

2013 Education 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	Bolivia/ Vehicular/ Tamar and a fellow study abroad student were a few days into post-program travel. They were touring Bolivia with another family. The driver of their vehicle was traveling too fast for road conditions, when he slammed into another vehicle. Family members were notified that Tamar had sustained broken bones and a collapsed lung, but that she was in stable condition and 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. En route to a hospital in La Paz, Tamar died.  <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>  <a href="http://cmcforum.com/news/0108">http://cmcforum.com/news/0108</a>	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="#">2013-remembering-tamar-kaplan-14</a> <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	<p>Paris, France/ Fall/ Luke had been accepted into the highly competitive Colgate study abroad program in Geneva. While at a Paris hotel where his study group was staying, Luke fell from a balcony. 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.</p> <p><a href="http://www.thecolgatemaroonnews.com/news/article_64ac8253-7678-5531-abe5-1ddf7f98feba.html">http://www.thecolgatemaroonnews.com/news/article_64ac8253-7678-5531-abe5-1ddf7f98feba.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.darientimes.com/17391/obituary-luke-stalker/">https://www.darientimes.com/17391/obituary-luke-stalker/</a></p> <p><a href="https://ncadvertiser.com/20451/obituary-luke-stalker-21-former-">https://ncadvertiser.com/20451/obituary-luke-stalker-21-former-</a></p>	<p>Having lived in Connecticut and Wyoming, Luke was a junior at Colgate (New York), double majoring in Peace and Conflict Studies and International Relations. He loved sports, especially Nordic skiing. He also loved languages and was fluent in Spanish and learning French. Luke 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.</p>

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			<a href="#">resident-outdoor-enthusiast/?fb_source=pubv1</a>	
3/30/13 Saturday	Oliver Pacchiana/ (20) Connecticut	University of Pennsylvania/ CIEE, University of Capetown/ 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/greenwichs-oliver-pacchiana-20-dies-while-studying-abroad/572866/">http://greenwich.dailyvoice.com/obituaries/greenwichs-oliver-pacchiana-20-dies-while-studying-abroad/572866/</a>  <a href="https://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Globe-trotting-GHS-grad-dies-in-rock-climbing-fall-4410921.php">https://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Globe-trotting-GHS-grad-dies-in-rock-climbing-fall-4410921.php</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>	As a youngster, Oliver was a chess champion, as well as a 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, 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.”
4/19/13 Saturday	Jared Paul Maillet/ (21) Maine	Arizona State University/ ASU exchange program with	United Kingdom/ Fall/ Students were participating in the 30-mile Welsh 3000 Challenge, a	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

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		<p>Manchester University/ Undergrad, study abroad/ United Kingdom</p>	<p>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. In the aftermath of Jared’s death, family described how hurtful it was to read post-mortem media references to him 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.” Jared’s sister said that her brother “potentially saved someone else from slipping off that cliff.”</p> <p><a href="http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/arizona-state-">http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/arizona-state-</a></p>	<p>sister described him as, “such a happy person,” “loved by so many people.”</p>
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6/10/13 Monday	Andrew Keith ("Keith") Carr/ (21) Indiana	Marquette University/ John Cabot University/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Italy	<p>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.</p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p>	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 Friday	Andrew Pochter/ (21) Maryland	Kenyon College/ AMIDEAST Education Abroad Program/	<p>Alexandria, Egypt/ Homicide, civil unrest/ Andrew had just completed his sophomore year. He was in Egypt</p>	Andrew was a religious studies major, with a facility for foreign languages. He was interning in a local school, teaching 7 and 8 year

		<p>Undergrad, internship/ Egypt</p>	<p>for an internship with AMIDEAST as civil unrest between supporters and opponents of Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi increased. When a protest broke out near Andrew’s school, he went outside to check on the disturbance, and was stabbed in the chest by a demonstrator and died. In the aftermath of Andrew’s death, students from other education abroad programs based in Alexandria commented that they were not surprised a student had died, commenting on “the complete lack of basic security measures [in Alexandria].” They stated that housing was often near to places on unrest, and tension with America and American’s was palpable. One said, “Thousands of families who have sent children abroad, or are planning to, have read, and will read about this.”</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>olds, while also improving his Arabic. Friends said, “Andrew’s 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.”</p>
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6/27/13 Thursday	Conor Youngclarke/ (15) California	Sierra Hills High School/ Sierra Hills High School/ High School, language program/ Germany	Germany/ Fall/ Conor's friends had stayed away from student housing past curfew. In an effort to help them get into the building without alerting staff, Conor climbed an outer wall of the building and fell.  <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>  <a href="http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2354739/Boy-15-tumbles-death-balcony-Germany-studying-abroad.html">http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2354739/Boy-15-tumbles-death-balcony-Germany-studying-abroad.html</a>	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."
7/10/13 Wednesday	Amanda Mundt/ (22) Massachusetts	Clark University/ Clark University/ Undergrad, internship/ Haiti	Les Cayes, Haiti/ Vehicular/ Amanda was at the start of a summer school program. She was riding in a minibus with her family members and Clark faculty. A collision occurred and Amanda was	Amanda was in her senior year, majoring in International Development. She was beginning the third year of a humanitarian program she'd started in 2010, meant to break social and cultural barriers between the "Restavek"

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			<p>killed, along with her aunt, plus 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>children (indentured servants) and "free" children. Amanda was recognized as one of Clark's "Making a Difference" Scholars. She was also a member of the school's 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 Friday	Oeshae Morgan/ (21) Washington, D.C.	University of Pittsburgh/ U-Pitt International Program/ Undergrad, internship/ Spain	Madrid, Spain/ Not available/ Oeshae was found dead in the courtyard of her housing. The cause of death was unspecified, but Spanish law enforcement was reported to be investigating. When questioned by reporters, Spanish law enforcement deferred to the U.S. State Department, which did	Oeshae was an economics and political science double major, just beginning her senior year. She traveled with U-Pitt's international program for a marketing internship. Oeshae was a member of U-Pitt's speech and debate team. She was interested in politics and planned to someday run for U.S. Congress.



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			<p>not respond.</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>	
8/15/13 Thurs.	Erhardt Moritz/ (21) Germany	University of Michigan/ University of Michigan/ Undergrad, internship/ England	<p>London/ Illness/ 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 up until his death was managed well with medication. An investigation revealed that before Erhardt collapsed, he'd worked eight "nighters" in two weeks, including the three previous nights. When he did not show up for work, bank</p>	<p>Erhardt was attending a 7-week summer internship with Merrill Lynch, Bank of America, in London. Though Erhardt was unaware his impending job offer, BofA planned to offer him a full-time position after graduation. They considered Erhardt to be a "highly diligent intern at our company with a bright future." Erhardt's father said of his son, "[He] wanted to do good in the world. I've been through some his things and found a quote [he'd saved]...'I don't want to make money. I just want to be</p>

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			<p>employees became concerned. Someone was sent to Erhardt's room. He was found under a running shower, dead. Subsequently, BofA launched an investigation into workplace practices. Bank officials found "a culture of long hours" with "intense competition between [interns]." For example, interns were engaging in what banking insiders call "the magic roundabout," working late into the night, then taxiing home to shower, change clothes, and return 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>	wonderful."
9/?/13	Unnamed	University of Washington/ Undergrad, study abroad	<p>Unnamed location/ (Presumed) Unintentional Injury/ This student died from burns due to electrocution. (We were unable to locate further</p>	

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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/ Illness/ Michael was found dead. Autopsy showed he had died from cerebral edema, possibly 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. Michael performed at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. Following graduation, Michael planned to continue his music education.
11/8/13	Sophia ("Sophie") Glaser/ (22) Vermont	New York University/ NYU Prague/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Czech Republic	Prague, Czech Republic/ Illness/ Sophie was socializing with out-of-town friends when she began feeling ill and retired to her room. She was later found unresponsive. Paramedics were called, but could not revive her. According to an	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

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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. The other student was made it to shore, but 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>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