

In Memory of Xiaowei

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1.1 Michael Celentano

Xiaowei had a relentless and infectious positivity about life. Despite the daunting and unfair circumstances he found himself in, every time I saw him he was optimistic and upbeat and shared his enthusiasm for life, and it would brighten my day. Rest In Peace, Xiaowei. We will miss you.

1.2 Rina Friedberg

Xiaowei was full of courage and love for life. He approached every day with optimism, energy, and grace - no matter how unfair and difficult the circumstances were. I will be forever inspired by his bravery, his joy in life's adventures, his radiant kindness, and his unbelievable grace. We feel your absence already and will miss you dearly. Rest in peace, Xiaowei.

1.3 Kevin Han

Xiaowei and I are from the same high school. Despite the fact that I only met him less than five times in Sequoia, we shared many good memories together outside of Sequoia. His kindness, enthusiasm for life have always been inspiring me. I will always remember him as a good friend and a man who has great courage towards life. Rest in peace, Xiaowei.

晓玮和我来自于同一所高中。像双宁所说，我们在当时就听说过晓玮的大名。很遗憾，我高中的时候和他并不相识。和他熟识是因为晓玮是吴韩的buddy，我们又来自一所高中，便渐渐熟了起来。尽管命运对他是如此的不公，但每次见到他，我总是被他身上的乐观所打动。他是一个极其认真的人，我和他曾一起TA Stats 202，我惊讶于他对于工作如此认真的态度。尽管那时他的身体已经不是很好，但他依然认真批改每次作业，是我见过对TA工作最认真的人。我很少在Sequoia见到他，但是在生活中我有幸和他一起参加过一些活动。这些美好的回忆会永远留存在我的记忆中。我为能认识这样一个出色的，对生活充满极大热情的年轻人而感到幸运。我也为命运对他的极大不公而感到遗憾。希望来世不再有病痛，还你一个更加精彩的人生！

1.4 Evan Rosenman

I feel very privileged to have known Xiaowei. He was obviously brilliant, but what I'll remember most is his warm and upbeat nature, his gumption in the face of adversity, and his willingness to reach out to others. Even throughout his illness, it was a pleasure to see him at events like Grad Formal or the new student barbeque, where he could always be found smiling and chatting with friends old and new. His presence will be sorely missed. Rest in peace, Xiaowei.

1.5 Ying Jin 金滢

It was at the welcoming barbeque that I first met Xiaowei, a cheerful man just like everyone of us. Though I didn't met him often, clips he shared in Wechat and instagram always made me feel like I were with him, traveling and sharing our laughters. You've always been optimistic and courageous

to live every second of life. Rest in peace Xiaowei.

第一次见到晓玮学长是在刚入学的烧烤聚会，他是那么阳光热情，和我们每个人没有什么不同。后来从他朋友圈和instagram分享的生活中看到的亦都是尽情地体验生命，几乎令我忘记他正在与病魔战斗。虽然没有经常和学长见面，但在社交网络上的互动还是令我仿佛在同他分享生活的精彩：去洛杉矶，坐海岸星光，去密室逃脱.....在我的印象里，作为优秀统计学者的学长却更像是一个快乐而阳光的生活家。学长的优秀、乐观，也一直在一些艰难的时刻鼓舞着我。学长离去的消息太让人震惊和难过，想象学长在战斗病魔中体验的痛苦，更让人心痛。惟愿那边也有浩瀚的世界等你去探索去体验，有你热爱的学术和生活，有满满的爱意和思念，正如你所爱的这边的世界。晓玮学长一路走好！

1.6 R Samyak

I did not have the opportunity to know Xiaowei too well, beyond the few months when we were working together in consulting and STATS 202. Whenever I met him, he always had a smile on his face, despite all the suffering he was going through. May you be in peace now, Xiaowei. Om shantih shantih shantih.

1.7 Chen Cheng

I heard Xiaowei's name back when I was merely a freshman in Peking University, when he was nominated Person of the Year in our School of Mathematics for his extraordinary academic and research performance, and just about to set off to Stanford. It was a great honor for me to help organize the ceremony as a member of the student union.

Two years later, I learned that Xiaowei was fighting against the illness. I was shocked, and couldn't understand why destiny was so unfair. However, I was even more shocked when I knew him here, with his constantly glowing optimism and hope. "A man can be destroyed but not defeated." His courage, optimism and fortitude will always live in my memory. Rest in peace, Xiaowei.

1.8 Stephen Bates

Xiaowei was always amazingly positive from the beginning. The first time I worked with him as teaching assistants, he did everything perfectly, always with a smile on his face. His unshakeable positivity continued even as things became very hard for him. He continued to come to the department as much as he could, taking classes and working very hard as a statistical consultant, still with a smile on his face. I feel very luck to have had Xiaowei in my life, and he will be missed.

1.9 Han Wu

Xiaowei was my buddy in my first year. Words could not describe how caring he was. He was patient with my countless questions and always made sure my life was smooth at every crucial stage in first year, even though he was himself bearing the pain caused by the illness. Before the qualifying exam, it was him that made me feel much less pressured. I have always been viewing him as my role model when facing adversities. I would miss every moment I shared with him, those movies, buddy lunches and wechat chats. Although it is heartbreaking to hear this news, I am sure Xiaowei would wish all of us a healthy, prosperous and optimistic life. I am lucky to have you in part of my life and hope you well in another world where you will be a great statistician! Rest in peace, Xiaowei.

1.10 Shuangning 李双宁

我从高中的时候就听说过晓玮学长的大名，那时候就觉得学长是一个特别特别厉害的数学竞赛大神。后来来到斯坦福之后才真正跟晓玮学长认识并慢慢熟悉了起来。我在晓玮学长身上学到了太

多东西。晓玮学长是一个特别认真负责的人：之前跟晓玮学长一起上过consulting，学长每次都会给client发一份非常详细的总结，尽其所能解决他们的问题。晓玮学长是一个特别特别温暖，为别人考虑的人。学长生病之后，每次我们去关心学长的病情，学长反倒都在安慰我们，说没事的，一切都会好起来。一直以来，学长对待病情的勇敢，对待生命的积极和乐观，都鼓舞着我们。学长一直都是我们最好的榜样。我之前一段时间自己的妈妈生病了，我和妈妈聊天，经常会用晓玮学长的故事来相互鼓励：疾病可以夺走很多东西，但夺不走我们对待生命的态度，夺不走所有快乐美好的回忆，更夺不走亲人朋友相互的爱。晓玮学长积极治疗的态度也一直鼓励着我妈妈以更坚强的状态，更勇敢的姿态面对疾病。谢谢学长带给我们的所有所有欢乐，每一顿饭，每一次桌游，每一次生日聚会，每一场电影.....学长一路走好，希望你在另一个世界，也可以有这么完美的爸爸妈妈，也可以有一群爱你的朋友们，也可以继续追求你想追求的东西，继续做那个快乐阳光温暖的男生！

1.11 Chen Cheng 程晨

我在大一刚刚来到北大的时候就知道王晓玮学长，他以优异的成绩和科研当选了那一年的数院年度人物，即将毕业来到斯坦福继续深造。我十分荣幸能够作为学生会的一员参与组织了颁奖的活动。两年之后，当我了解到晓玮学长正在与疾病斗争，我十分震惊，不明白为什么上天这么不公，要让这么优秀的人被命运捉弄。但更让震撼和钦佩的，是在真正接触到晓玮学长之后，他身上无时无刻不散发出的乐观和希望。“一个人可以被毁灭，但不能被打败。”晓玮学长的勇气和精神永远会留在我和每个人的记忆中。一路走好，晓玮学长。

1.12 Han Wu 吴韩

高中的时候就听说了王晓玮学长的大名，当时的他是一个难以企及的学长。我自己很幸运能有机会在后来成为他的学弟。当我知道他是我的buddy的时候，他很快就联系了我，事无巨细的介绍了斯坦福的方方面面。我当时其实已经知道了学长的病况，但是跟学长聊天，总能感觉到他的乐观，阳光，和对他人那种关心。作为曾经类似病患的家属，我了解学长一定在经历着常人难以忍受的痛苦，但是学长会把微笑展示给我们，从来都是关心着他人，和我们一起玩耍。虽然因为身体原因不能长时间和大家在一起，但是每次和学长在一起的时光总是很快乐。资格考试前，压力很大的我跟学长聊了很多，学长一直在鼓励关心我，给了我很大的帮助。一路走好，学长，在另一个没有病痛的世界继续自己的梦想，我相信热爱生活的你，热心肠的你，乐观的你，一定是那个世界里最绚丽多彩的人！

1.13 Sifan Liu 刘思繁

I didn't know Xiaowei was fighting with a disease when I first met him. We talked a bit at the barbecue, and I remember he explained patiently to me what single cell was. He was so enthusiastic about his research and life, and so nice to people. I believe his smile and his kindness to this world will last forever. Rest in peace, Xiaowei.

第一次见到晓玮学长的时候我并不知道他正在与病魔搏斗，他看上去阳光开朗，待人温和。当时是在迎新的聚会上，我们聊天的时候学长还跟我介绍了他做的科研。后来学长还有组织大家去看电影，帮大家订票安排接送，处处都让人觉得特别温暖体贴。学长面对生活的乐观坚强、对待学习工作的认真负责，都带给我极大的触动和激励。希望学长一路走好！

1.14 Claire

I will remember Xiaowei for his energy and incredible spirits in the face of adversity. I was struck by the astounding fight that he and his parents have put up over the past few years, as I saw them in Sequoia Hall or through the Facebook posts that Xiaowei often shared. There are few words to describe the courage, the cohesion and the grace that they have shown. All my thoughts to Xiaowei's family, loved ones and close friends in these difficult times.

1.15 Kenneth

I was in the same PhD class as Xiaowei. While we didn't interact a whole lot, I remember that in our conversations he was always very positive and cheerful. It was a joy and an inspiration to see him in the department despite all the treatment he was going through, and it made me more grateful for the opportunity I have to do research with such brilliant peers and advisors.

Xiaowei was also incredibly kind and caring. I remember when my wife was involved in a car accident last year, he reached out over Facebook to ask if everything was OK and if we needed help. I can't believe that he's gone now. Rest in peace Xiaowei.

1.16 Hui Xu 徐慧

It came as a great shock to us all when we learnt the sad news. Despite knowing that Xiaowei had been fighting with the devastating disease for a few years, we feel in our hearts that he has always been an active part of the community and should not have left us so soon. His warm nature and cheerfulness brought us so much joy, while at the same time heartbreaking considering the incredible amount of struggle and pain that he had gone through on his own. I once had the privilege to be in consulting class with him together. Although I was not in the same group as Xiaowei, I remember him voluntarily coming to our group session to offer additional help with a follow-up client. He also took leadership roles by organizing leisure activities outside of Sequoia Hall that brought the community closer and created so much precious memories. I have so much respect for his uncompromising optimism and perseverance, as well as his kindness towards people around him. We will miss you and always remember you as the inspiring and joyous young man. Rest in peace, Xiaowei.

我们得到消息时非常惊讶，虽然知道晓玮学长一直在与病魔搏斗，可是他平时一直积极参与学习和课余活动让人感觉仿佛他绝对不会这么早离开。他为人十分热情积极和温暖，带给周围的人很多欢乐，但同时想到他所忍受的难以想象的病痛和折磨也感到十分心疼。我上学期很有幸跟学长一起上consulting课，他在完成自己的任务同时还热心地付出额外的精力参与不同小组的讨论，为的是给来咨询的同学提供更多帮助。在学习之外他也积极组织大家看电影，创造了很开心的回忆。我记忆中的晓玮学长是一个特别坚强乐观而且十分善良温暖的人。很可惜之前见到学长的机会非常少，可是他的乐观和积极的精神让我非常敬佩和感动。谢谢你，晓玮学长！希望在另一个世界没有病痛，只有精彩和幸福！

1.17 Ismael Lemhadri

Xiaowei was a special, kind and thoughtful man who managed to remain happy and love life despite the difficult condition he was burdened with. On one special occasion he sent me warm birthday wishes. There was never a time that I met him when he wasn't smiling or didn't offer to help. I am so impressed by his resilience and how he continued to attend to his research and academic interests.

1.18 Yuchen Wu 吴雨晨

I knew Xiaowei mostly from the consulting sessions we attended together last quarter, where Xiaowei demonstrated his proficiency as a statistician and patience as a caring consultant. I remember once I was puzzled by a case brought up during one session and Xiaowei helped me to deal with it, which I truly appreciate. Sometimes Xiaowei couldn't make it to the sessions, then he would ask other consultants for what was going on or what instructions professor Switzer gave. During the sessions, Xiaowei was kind to every client and explained things in great details. Once he volunteered to stay for an additional half hour after the session, to provide one of his client with extra help.

Outside the department, Xiaowei left me the impression as a cheerful man enthusiastic about food, traveling and movies. Sometimes he would invite us to the cinema when a new movie was released,

and went to the bakery afterwards. I treasure all those joyful moments you have created for us. Hope you rest in peace.

我对晓伟学长的印象主要来自上学期我们共同选修的统计咨询课。在课上，晓伟学长表现出了他作为统计学工作者的优秀素养和作为顾问的耐心与关怀。记得一次统计咨询课上我不知如何处理客户提出的一个问题，是学长帮助我一起解决这个问题，对此我深表感激。有时学长因为诸多因素而无法到场，每每这时他就会问其他顾问课上发生的事情，以及教授给出了何种的指导。在课上，晓伟总是以善意面对每一位前来咨询的顾客，并详尽为他们解答问题。曾经，他在一次课后自愿拖堂半小时，以给予他的一位顾客以更好的帮助。

统计系之外的晓伟学长总是乐观而明朗。他对生活充满热情，尤其喜爱美食，旅游以及电影。有时有新电影上映，他便号召大家一起去电影院观看，之后会去蛋糕店吃甜点。我无比珍惜同晓伟学长共度的欢乐时光，愿你安息。

1.19 Qian 赵倩

I was fortunate to be in the same PhD cohort as Xiaowei. Xiaowei was a dedicated researcher, a caring friend, and a true fighter. He organized many hiking trips, boardgames and movie screenings, for students inside and out of Sequoia. He was a wonderful and hospitable host, who brought so much fun to our lives and made us feel like home here. Every conversation with him was a pure joy, I was inspired by his passion for research, his never quivering attitude and his deep love of this world. He was always encouraging to me, even when himself was struggling with illness. Rest in peace, Xiaowei. We will miss you most dearly.

晓玮是一个特别执着敬业的学者，善良有爱心的朋友，一个勇敢的斗士。从我认识晓玮的第一天，他就一直积极组织徒步旅行，每次都认真负责，还很多次召集大家一起看电影打桌游，他是一个特别热情幽默的主人，给我们来许多欢乐，和家一般的温暖。每次和晓玮聊天，我都被他对科研的热情，永不言弃的决心和他对这个世界深深的热爱所感动和鼓舞。即使他深受病痛的折磨，每次和他聊天他都一直在鼓励着我。我和晓玮讨论学术问题的次数不多，但我能感受到他是一个聪明，勤奋，认真的学者。谢谢晓玮和叔叔阿姨一直对我们这些孩子的关心，和晓玮做同学是一种幸运，我会珍惜这些回忆。

1.20 Mona Azadkia

Whenever I think about Xiaowei, there are three things that embody him for me. First his smile and second his determination. We were not lucky enough to have him for a longer time but his smile and courage will stay with us forever. The third thing that was really heart warming was Xiaowei's family and friends. I want to specially thank you, Xiaowei's mother and father and girlfriend, for being such an amazing support. I'm sure it was not only a great source of comfort for Xiaowei to have your full support and energy during that hard time but also for us it was a great lesson of true love, dedication, and hope. Thanks for your love and courage and I wish Xiaowei lives in our heart.

1.21 Sky Cao

Xiaowei graciously hosted me when I came for the new admit visit days in 2017. From those couple of days, it was clear that he was extremely kind, thoughtful, and conscientious. I was lucky enough to share a few classes with him since then, and he always greeted me with a warm smile whenever we saw each other. Above all, his shining optimism will stay with me. Rest in peace, Xiaowei.

1.22 Youngtak Sohn

When I first met Xiaowei during our first year, I remember him being confident, but also kind and humble at the same time. He was enthusiastic about learning new materials and always willing to help other people. He did not lose his positivity and caring attitude during hard times and his courage inspired all of us. Meeting Xiaowei with his parents in our office, or in Escondido or even

in Paris Baguette, I cannot forget how Xiaowei was very kind and positive. I will miss Xiaowei a lot. Rest in peace, Xiaowei.

1.23 Seungbin Jeong

Though I mainly communicated with Xiaowei via online, but I really liked his positive spirits and valuable moments he shared with his friends. His body left us, but his spirits and passion stay with us. We will keep his values alive in our lives. I really hope you can rest in peace, Xiaowei. You paid enough. It is time for you to get your happiness and reward back on the other side of this world.

1.24 Annette Jing 靖婕勋

Although I've only talked to Xiaowei twice, it is clear that he's one of the most positive and kind person I've ever met. He talked about life at Stanford and re-insured me when I expressed doubts about my fit with the program due to a lack of pure-math background. He was warm and polite and made me feel much more at home with Stanford. Back then I didn't know that he was battling cancer and was shocked to find out about it. I'm very thankful that he decided to spend time interacting with first years while he had so much things to deal with, as it is an honor to get to know him. Rest in peace, Xiaowei.

1.25 Junyang Qian 潜骏阳

最早认识晓玮是他14年来斯坦福上暑期学校的时候，因为本科是同一个导师就自然认识了。那时候起就觉得他是一个特别有想法，非常努力，同时又对生活充满热情的人。入学之后因为我们生日很近，晓玮就邀请我和他们一起庆祝生日，当时的场景仿佛还在眼前，完全无法相信疾病会和这样一个健康阳光的少年有任何联系。生病以来的三年多，晓玮给我们展示的总是生活最美好的一面：亲人，朋友，和世界上美丽的角落和瞬间，我就天真的感到欣慰，以为你的病情在一天天好转；看到你在上课，做project，就感到特别开心觉得你终于要回归了，但不知道这背后只是你和病魔缠斗无数次后依然咬着牙的坚持，是你在命运如此不公之后依然积极面对的乐观。晓玮，感谢你，出现在我们的生活里，给我们带来欢乐，温暖和力量。感谢你，为我们重新定义了什么叫乐观，什么叫勇敢，什么叫对生命的热爱。晓玮一路走好，你永远和我们同在。愿天堂没有病痛，愿你在另一个世界继续追逐梦想，开心幸福。