



2010 BOSTON BRUINS-MIAA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS

For eight years, the MIAA and Boston Bruins have partnered to honor one worthy student-athlete from each boys and girls ice hockey league in the state. These student-athletes were selected by representatives of their league for best exemplifying the highest standards of fair play and sportsmanship in high school ice hockey and meeting the following criteria:

- An exemplary record of complying, both in spirit and letter, with all league and MIAA rules and regulations during the season.
- A demonstrated record of respectfully accepting the rulings of game officials during the season.
- A record of conduct, on and off the ice that brings honor to self, team, school, and community.
- An exhibited commitment to teamwork by providing all members with recognition of their talents, an opportunity to contribute them to the team, and a spirit of camaraderie.
- A demonstrated respect for opponents before, during, and after games.

The recipients of the 2010 Boston Bruins-MIAA Sportsmanship Awards are listed below. These student-athletes will be honored on Thursday, April 1 at the TD Garden during the first intermission of the Boston Bruins game against the Florida Panthers.

GIRLS LEAGUES

**Justine Hasson
Braintree High School
Bay State League**

A senior center, Justine Hasson is a two-time winner of the Boston Bruins-MIAA Sportsmanship Award from the Bay State League. She is known throughout the league and Braintree community for her selfless acts on and off the ice and her consistent attempts to make her teammates better. Justine is ranked among the top students in the senior class at Braintree High School. Braintree Athletic Director Michael Denise says, "This is the second year in a row that Justine has been honored as the Bay State League Girls Ice Hockey Sportsmanship Award Winner. She has a passion for the game of ice hockey and plays hard within the rules of the game. She is the ultimate team player and respects her teammates and their opponents."

**Amanda Donato
Arlington Catholic High School
Catholic Central League**

A senior on defense, Amanda is known for her leadership and team-first attitude. Arlington Catholic Head Coach Kim Knox says, "Amanda is an excellent recipient for this award because she exemplifies everything you'd want in a team player. Amanda took on the leadership role for a young team with a new coaching staff in place. She is a great team player and was always looking out for her teammates. She played each game with the class and respect any coach would hope to see from one of their athletes. Volunteering at learn to skate every weekend for children with special needs, Amanda always made sure the young skaters had the proper help and that someone was there to assist them. It's selflessness, leadership, and community involvement that make Amanda a perfect recipient for this award."

**Rylee Elliott
Shawsheen Valley Technical High School
Greater Boston League**

A junior center, Rylee Elliott is known for her heart and determination. Having never played hockey before, she joined the Shawsheen team and learned how to skate last season. Shawsheen Head Coach Bob Roach says, "Rylee's positive attitude is not only admirable, but contagious. Whether we are losing or winning, she is always trying to keep other players motivated and their spirits up. She is always offering other players words of encouragement on and off the ice."

**Samantha Woodward
Lexington High School
Middlesex League**

A senior who plays both defense and forward, Samantha Woodward is a key member of the Lexington High School girls ice hockey team. She is known for her leadership both on and off the ice and the camaraderie that she brings to the team. Lexington Athletic Director Naomi Martin says, "Aside from the many accolades I can offer in the direction of Samantha Woodward as a student-athlete, her greatest quality is her character. Samantha is one of the most honest, loyal and dedicated people that I have met over my many years in interscholastic athletics. These virtues set her apart from the rest and are the foundation that will make her a successful student-athlete on the Brown University Women's Hockey Team next winter."

**Michele Doherty
Chelmsford High School
MVC/DCL – Div. 1**

A senior forward, Michele Doherty is a four-year varsity player at Chelmsford High School. As a team captain, she led her teammates as a role model and set a positive example by being the first on and last off the ice during practices. Chelmsford Head Coach Lenny Rowe says, "Michele plays a strong, aggressive style of hockey and even in the heat of battle when a referee's call may not go her way, I have never heard her complain or even roll her eyes showing any disrespect toward referees, her players, opponents, or coaches. Win or lose, happy or not, she maintains a high degree of self control and acts accordingly at all times, on and off the ice."

Jenna Vercollone
Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School
MVC/DCL – Div. 2

A senior captain, Jenna has been selected as a league all-star for the past two seasons as both a forward and on defense. She is known for her team first attitude, willingness to help in any situation, and leadership. Lincoln-Sudbury Head Coach Greg Gammons says, “Jenna meets every characteristic defined by our team for what a captain should be and represent. As a leader she is first to serve and last to be served. Jenna does not tell the freshmen to pick up the pucks, she picks them up and the team helps her.”

Mariah Wentworth
Peabody Veterans Memorial High School
North Cape League

A senior on defense, Mariah Wentworth served as a captain on the Peabody Veterans Memorial High School team. She is a strong leader who always puts the team first in her actions. Peabody Head Coach Larry Minehan says, “Mariah was named as a captain, not because she possessed excellent hockey skills, but because as a head coach and observing her in her first two years it was evident to me she had leadership qualities and could separate personal issues and team issues and put them into perspective. She never hesitates to ask the question ‘Why?’ in a responsible manner, which is exactly what a coach wants in his captains. Never be afraid to speak up for your teammates.”

Maria Menconi
Canton High School
SEMGHL – North

A senior forward, Maria Menconi is known for her positive, team-first attitude. She was selected as the SEMGHL-North recipient of this year’s Boston Bruins-MIAA Sportsmanship Award. Canton Head Coach Kelly Rider says, “Maria always puts the needs of the team and her teammates above herself. She never got the most playing time, but never complained and instead, encouraged others to do their best and to not give up if they were frustrated. She was dedicated and committed all year and always showed up at all practices, games and team activities with a smile on her face. She’s a great leader and was an amazing role model for the younger players on our team this year.”

Anna Gannett
Sandwich High School
SEMGHL – South

A senior forward, Anna Gannett has participated on the Sandwich High School ice hockey team for four years. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is ranked in the top 10 of the senior class at Sandwich High School. Sandwich Head Coach Steve Noll says, “She is a wonderful young lady - she is personable, caring, courteous and an outstanding role model for our younger players. She also helped to lead her team by setting a positive example on how we conduct ourselves as student athletes. This is a great honor for Anna and for the Sandwich Lady Knights Ice Hockey program to be represented by such a fine young woman.”

Katie Hildreth
Hingham High School
Independent Schools

A senior on defense, Katie Hildreth has been a captain on the Hingham team for the past two seasons. Her leadership on the team, through energy, personality and hustle has helped set a positive example and been an instrumental part of the team’s success in recent years. Hingham Head Coach Tom Findley says, “Katie Hildreth is a role model for any young female student-athlete looking to excel in life. We have been very lucky to have Katie for the past four years. She will be one of our shining alumni in her future endeavors.”

BOYS LEAGUES

Dan Ahlstedt
Plymouth North High School
Atlantic Coast League

A senior defenseman, Dan Ahlstedt is a captain on the Plymouth North team. He is a role model because of his humble nature and leadership both in the classroom and on the ice. Plymouth North Head Coach John Greene says, “Danny is constantly putting himself last in order to make someone else feel better or look better in a game or practice. He is your ultimate teammate. I have watched Danny for the past three years and I cannot tell you of another student-athlete that can handle winning and losing as graciously as he does. He is a true gentleman. Dan is a wonderful example of what we want for a Plymouth North Hockey Player. ”

Christopher Flaherty
Braintree High School
Bay State League

A senior defenseman, Christopher Flaherty served as a captain of the Braintree team this season. Win or lose, Christopher can always be seen at the end of the post-game handshake line offering encouragement and congratulations to opposing players. The leadership and sportsmanship that he consistently displays led to the Braintree boys ice hockey team’s selection as a recipient of the prestigious James Mulloy Ice Hockey Team Sportsmanship Award this season. Braintree High School Athletic Director Michael Denise says, “Chris is a talented three-sport athlete that respects all aspects of high school sports - his opponent, the officials, his teammates and the game itself. His work ethic in the athletic arenas, in the classroom and in the Braintree community is what makes Chris excel at everything he does.”

Andrew Budz
Mount Greylock Regional High School
Berkshire County League

A senior forward, Andrew Budz was the leading scorer in the Berkshire County League this season and was voted by the coaches as the league’s Most Valuable Player. He was also recognized by the Berkshire County Officials as the recipient of the Don Troy Sr. Sportsmanship Award for the sportsmanship that he shows on the ice. Mount Greylock Regional High School Athletic Director Lindsey von Holtz says, “Officials often have made positive comments about Andy’s behavior on the ice and the good example he displays for future players to his coaches and the athletic directors present at games.”

Adam Silva
Durfee High School
Big Three

A senior defenseman, Adam Silva has played varsity hockey on the Durfee High School team for four years. He has served as team captain for the past two seasons and also ranks 6th in the senior class of 465 students. Durfee High School Athletic Director Todd Whittemore says, "Adam Silva is an individual who embodies the very words student-athlete. Though Adam has demonstrated class and sportsmanship on numerous occasions, the most recent example is as follows: Recognizing the improvement, hard work, and dedication of a senior teammate on the hockey team, Adam recommended to the Head Coach that this player should also wear the 'C' for the remaining four games of the season. This type of unselfishness and sportsmanship is part of Adam Silva's everyday character."

Anthony Pascucci
East Boston High School
Boston City League

A junior on the East Boston High School team, Anthony Pascucci switched positions from goalie to forward this season. In the first game of the year, he scored two goals to help lead the team to victory. Known as a team leader on the ice, Anthony served as Assistant Captain of the team this past season and will be the team Captain as a senior, next season. East Boston Head Coach Robert Anthony says, "Anthony is the first person to be on the ice and the last person to come off the ice."

Matthew McCarthy
Pentucket Regional High School
Cape Ann League

A senior defenseman and captain, Matthew McCarthy tragically passed away in late December. Pentucket Regional High School Head Coach Bill Burns says, "Matt was one of those guys you wished you played with, went to battle with, because believe me, that's what the game was to Matty. He loved it, you could see it in his eyes out there and I envy the young men who were blessed enough to share the arena with him. Matt's leadership abilities were uncanny, he was meant to be in charge in that room, he knew what the term 'Captain' meant as he was a solid mentor to many of our young players. A good school citizen, Matt has many friends that were both athletes and non-athletes. His amiable personality, loyalty, and free spirit reached far beyond the rink."

Daniel Cotton
Archbishop Williams High School
Catholic Central League – Division 1

A senior defenseman, Dan has played a key role as a leader on the MIAA Division 1 South Champion Archbishop Williams team. He is known for his team-first attitude and strong work ethic both on the ice and in the classroom. He is ranked first in the senior class at Archbishop Williams High School. Head Coach Derack Curtis says, "Dan's work ethic, hockey acumen and attention to detail make him a very valuable asset and inspiration to those around him. He is one of the hardest working young men in and out of the arena I have had the pleasure of coaching. Dan makes those around him better by constantly pushing himself to step out of his comfort zone and make a difference. He is a positive voice in the locker room, a great ambassador outside the arena and a fine citizen."

Michael Catanzariti
Marian High School
Catholic Central League – Division 2

A senior center, Michael Catanzariti served as Assistant Captain of the Marian High School ice hockey team this season. He led the team in scoring with 23 goals and 24 assists in 20 games. A well rounded student and athlete, Michael also participates on the golf and lacrosse teams at Marian High School. Marian Head Coach Adam Aguilar says, "Michael Catanzariti has been an ideal player to coach. Since coming to Marian as a freshman Mike's work ethic, desire to succeed, and willingness to put the team ahead of self is why Michael is a special player. Our team made great strides this season and Michael's leadership was a key factor."

Tom Krysil
St. John's High School (Shrewsbury)
Catholic West

A senior forward, Tom Krysil has shown a strong work ethic in the classroom and on the ice. He is a three year member of the varsity hockey team at St. John's High School whose leadership has shown in a variety of activities including Student Activities Council and Model United Nations. St. John's High School Counselor David Wentzell says, "I can think of no student with a higher degree of character, integrity, honesty and personal responsibility. He is full of promise and potential – a person for whom I see no boundaries or limits to what he can accomplish. He is the epitome of self-discipline, self-confidence, character, integrity and honesty."

Mark Brennan
Nashoba Valley Technical High School
Commonwealth Athletic Conference

A senior right wing, Mark Brennan is a three-year participant on the Nashoba Valley Technical High School ice hockey team. Through his three years of participation, Mark has only committed seven penalties. He is known for his hard work and dedication to improving his skill. Nashoba Valley Tech Head Coach Mike Giordano says, "He is very respectful to his teammates and the coach staff. I have never had any type of issue with him at all and it has always been 'Yes Coach, whatever the team needs.' Mark has earned respect by his team, coaches, and school and that is why he truly deserves this award."

Matt Brown
Nashoba Regional High School
Coughlin Conference

A senior center, Matt Brown has played multiple roles with the Nashoba team on scoring lines, checking lines, power play, and penalty killing units. He is known for his positive attitude, diligent work ethic, and team first attitude. Nashoba Head Coach Steve Kendall says, "Matt is one of the most respectful young men I have encountered. He is polite, he takes responsibility for his actions, and is respectful to all. He is a fine young man and would hope my son turns out to be as good a person as Matt is."

Murphy Lester
Bishop Stang High School
Eastern Athletic Conference

A senior goalie, Murphy Lester has played hockey at Bishop Stang for four years. He is an unselfish team leader who cares about his teammates. Bishop Stang Head Coach Timothy Drew says, "In the first round of the 2010 state tournament, we played a league rival. The game went back and forth. We were leading by a goal when there was a big pile up in front of our net. Players were on the ice everywhere, including Murphy. Instead of getting up and skating to the side, like most goalies do, Murphy got up and proceeded to help two of his rival players to their feet. With a quick pat on the back they were on their way. Even in the heat of a game, Murphy finds a way to be a good sport."

Chris Dedinas
Greenfield High School
Fay Division

A senior center, Chris Dedinas is a leader on the Greenfield High School team. He is known for the respect that he regularly displays for both opponents and officials. Greenfield Head Coach Mike Duclos says, "Chris became captain of our team this season because of the respect he receives from his teammates and opposing players. Before each game, Chris goes over to the officials and opposing bench and shakes their hands."

Daniel Concannon
Everett High School
Greater Boston League

A senior center, Daniel Concannon served as captain of the Everett High School team this season. He led the Greater Boston League in points and was named the team most valuable player. Everett Head Coach Alex Naumann says, "Daniel Concannon is the prototypical student-athlete and exhibits the type of sportsmanship parents and coaches have come to expect from the finest MIAA athletes. Most high school hockey players have an understanding of the game, but at this level, it is very rare to find an athlete that has the utmost respect for the game of hockey and how it should be played the way that Daniel does."

Michael Seward
Winchester High School
Middlesex League

A senior center, Michael Seward has led the Winchester High School team to consecutive appearances in the MIAA Division 1A Ice Hockey Tournament. He is the valedictorian of this year's senior class and started a clothing drive with his teammates for the people of Haiti. Winchester High School Athletic Director Brian Carroll says, "Michael is a quality person who is outstanding in the classroom and is respected by our entire student body. I look forward to following Michael and appreciate all he has done for Winchester High School and the town of Winchester. He is truly a class act and a leader in our school."

Dan Reardon
Billerica Memorial High School
MVC/DCL Division 1

A senior defenseman, Dan Reardon served as a captain of the Billerica Memorial High School team this season. He is looked up to by his teammates for his leadership both on and off the ice. Billerica Head Coach Michael Mastrullo says, "Dan approaches each endeavor with commitment, sincerity, honesty and integrity. In his own way, Dan has made a difference in the hockey program, school and community. Certain athletes play a role or put up a facade in order to accomplish a goal, but there is nothing phony about Dan. He lives each day with ideals and morals and does not want to succeed at someone else's expense. He has been instrumental in changing the perception of our program and is a very deserving recipient of this prestigious award. It is a testament to him that the league coaches recognized him among other deserving candidates in the league."

Evan Cutelis
Tewksbury Memorial High School
MVC/DCL Division 2

A senior defenseman, Evan Cutelis served as a captain on the Tewksbury Memorial High School ice hockey team. He has participated on the varsity squad for four years and was named a league all-star following his senior season. Evan's leadership is evident as he was also selected as a captain of the Tewksbury golf team. Tewksbury Head Coach Derek Doherty says, "Evan exhibits true sportsmanship both on and off the ice. He is a role model for the kids in the youth program in Tewksbury. He competes at a high level and is always a gentleman on and off the ice."

Dylan Koundakjian
Bedford High School
MVC/DCL Division 3

A defenseman, Dylan Koundakjian was a senior leader on the Bedford High School team. Dylan is known for his willingness to always help others, positive attitude, encouragement and work ethic. Bedford Head Coach Peter Marfione says, "No matter what the score was, Dylan always played his hardest until the last second of every game. He was always working very hard, and even if we did lose he always was nice to the other team, congratulating them on the win. Dylan has all around good sportsmanship and it really shows on and off the ice."

Tyler Dias
Attleboro High School
Old Colony

A senior center, Tyler Dias served as captain of the Attleboro High School team this season. His consistent, positive example on and off the ice, earned the respect of his teammates and helped to guide underclassmen. Tyler made sure that he shook the hands of every opponent and official after every game. Attleboro Head Coach Michael Cripps says, "Tyler was one of the best captains and best sports I have ever been associated with on a high school team. He was a positive leader, who led by example."

David McCauley
Westborough High School
Quinn Conference

A senior forward, David McCauley was a captain on the Westborough High School team this season. He was a team leader known for his positive attitude. Westborough Head Coach Ed Belbin says, "David has an impeccable record on and off the ice. He is a solid student challenging himself with a challenging course load. His reputation around the rink and in school is outstanding. Teachers offer unsolicited high praise for his attitude and work ethic. He does nothing but bring honor to our team, high school and greater community. He was selected to serve as assistant captain because of his ability to serve as such a great ambassador for all three constituencies."

Joe Ackil
Algonquin Regional High School
Roy Conference

A senior center, Joe Ackil is known for his team first, selfless attitude. After spending the previous three seasons as a forward, Joe spent the beginning of this season as a defenseman to help bolster the team's defensive efforts. He then adjusted back to forward, anchoring the checking line and penalty-killing units. Algonquin Head Coach Scott Ellison says, "Joe always had the final word during the captain's speeches before the start of games because he had a way of capturing the spirit of the moment. Whatever he was asked to do by the coaches, he did without question and without reserve. Respected by his peers, his leadership included his command in the locker room, his intensity on the ice, his respect for others, but most importantly, the academic and social example he set at school on a daily basis."

Richard Salve
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School
South Coast Conference

A senior, Richard Salve served as captain on the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Ice Hockey team this season. His commitment to the team was evident in his work ethic, reliability and team first attitude. Dighton-Rehoboth Ice Hockey Boosters President Michael Botelho says, "Rich is an enthusiastic, dedicated student with reliable work habits. He is consistently successful in improving his skills, and he works hard to do so. Rich is always willing to pitch in, always on time for practices and games. He leads by example and does not berate his fellow teammates. Overall my impression of Rich is that he is a fine young man who plans to apply his talent this summer with the Air Force."

Cal Ciarcia
Sacred Heart High School
South Shore League

A senior on the Carver High School-Sacred Heart High School Co-Operative ice hockey team, Cal Ciarcia has served as team captain for three seasons. He has been named team Most Valuable Player for the past two seasons and is also the all-time leading scorer in the history of the Carver-Sacred Heart ice hockey program. Carver-Sacred Heart Head Coach Gerry Ciarcia describes Cal as, "A three time South Shore League All Star who led the league in scoring with 46 points and a career total of 111 points, played upwards of 35 minutes per game while earning only 2 minor penalties all season."

Steve Hole
Bellingham High School
Tri-Valley League

A senior forward, Steve Hole served as captain of the Bellingham High School hockey team this season. Known as one of the best and most respectful players in the Tri-Valley League, opposing coaches and officials regularly comment on Steve's positive demeanor. His leadership was evident by his involvement with team efforts in the community this season, including assistance with the food bank for the town of Milford. Bellingham Head Coach Kenny Bertoni says, "Steve was the captain of the team this past season. Every time I left the team room I knew that Steve would be there to get the team ready for games or practices. He never singled anyone out and always made the players feel like they were a part of the team and never feel left out. He always organized off ice activities for the team."

Luke Dilisio
South Hadley High School
Wright Division

A junior forward, Luke Dilisio served as captain on the Holyoke High School Co-Operative ice hockey team this past season. He did not serve a single penalty this season, despite logging a great deal of ice time for the MIAA Western Mass Division 3A Champions. Holyoke High School Athletic Director Aaron Patterson says, "More impressive than the goals scored and the championships won has been Luke's behavior, sportsmanship, and leadership on and off the ice. Luke plays the game the right way. He plays hard, fair and clean. When he wins, he wins with class, and when he loses, he loses with dignity. Luke earned the title of captain every day this season and he showed sportsmanship in both the good and difficult times. We are proud that he is a member of our ice hockey program."