

What People Have to Say About Her

Names withheld in cases where I thought there may be a privacy concern.

1. Just a few quick thoughts...

Jengyee was always very thoughtful and always inclusive, she was helpful and friendly to everyone who needed it, she never gave up and never let you do so either, she never missed an opportunity to Network and always kept in touch...

There will never be another Jengyee...but there will be many who will be inspired by her memory...

Jesse Ante

2. Jengyee was a good friend, full of warmth and vibrance whether it was at Toastmasters or on the personal basis. She brought in the energy and spark to our club when she joined my Toastmasters club. I was privileged to be under her leadership when she was President of our Toastmasters club and learned so many things from her. Even in her condition, I have observed and experienced her portraying strength, eloquence and caringness with the people around her.

Hope you can use this.

Wendy Leung

3. her openness in trying new things - like the slapping technique or the laughing technique

her joy in newfound feelings of spirituality and closeness to the God of her understanding

don't know if these specifics help with the scholarships, but they stood out for me, as a tribute to her persistent bravery / courage, positive attitude and optimism in the face of tremendous challenges.

hope this helps. hope you both are hanging in there...
with love,

Michele Kato

4. The qualities that formed the foundation of a strong friendship between Jengyee and I had to do with her keeping a balance between high achievement and compassion.

Jengyee did her best to use anything one might consider a 'privilege' - coming from a stable family, receiving guidance from parents and family, being able to go to school in a good environment - and never took them for granted. It was apparent that while Jengyee had landed herself in some of the best institutions and companies, she did so out of the hard work of herself and her family. As a result, Jengyee never ever came across as a privilege person, even though she worked amongst many people who attained a high level of achievement without being very aware or conscientious of the hardships others face in

the world. This made her very unique. Jengyee had the advantage of both a strong work ethic, and an understanding of hardship that gave her a humility to have compassion for human suffering. In other words, Jengyee worked very hard to make the most of any resource or advantage she had. Although she would clearly be disappointed if she saw her friends not making the most of their time and talents, in my experience, I am sure her friends never felt judged by her. Instead, she would express to her friends that they should try harder in a certain aspect of life or at a certain task, encouraging them to improve themselves and strive harder for what they were truly capable of. On the other hand, I was always very impressed with the way Jengyee put herself out to learn from her friends that which she could not or had not learned through her own experience. She was willing to expose her lack of knowledge in order to seek learning from friends she trusted. At the same time, she was also learning to become very good at selecting which friends had which lessons to teach.

This was her skill in forming a social network. She cast her net wide, but then, she was honing her skills at both balancing her time with all of her many contacts, as well as figuring out how to judge when to trust someone further, and when to hold back and maintain a relationship at a more formal level, or as an acquaintance. When Jengyee decided to create as many social connections as she had, she was bound to encounter some of the problems that come with developing relationships over time. But she never shied away. To deal with conflicts or discomforts she may have had with someone she was not as close to, she would call upon her closer comrades to guide her through an awkward experience. By consulting with her more trusted friends, she would find a way to navigate diplomatically and even professionally through the situation. This, then, is the purpose of a social support network, isn't it - the stronger relationships allow one to expand one's network into newer terrain. Jengyee already had a good basis of knowing how to socialize and having quite a bit of self-confidence upon entering university, and continued to strengthen and expand her social map by expanding her network during and after college. Jengyee was always mature and responsible for her age. With these qualities, she was also developing the wisdom that allowed her to become a positive force in any community or organization.

That humility and wisdom of Jengyee's also made her very conscientious about her life choices, and about continually increasing her education in environmental and humanitarian realms. I remember her coming to ask me what to do when someone voiced an opinion about the environment that didn't sit well with her. For example, she once overheard a conversation in which someone said that recycling is not the answer to environmental problems, as it takes up energy and resources. I think she was not sure whether she agreed with this opinion, and on the other hand, wasn't sure why the other person took this perspective. To know how to deal with such situations, she turned to her friends to figure out how to communicate respectfully if she been on the other side of that conversation. We discussed the strategy of seeking to understand the other person's perspective before responding with a difference of opinion. Jengyee liked that solution, and this was a mark of how she tried very hard through her conscience and humility to balance her concerns for both people and the environment, while always seeking to increase her education. Even when she got her excellent internships and jobs at some of the top corporations, including Proctor and Gamble, she always felt unsure whether such jobs fulfilled or conflicted with her desire to achieve sustainable living in the environment. Out of this consideration, she began finding ways she could direct her skills towards a career that would be more humanitarian in nature, while still applying her love of high achievement. To the best of my understanding, she wanted to work in education to achieve these goals.

I have learned, and continue to learn, so much from Jengyee. I don't feel regret for her passing, most of the time, at least. I feel very sad that I can't call her up or write her an e-

mail and expect a voice on the other line or a response, and at times I miss her so much that it brings me to tears, in all honesty. But when I learned Jengyee's health had declined, most likely past the point of return, something in my heart spoke out loudly and clearly: if I do not apply to my life those things I've learned from Jengyee, then that would be the greatest regret, I'm sure as much for Jengyee as for me. In my life, I seek to honor the great gifts Jengyee's friendship offered me by continuing to reap the powerful potential of our friendship into a life legacy that I know Jengyee would be proud to have been an influence upon. By doing this, I feel that Jengyee is and always will be an integral part of me, and though she may have passed through the physical world, she is very alive, here, with all of us. Her legacy lives on in us. I hope that this will be a small but sufficient gift in return for all that she has given me.

I hope some of what I have written here is useful to you both, Jan and Tom. These are the most personal and important aspects that I experienced in Jengyee, which I am sure her friends and family would agree with. Please don't hesitate to call or contact me anytime, or to seek out any support or assistance you may need from me.

My best regards,
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5. I do hope you are doing well. Here are some of my recollections of your beautiful daughter. God bless and keep you both.

One of the things that most inspired me about Jengyee was her desire to help young people through the writing of her book "Hello, Real World". And not only to write it, but to also get it published in spite of what she was going through with her health issues. I purchased three copies from her directly as soon as they were available so that I could share with my grandchildren, and since have purchased three more. I have a total of 12 grandchildren so I will be getting at least six more copies, and also expect to get some for my nieces and nephews. The book is awesome and excellent material for high school and young college students. She has and will into the future make a big impact on my grandchildren as they prepare themselves for college and getting ready for "the real world".

Also, I will always remember Jengyee's positive spirit. While she was going through her health trials, I was also experiencing my own with breast cancer. She always encouraged me, and though she was many times feeling poorly she would always lift my spirits with her positivity. And lastly, but certainly not least, I will always remember her beautiful smile that seemed to go on forever and ever the day she graduated from Cal.

Jan Crowder

6. I would suggest the following:

1) Jengyee persevered and kept at something until the walls came crashing down for all of us. Having a component capturing perseverance on a beneficial project or campaign (either in terms of intensity or length of time the applicant pursued something) may be one idea.

2) An emphasis on involvement that grows in the benefit of others. E.g. using the founding of an organization to get more fellow students involved in civic engagement. Jengyee always looked at the return on her investment in how it helped other people.

3) Lastly, Jengyee structured her activities around providing opportunities to those who lacked them. This may be a component to place in the foundation as well.

Best,

Igor Tregub

7. I've been sifting through some memories of mine regarding my friendship with Jengyee over the years, here's what I found:

1) Jengyee taught me to respect my work, to be humbly proud of what I've accomplished even if it didn't turn out as polished as my perfectionist tendencies wanted it to be. She taught me to speak kindly and justly about my work and professional aspirations.

2) I see in hindsight now how Jengyee trusted me as a friend to be open with me about the challenges and hardships she had faced in her life and career. Her openness in sharing her life with me helped me to feel at ease and comfort with my own life story. She created an atmosphere of security and support by being confidently her unique self, which helped me process and heal from some old wounds.

I hope that helps, and I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Hugs,

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8. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts. I think this permanent scholarship idea sounds great. I am sure you have had many suggestions for the scholarship and in case it hasn't already been proposed, you may want to consider a TAAP scholarship, which is an exceptional program run through the California Alumni Association (CAA).

Here are my words to share:

Jengyee undertook double the number of campus activities as I had--far beyond what the typical student would attempt, even at a campus of high-achievers like Berkeley. Yet, she managed to do it all with a smile. Even now, this drive, this vitality inspires me—and spurs me on to realize the untapped potential in myself. I have no excuses for putting less than my fullest effort to my life and those around me, because Jengyee gave her all and proved it was possible.

May you have the best of success with this endeavor. As always, please let us know when you need help!

Regards,

Scott Fable

9. This is great - I'm very glad Jengyee will have such a positive effect on Berkeley and all future students. When I think of Jengyee, two things always come to the top of my mind:

1. Jengyee was always laughing and smiling. She had a positive attitude that was contagious to those around her. Whenever I think of her, her smile and laughter are what pop into my head.
2. Jengyee was very inclusive with everyone and went to great lengths to ensure everyone's views, opinions, and thoughts were heard and acted upon (whether in small group projects or advocating something within student government).

I know these are directly related to a specific activity, but they drove and molded everything Jengyee did, and I feel anyone that receives a scholarship in her honor should have the same traits. Let me know if I can help in any ways.

Thanks,

John Meehan

10. What stands out for me about Jenyee (in those early years I spent with her) was how visible her kind and giving nature was--it's light virtually shone through her eyes. While most children are experiencing the natural developmental stage of egocentrism, Jenyee always appeared to operate on a different level--an elder in a child's body. She was an avid learner who never faltered in her quest for knowledge, but who also, in her own quiet, unassuming way, celebrated the joy of life! She was a perfect combination of child-like innocence and natural wisdom. What a gift to all of us who were privileged to touch her life!

Love to you.

Cathy Smythe

11. The scholarship sounds like it's coming together. How exciting!

Here are some concrete examples of Jengyee's extraordinary character. I tried to avoid adjectives, but it was difficult:

1) She would bring up ideas, such as running for ASUC senator, survey the options and support of her friends, and execute the ideas to 110% satisfaction. While running for senate, she was hands-on and involved. She went to many club meetings and teamed up with Misha Leybovich, who was running for ASUC president, to broaden her network. She distributed campaign pins, which decorated many backpacks, and made sure all those helping her campaign knew the rules.

Her slogan "Battlebot" captured her sound foresight: it's mirthfully tasteful and serious and appeals to her constituents in the College of Engineering. It was a refreshing contrast to the slogans others' run with, e.g. Ben "4sight Not 4skin" Narodick, Cameron "No More Asians" Huey (from different year's ballot. However, this general tone in our "politicians" continues still...).

2) For her birthday sophomore year, she brought together her friends at Le Petit Cheval on Bancroft. We were a party of 20+, so we were spread across a couple tables. Since it was her birthday, you'd expect her to sit in the center, but she didn't. She sat towards on the side closer to the entrance and welcomed everyone who came. She also asked us not bring gifts or flowers.

3) While she was working for Proctor and Gamble in Ohio, she'd send periodic emails to friends. They were always case in positive light - one vignette told of the confused responses she received from people for being one of the few Asians in Cincinnati and not in the restaurant or massage businesses. She encouraged us to visit her and never complained about the weather despite having grown up in Southern California.

Hope that helps!
Send my regards to Mrs. Liang.

Cheers,

Chung-Hay Luk

Below are from the Southern Cal & Northern Cal Memorial Services:

"...What a remarkable person she was! Even as a small child, she had a spark that others did not have-- curiosity and wisdom that belied her years. I felt privileged that over the years, she chose to keep in touch with me--those of us who work with young children must keep in mind the impressions which are put in place during those years. Jengyee was very expressive about how much she remembered from our time together and how important she felt it was in her creation (developmental) process. Again, I feel honored to have been allowed to be a part of her life. I will miss her presence but feel her in my heart." – Cathy Smythe (Jengyee's first teacher)

"...In the brief time I knew Jengyee she impressed me with her strength, love and great sense of humor. She will always be an inspiration to me." – Laurie Moore

"I never got to know Jengyee very well except for her time in the hospital, but when I reflect back on her life in the hospital, there is not one person who wasn't touched with a positive experience when meeting jengyee. No

matter which department or staff person that came into contact with Jengyee everyone fell in love with her. She always had a sweet domineer about her when you come into her room. Always greeting you with a sweet smile and such a welcoming disposition, making everyone feel welcomed. Her memory still walks the hallways of the hospital and her legacy will live on forever. It was such a privilege to have met Jengyee and her wonderful family." – Christine Ellis

"Our lives touched briefly at Haas through a consulting project, but I have never forgotten your warmth, your infectious smile and your gurgling laughter. I was upset to learn about your health condition and we exchanged emails briefly about a year or two ago. I was also heartened to learn about your book writing - only you could ... Read More have the ambition, the dedication and the energy to make such a thing happen. I wish we could have been closer. To wherever and whatever there is after this life ends, I know you will light up all those around you in the hereafter." – Fennie Wang

"Jengyee, i remember your warmth, humor, and lively spirit. i can't believe you're gone, but know that you will be missed by many and your spirit will live on in our memories. may peace be with you & your family" – Lauren Wu

"Jengyee, we had the pleasure of meeting and working with each other briefly through SWE. I was always impressed and amazed at your positive energy, your dreams, and how you made them come true. You wrote a book as a guidance to younger engineers, but the fact that you were able to do that inspired me. I wish I have half as much energy and passion for life as you did. You accomplished great things during your short life, and you will not be forgotten." – Cindy Lee.

"Jengyee, you are truly an inspirational person and wonderful friend. I remember our freshman year when you were just talking about running for ASUC senate and by graduation, you were the most busiest person that I know. You have accomplished so much and yet you were able to spend time with your friends. Your presence will always be with us." – Theresa Vu

"Jengyee, I am humbled to have had a chance to know you in your short time here. Thank you for always being an inspiration to thousands of people and for your perennially radiant smile. For as long as I live, I will always remember to take a part of your legacy with me. Hope to see you someday again!" – Igor Tregub

"Jengyee, I cannot fathom the fact that your charismatic smile and always positive enthusiasm will not be with us anymore. There was no task too large for you and no dilemma too complicated. You've achieved SO much in the short time you've been with us - it has been my honor to have known you as a friend and worked with you in SWE. My prayers and thoughts are with your family during this tough time. You will be sorely missed." - Chinmayi Bettadapur

"Dearest Jengyee, you touched my life with your wonderful smile and beautiful intelligence. What a privilege it was to know you & meet your parents. I will never forget how much you inspired me and many others." – Angeli Leggitt

"You touched my life in more ways than you'll ever realize. I'll always remember the time you set up a lunch of ~20 cal alums at cisco for me to meet. Actions like that speak volumes about your character. You were and always will be an inspiration to me. I'll miss you -- especially your exuberance. love always." – Dana Wu