

# Drunk driving kills CCC alumna

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Former Clackamas student government Vice President Bethanie Adamson died in an early morning car accident Saturday, March 28.

According to the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department press release, the accident occurred around 3:47 a.m. on Ridge Road in Beavercreek, when the car she was traveling in crashed into a tree on the side of the road. Adamson died at the scene. The press release also stated that investigators suspected speed and alcohol were factors.

The driver was identified as Nicholas Ray Lunde, a 23-year-old resident of Beavercreek. The 1999 BMW sedan belonged to him. He was arrested and charged with manslaughter in the second degree. His arraignment occurred on Monday, March 30.

In a statement to Fox 12 news, Andelain Powell, a friend of Lunde and Adamson's, claimed she had been with them before the crash. According to Powell, they had all been out drinking in the bars in Oregon City. Powell was dropped off around 2 a.m. The accident occurred about two hours later.

According to Powell, the night of Adamson's death, they went out to be a support system after Powell had wrecked her car.

"As soon as I saw her face, I instantly started smiling and felt incredible again," said Powell. "She had the kind of smile to melt all

your troubles and bring the light back around you. She lit up an entire building."

Adamson was born Jan. 16, 1987 in Oregon City. She attended Clackamas until Spring 2008 when she graduated. During the 2008 soccer season, Adamson earned a spot on the championship Clackamas team.

"She loved being on the field," said former ASG President Tim Lussier, in an e-mail, who dated Adamson and served on ASG with her.

She joined student government in the fall of 2007, after Lussier encouraged her to. She worked in campus activities and then was promoted to administrative assistant. In the spring of 2007, Adamson ran for Vice President alongside Lussier and won.

Current ASG President Michael Vu said he mostly remembered her smile and laugh: "It radiated her warmth and positivity."

"She had many positive traits, most notably her smile and her wonderful attitude on life," said Lussier.

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Andelain Powell  
Friend



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Hours after the crash, investigators were still at the scene of the accident. The 1999 BMW sedan slammed into the tree around 3:47 a.m. on March 28. According to investigators, speed and alcohol were factors in the crash. Bethanie Adamson was not driving.

talked about the good times and bad times, and she chimed that she still had that wonderful attitude. Before talking on the phone, we were talking online, instant messaging. I told her I could still tell that wit of hers, the sarcasm, and the smile."

Friends and family described Adamson as a positive spirit that people went to for help and encouragement. She was someone that dealt

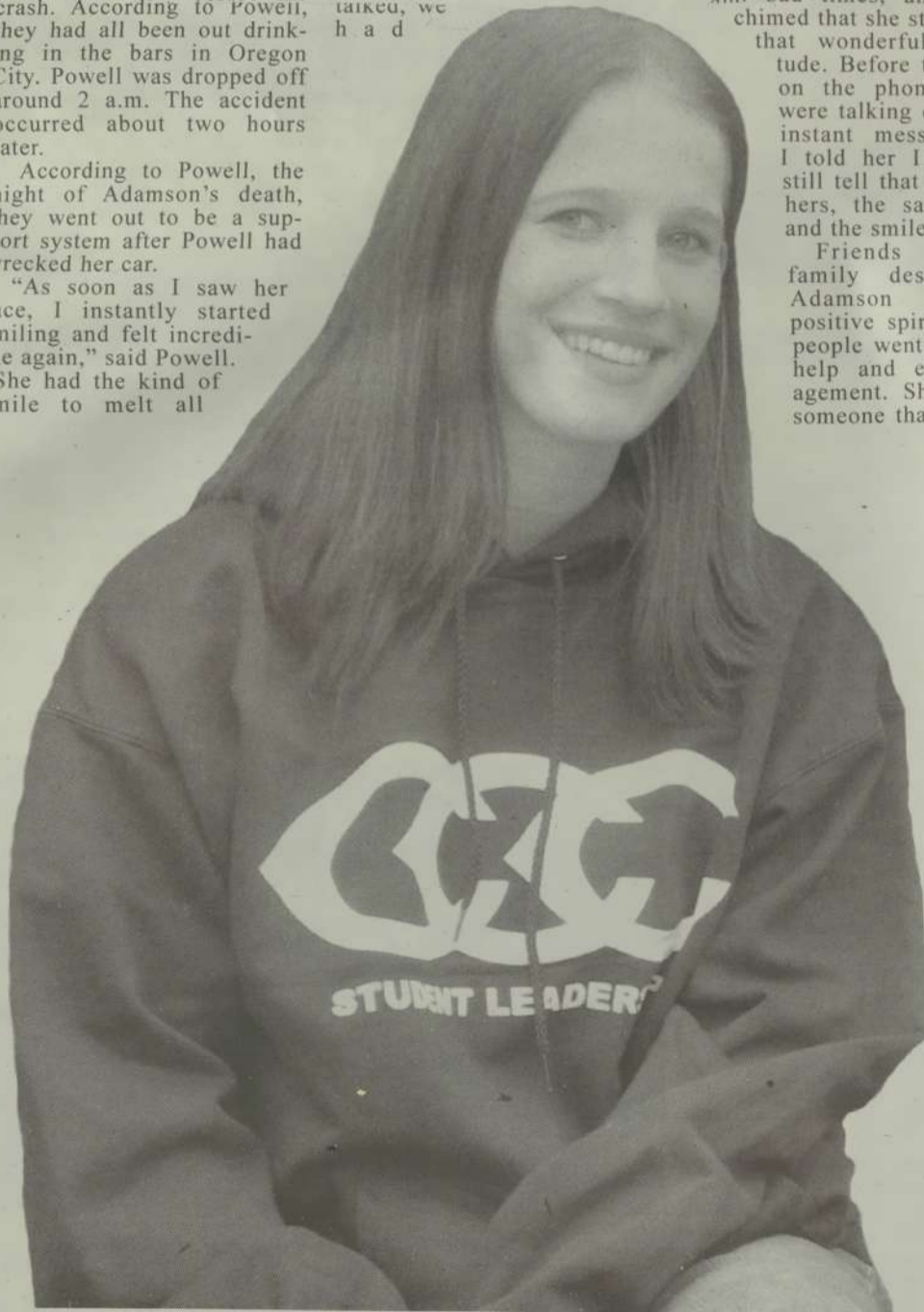
with the bad events in her life well, and continued to look forward.

"We had been a great relationship once, a close bond, and a warm love," said Lussier. "In a relationship, I think each person must grow. I was so happy to hear after all this time, since our last relationship was, she still noted a positive quality. She was showing many strong qualities. A great work ethic, a positive attitude. Clean from bad people, and bad situations."

"Beth was insanely sweet, compassionate and understanding," said Powell. "She

was a very good listener. Although she had had a hard past along with its in parts, she pushed through obviously none of the parts brought her down. Her look on life was so encouraging. She was always smiling and had such an awesome outlook on everything she came across."

Adamson is survived by her mother, Melinda Benz, two brothers Matthew and Jason Adamson. A memorial site has been created in honor at BethanieAdamson.com. There is space for comments to Melinda, her family, and Adamson herself.



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Adamson kneels a ball during a game on the Clackamas County soccer team in fall 2008. According to friends, she loved soccer.