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Alice Huang

Subway crushes teen's leg

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A gifted 18-year-old college student was struck and critically injured by a subway train in a freak accident on a Manhattan platform during yesterday morning's rush hour.

Alice Huang, an illustration major and freshman at the School of Visual Arts, is in danger of losing her left leg after she was crushed between the platform and a southbound F train around 9 a.m., authorities said.

Huang, of 80th St. in Elmhurst, Queens, dropped a book on the platform at 23rd St. and Sixth Ave., said police spokesman Detective Eugene Canapi.

When she leaned down to pick up the book, she was struck by a train as it pulled out of the station, Canapi said.

Huang was spun around and fell between the sixth and seventh cars of the train, said Transit Authority spokeswoman Deirdre Parker.

Cops and medics worked frantically to extricate the trapped woman and rushed her to Bellevue Hospital, where doctors were trying to save her severely crushed leg.

A hospital spokesman said he could not discuss details about Huang's injuries, citing patient confidentiality.

Promising illustrator

Huang, a graduate of LaGuardia High School, is one of 400 students in the elite art school's illustration and cartooning department. She also works part time tutoring youngsters in her neighborhood in math and English.

"Alice is a promising young art student who is using every opportunity to grow into her life as an illustrator," said her drawing instructor, Barbara Schwartz.

"She says she's not talented, but her art is really good," said Huang's brother, Richard, 13.

Painting instructor Farrell Brickhouse described her as a "talented kid and a lovely girl" who was likely to get an A in his class.

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