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When the 75-year-old scientist learned of the honor, he was on a special trip to Munich, Germany. The event, which Glauber termed a “wildcat,” was part of the international celebration for those who have received the Nobel Prize in the past year.

“The fact that I was honored with this award is a source of great pride and satisfaction for me,” Glauber said. “I am deeply grateful to my many colleagues and students, who have worked so hard and so long to make this possible.”

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By Danielle Rideau

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By Holly Wells

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Michelle Grace Combs, a 20-year-old retailing and consumer sciences sophomore, died after the motorcycle she was riding collided with a car around 10:40 p.m. at South Country Club Road and East Beverly Drive, said Officer Dallas Wilson, Tucson Police Department spokesman.

The driver of the motorcycle, Corin Taylor, 23, was badly injured and transported to University Medical Center where he remains in critical condition, said Loretta McKenzie, UMC spokeswoman.

Neither Combs nor Taylor were wearing helmets at the time of the accident.

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