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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Graduate Students,

As many of us are aware from news reports, Jie Wang, a third-year doctoral student in material chemistry, lies in a coma resulting from a car crash on February 23.

Jie's vehicle was struck when a driver ran a red light, apparently after trying to get away from Albany police. The driver was caught after the collision, and faces felony charges.

Jie's injuries are severe and his condition is listed as critical.

Jie is an international student who came to Berkeley from Shanghai in 2002. His parents, Jia Qing Wang and Bao Shen Zhang, have been proud of the work he has done at Berkeley, where he has studied new materials for medical imaging. Now they are at his bedside, hoping against high odds that he will live. They rushed here from Shanghai, where both teach in a university.

Our prayers and fervent best wishes go out to Jie Wang and his family. The campus community, while shocked by this sudden tragedy, has responded with characteristic compassion. Students, faculty, and staff members are assisting individually and as groups.

If you would like to help, one group in particular, the Berkeley Chinese Students and Scholars (BCSSA), has established a donation fund to aid the family with the significant and unforeseen expenses resulting from this event. Contact BCSSA on [the Web](http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~bcssa/cms/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=7) (<http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~bcssa/cms/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=7>), by mail or in person at 400 Eshleman Hall, MC 4500, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720, or phone Mingyu Shi at (510) 381-0311.

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