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Bob Foley, St. John's Shrewsbury AD, named as 2007 Sherm Kinney Award Winner

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FRANKLIN, MA—The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) announced today that Bob Foley, long-time Athletic Director at St. John's Shrewsbury, will be honored with the 2007 Sherm Kinney Award at the MIAA Basketball Tournament Finals on March 17 at the DCU Center in Worcester.

The Award honors Sherm Kinney, who passed away in 1999 after serving the MIAA in an executive capacity since its inception. Kinney left a legacy of integrity, honesty and sportsmanship, and the award is intended to recognize those who reflect those values.

Along with being a varsity basketball coach for 44 years, Mr. Foley's Career distinctions include:

- St. Peter's High School graduate 1959; Baseball, T&G Allstar - Football & Basketball
- College of the Holy Cross graduate 1963; Co-Captain Basketball, lettered in Baseball
- Coached and taught at Uxbridge HS 1963-1969 Assistant Football Coach, Head Basketball Coach and Head Baseball Coach
- Coached and taught at St. Peter's HS 1969-1980
- Athletic Director at St. Peter's HS 1970-1980
- Coached and taught at St. John's HS 1980-present
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- Member of Executive Board of District E Athletic Directors' Association
- Member of MIAA State Basketball Committee
- MIAA Division 1 Good Sportsmanship Award 2003
- 1995-1997 President District E Athletic Directors' Association
- St. Peter Marian High School Hall of Fame
- Sons of Italy Contributions to Sports Award 1993 and 2006
- Athletic Director of the Year 1995-1996

- MSSADA President's Award of Merit 1994
- MBCA Coach of the Year 1983, 1984, 1993, 1995, 1996, 2000
- MBCA Hall of Fame
- New England Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee 2006
- Most Wins Boys Basketball in Massachusetts; Overall Record 680 wins, 297 losses
- State Champions 2000 Basketball
- St. John's Honorary Graduate Award Exemplary Service
- MBCA Victory Club 600 wins

According to St. John's Principal Stephen D. Gregory, Foley "is thoughtful and honest, dedicated and efficient, responsible and responsive, outspoken and respectful, competent and caring. In short, he is all that anyone could want in a coach and an athletic director. Through his work as a coach, athletic director and member of regional and state boards, Bob Foley has shared his knowledge, his expertise, and his wisdom on things athletic in general and particular to high school basketball, always seeking to impart his love of athletics and his understanding of the role they can play in the education of youth. He has served as a model to his players, exemplified what good sportsmanship means, and provided both significant and long-term service in and to the sport of basketball in our school and in the Central Massachusetts community."

Foley is married to Joan, and has two sons, Robert, Jr. and Sean. He and Joan have seven grandchildren.

The award will be conferred on Saturday, March 17, 2007 at the MIAA State Basketball Championship at the DCU Center in Worcester.