

## TRIBUTE

# Jeffrey Bordeaux '12: Loving Friend

I celebrated my 21st birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 2. To be honest, it was bittersweet for me because for the past two years I had grown accustomed to receiving either a Facebook message or a text message from Jeff that would say something hilarious, with the sole intention simply to make me laugh, to let me understand everything was all right. Anyone who knew Jeff has a similar story.

Jeff was a very kind-hearted and loving individual, with a unique sense of style and an infectious smile to match. He enjoyed playing basketball, video games, and "tried" to rap. He was also a very hard worker. He excelled in his political science classes, worked on campus 20 hours per week, and ran on the track and field team.

Before he died last Jan. 15, he was getting ready to leave for Shanghai, China, on a semester abroad.

But above all else, Jeff was a man of God who believed if he gave you his word, you could rest assured that he was going to come through for you. Out of the many attributes that made Jeff an amazing person to have known, the one thing that made him unique in my eyes was his ability to love.



**IN MEMORIAM:** Bordeaux, pictured with his mother, Delores Forest.

His arms could open up wide enough to hug 10 people at once, and Jeff was the type of person to try to see how many people he could hug at one time.

Despite his love for love, the thing that made Jeff's love unique wasn't the love he shared with the many friends he made here on campus, but with his family at home, primarily his mother and sister. He loved them to the point that after each visit to his house, I left with the sense that I had to do more to show my own mom and sister how much I appreciated them.

Jeff worked every day to make himself a better person, and just by holding a conversation with him, he forced me to become a better person.

I miss my friend, but I know that my friend is

looking down and still making sure that we all laugh and that we all understand everything is going to be all right. He will be missed dearly, but it's important that the legacy of love that he left behind never be forgotten.

—Stephen Christopher Norwood '12

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Norwood was a friend, classmate, and the freshman roommate of Bordeaux.

## University Reviews Policies Following Student Death

Sue Stewart, University general counsel and senior vice president, is leading a College-wide review of policies and procedures following the stabbing death of Jeffrey Bordeaux '12, who died Jan. 15 from wounds he suffered during a fight on the Fraternity Quad.

Fellow student Daren Venable '12 has been charged with second-degree murder in the case. In late February, Venable was released from the Monroe County Jail after posting \$50,000 in bail. Neither student had a record of disciplinary issues at the University.

Noting that the incident appeared to be isolated, President Joel Seligman asked Stewart to undertake the internal review,

asking her to make recommendations if policy changes are warranted. Stewart is expected to complete her review later this spring.

Bordeaux, a political science major from the Rochester suburb of Brighton, was remembered at a January memorial service at Aeon Missionary Baptist Church in Rochester. A vigil for Bordeaux was held at the Interfaith Chapel the night of the stabbing, and a campuswide discussion of his death was scheduled for early March.

Venable was scheduled to return from his Brooklyn home in March for a court date.

For more about the incident, visit the website at [www.rochester.edu/news/bordeaux](http://www.rochester.edu/news/bordeaux).

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