

# MIAA Educational Athletics Achievement Award



The MIAA has established the Educational Athletics Achievement Award to commemorate various leaders in our member schools across Massachusetts. This award mirrors the pillars of “Educational Athletics”—Sportsmanship, Coaches Education, Wellness, Community Service, and Leadership—in which the MIAA sets its framework. Interscholastic athletic competition is an extension of the classroom and an educational activity that provides outstanding opportunities to teach life lessons.



This award acts as the Association’s beacon to all its member schools, promoting schools that encompass all ideals and philosophies of the Association. With this award established coaches, athletic directors, other school staff and game officials can nominate **student-athletes, coaches, and teams** who through involvement in exemplary acts or initiatives exemplify the standards of one or more of the pillars of Educational Athletics. Nominations can be e-mailed to Rich Riley at [rriley@miaa.net](mailto:rriley@miaa.net) and the honorees will be presented a certificate in a ceremony at their school and the MIAA will follow it up with a press release.

Leadership, goal setting, teamwork, decision making, perseverance, integrity, sacrifice, healthy competition and overcoming adversity are inherent in the interscholastic athletic framework and also support the academic mission of schools. These are just a few of the skills that are achieved as a result of educational athletics, and these skills can help student-athletes and teams “win”. Wins are achieved through athletics by developing successful athletes and teams, but more importantly, wins are achieved through the educational experience by developing successful and responsible students, leaders, and community members.

Wellness

Leadership

Sportsmanship

Coaches’ Education

Community Service

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**Deadline:** None; nominations will be considered year round

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