

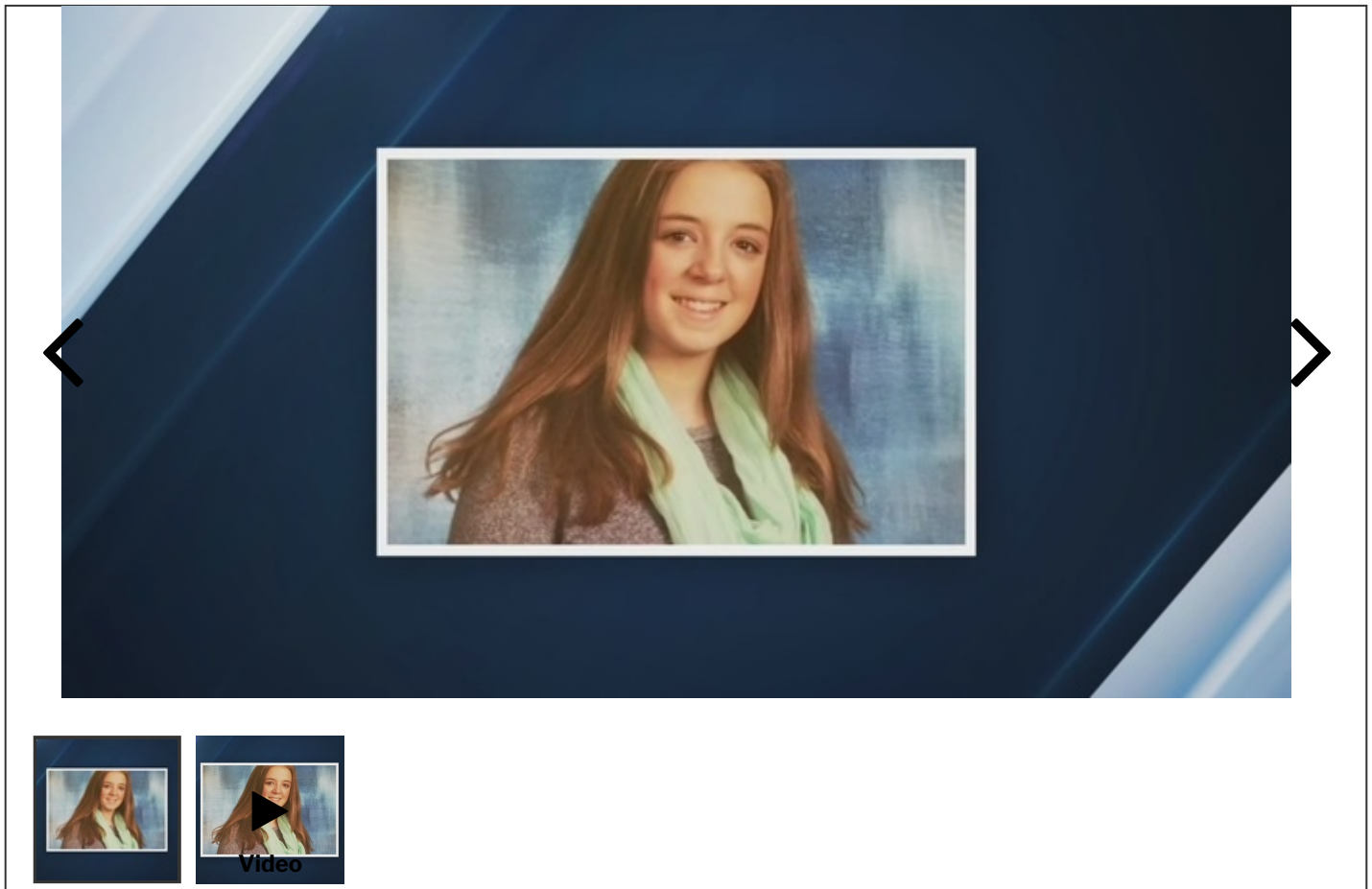


## Local News

# 16-year-old dies after being struck by a car while riding her bike

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CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. (WIVB) - 16-year-old Sherilann Lorenz died early Wednesday from injuries she sustained while riding her bike Monday afternoon.

Lorenz was struck by a car while attempting to cross Union Road near the Kensington Expressway, Cheektowaga Police said.

The crash occurred around 2:15 p.m. on Monday. Police said Lorenz was not wearing a helmet, which is not required by law.

Police said Lorenz was crossing west at the Kensington Expressway on-ramp when she was struck by a

2009 Pontiac G6 driven by a 36-year-old Amherst man. The driver remained at the scene. Police said he did not violate any traffic laws and will not be charged.

Lorenz would have been a junior at Cleveland Hill High School this fall. She was a lifeguard in the Town of Cheektowaga, and a student athlete.

Sherilann was best known for her love for life. She loved everyone young and old. She could always be found helping an elderly neighbor by taking out their garbage, cutting the grass, or even something as simple as spending time with them. She enjoyed her first job as a life guard for the town of Cheektowaga, something she enjoyed the most was teaching the young children how to swim.

Sherilann was very involved in school activities. She was to be a Junior this year at Cleveland Hill Highschool, a freshman mentor, and student council secretary. She was looking forward to running cross-country, playing basketball as well as running hurdles in track.

When she walked into a room the entire room lit up. She was loved by her teachers, friends, and most of all her family.

Her absence will be felt by everyone.



**Jenn Schanz**  
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Below is a statement from Wendy Lorenz, mother of Sherilann Lorenz, the [#Cheektowaga](#) teen who passed away this morning following a bike accident earlier this week [@news4buffalo](#)

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School administrators said counseling is available for students.

Lorenz's mother Wendy Lorenz released the following statement:

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[A GoFundMe page has been established to help Sherilann's family.](#)

