

Chinese family reportedly paid \$6.5 million for spot at Stanford

From the day in March that prosecutors announced charges against 50 people in a sweeping college admissions **fraud** investigation, they have held out a **tantalizing** mystery: an unnamed family that they said had paid the college consultant at the center of the scheme \$6.5 million — far more than any of the parents named in the case — to get their child into college.

fraud 欺骗；欺诈

tantalizing 诱人的；撩人的

The student is Yusi Zhao, who was admitted to Stanford in 2017, according to a person with direct knowledge of the investigation.

At a court hearing in March, the lead prosecutor in the admissions case, Eric S. Rosen, said that college consultant William Singer had tried to get Zhao — whom Rosen did not identify by name — recruited to the Stanford **sailing** team and created a false profile of her supposed sailing achievements.

sailing 航行；航海

She was ultimately not recruited, but Rosen said that she was admitted to Stanford partly on the basis of those false credentials and that, after her admission, Singer made a \$500, 000 donation to the Stanford sailing program.

Zhao appears to have participated in a recent conference hosted by the Princeton U.S.-China **Coalition**. Her biography on the group's website said she was planning to major in Psychology and East Asian Studies and was interested in education policy in China.

coalition 联合；结合