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# Adam London, 17: team player

## Student remembered for his kindness, compassion

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Senior Adam Michael London died Monday, August 23, when his car struck a tree on Bellevue Street. He was 17, and he was two weeks away from starting his senior year.

### in memoriam

Adam's family remembers him as a thoughtful, intelligent individual with a "gift of gab" and ability to command attention.

"No matter who he was with, you really got engaged with Adam," said Howard London, Adam's father.

"He was really very thoughtful and very smart. He had an intellectual life," his father said. "When he would engage in intellectual discourse, other kids would think it was okay, too."

According to Barbara Spivak, Adam's mother, her son was kind and thoughtful, despite the "macho, tough side" that he presented to the world.

"He could almost surprise you with his acts of kindness and compassion," his mother said. "They really were frequent."

Adam was passionate about



family photo

Adam London

lacrosse, and played at the varsity level for three years. According to coach Bussy Adam, Adam made excellent progress in his junior year and had a "fantastic" season.

"He never had a poor performance—he had excellent games and good games, but no average or bad games," said Mr. Adam.

"Adam started in 18 games, made 283 saves and maintained a 73 percent saves percentage," he said. "He not only developed his lacrosse skills during the past season, but worked extremely hard on his abilities to lead our

team. Adam had the courage to step outside of himself and move on to a higher energy, allowing him to evolve into a confident, talented and valuable teammate."

This past summer, Adam worked as a counselor at the Garden City lacrosse camp, where he was able to share his love of the sport with younger players.

Adam was an alumnus of Cabot Elementary School and Day Middle School, and leaves his mother and father, along with siblings Eric '03, Katie '05 and Lizzy, a senior.

Adam's parents hope that students will learn from their son's tragic story and exhibit safe driving skills to avoid future accidents. For the official pledge, see page 14.

A scholarship fund has been set up in Adam's name. Donations can be sent to the Adam London Scholarship Fund, Newton North High School, 457 Walnut Street, Newtonville, MA 02460, and checks should be made payable to City of Newton, Adam London Memorial Fund.

Services for Adam were held at Levine Chapel in Brookline on Friday, August 27.