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Medford High School Student Receives MIAA/NESN Student-Athlete of the Month Award

MEDFORD – Christopher Bucknam, a senior at Medford High School, has been selected as the recipient of the “MIAA/NESN Student-Athlete of the Month Award” for September 2011.

A member of the Medford High School football team, Chris has been a two-year varsity starter at offensive guard. He was selected as team captain for the 2011 season as a result of his strong leadership. On the playing field, Chris exhibits tremendous courage, sportsmanship and toughness as he regularly competes against opposing linemen almost twice his size.

Academically, Christopher Bucknam carries a 3.12 grade point average. He has consistently earned A's and B's throughout his academic career at Medford High School as well as advanced scores on the MCAS exams. Chris serves as the “Voice of Medford High,” making morning announcements over the public address system. However, his voice was even more powerful when recently asked by the school headmaster to speak at a school meeting on behalf of the football team. Chris' speech about teamwork, persistence, heart and mutual respect in the school exceeded expectations and received a significant ovation.

Medford High School Headmaster Paul Krueger says, “Chris is respectful to his teachers and to his fellow classmates. Because of his easy demeanor, he regularly participates in class, and is a leader in class discussions. Chris arrives to MHS every day with a real enthusiasm for his school and his education. This enthusiasm is evident with his communication and interaction with students and staff alike.”

The “Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA)/New England Sports Network (NESN) Student-Athlete of the Month Award” is presented on a monthly basis to one male and one female student-athlete who display excellence in the areas of academics, athletics and community service. Students in grades 9-12 who attend MIAA member schools are eligible to receive the award. Monthly award winners will receive a certificate of recognition and be featured on MIAA.net, NESN.com and NESN. Nominations for the award may be submitted by principals, athletic directors, teachers, coaches, guidance counselors or other school administrators. A complete list of “MIAA/NESN Student-Athlete of the Month Award” recipients and finalists can be found under the “Leadership” section at www.miaa.net.