellow students, a boat reversed course and drove over Casey, causing lethal injuries.</p> <p>http://abcnews.go.com/US/university-virginia-student-diver-killed-boat-propeller-dominica/story?id=17868006</p> <p>https://news.virginia.edu/content/uva-community-mourns-loss-fourth-year-student-casey-schulman</p> <p>http://www.dailyprogress.com/news/local/uva-semester-at-sea-to-cut-ties-in/article_4de00b9e-f42b-11e3-a421-001a4bcf6878.html</p>	In high school, Casey received an IB diploma and was a member of National Honor Society. Casey's college major was foreign affairs. Peers said her "smile could light up an entire room." She "spoke with clarity about issues that mattered."
12/2/12 Sunday	Morgan Lide/ (17) Georgia	Wheeler High School/ Kennedy-Luger Youth Exchange Program/ High school,	Bali, Indonesia/ Drowned/ Morgan went swimming with her host family along the coast of Bali. The group lost sight of her. She later washed up to shore, but was unresponsive.	Morgan was a promising high school senior, an honor student in math and science, while also discovering a passion for art. The prestigious State

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		federally-funded education abroad program/ Indonesia	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2242745/Morgan-Lide-High-school-student-drowns-study-abroad-year-Bali.html http://www.cbs46.com/story/20259610/marietta-student-downsin-bali-while-studing-abroad	Department Kennedy-Luger program had chosen Morgan for this study abroad program. She began her coursework in September of '12 and blogged about it at "Morgan in Indonesia."

Non-lethal incidents in 2012 include:

- Robberies
- Sexual assaults
- Near-drowning
- Fall
- Mob violence
- Attempted murder by stabbing
- Motor vehicle accidents (car, bus)
- Lost in inclement weather