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Dear Students, Scholars, Faculty and Staff:

We at the Slutzker Center join with the rest of the university community to express our deep sadness and sympathy on the tragic death of our student, Xiaopeng Yuan. Last night, Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, senior vice president and dean of student affairs, shared a message with the University community about this tragic death. The local news media announced the story yesterday as well, and as soon as he was identified as our student, we were able to make the announcement.

Many of you knew Xiaopeng Yuan, a member of our international community here at Syracuse. A native of Beijing, China, Xiaopeng was a junior studying mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences.

This is a very sad day for the University. We recognize the days and weeks ahead will be challenging. I want you to know that there are support services (described below) available to you if you want to talk about this tragedy. The Slutzker Center (315.443.2457 or email lescis@syr.edu) will be working with the leadership of the Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA) to prepare for the arrival of Xiaopeng's parents, and we will try our best to meet their needs. The Chinese Consulate in New York is also helping the family.

Students, please don't hesitate to contact the Counseling Center, which provides support 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To contact the Counseling Center, please call 315.443.4715. Additional services are also provided by the Office of Student Assistance, Monday through Friday, by calling 315.443.4357. For scholars, faculty and staff, assistance is available through Carebridge, the University's Faculty and Staff Assistance Program. Trained clinicians answer the phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week and can be reached at 800.437.0911.

For additional support and services, the campus community can contact Hendricks Chapel at 315.443.2901 or visit the chapel website for chaplaincy contact information.

I know the coming days and weeks will be difficult for all of us as we mourn Xiaopeng's passing. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you during this difficult time. I will be in regular communication with the leadership of CSSA and they will utilize their social media to keep the Chinese community informed. We, at the Slutzker Center, will use both this SCISNEWS listserv and our Facebook page to keep our international community informed.

We share your sorrow and will work together to support Xiaopeng's family and friends at this time.

With sincere sympathy,

Patricia A. Burak, Director
Slutzker Center for International Services

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