

**Subject:** Mourning Kevin Jiang: resources for grief and community safety update

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*A Message from Dean Cooley*

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Dear graduate students,

By now you may have seen the tragic news conveyed in [President Salovey's message about Kevin Jiang](#), a graduate student in the School of the Environment. I send my deep condolences to Kevin's loved ones and grieve at the loss of Kevin.

I know you may have concerns about your safety, especially those of you who reside in the Rock area. Chief Ronnell Higgins will provide an update on the investigation later today, as well as a report on additional measures that Yale and the city will put in place to address the current challenging environment.

It has been a very difficult time, especially as we continue to mourn the loss just last week of another beloved member of our community, Andrew Dowe. If you are grieving, or having difficulty coping with this news or other pressures, I encourage you to seek the support of Mental Health & Counseling (business hours: 203-432-0290; after hours: 203-432-0123). The chaplain's office is also a great source of support; you can reach them at 203-432-1128 or make an appointment through [chaplain.yale.edu](http://chaplain.yale.edu).

I join you in mourning the loss of a dear human being, fellow student, son, colleague, beloved and friend.

Sincerely,  
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