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Agawam Student Receives MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award

AGAWAM – Andrew Schnepf, a senior at Agawam High School, has been selected by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) as the "Student-Athlete of the Month" for April 2009.

A member of the Agawam High School soccer, basketball and volleyball teams, Andrew Schnepf has enjoyed an outstanding athletic career. As a four year member of the varsity soccer team, Andrew served as team captain for two seasons and was also an all-league selection twice. As a three year member of the varsity basketball team, Andrew served as team captain this past season. He has also participated on the varsity volleyball team for all four years of his high school career, including three years as a team captain. Andrew's success on the volleyball court has led to an all-league selection twice, as well as a first team and a second team all-scholastic selection.

Academically, Andrew is an honor roll student at Agawam High School and carries a 3.56 GPA. He is a member of the Student Government and the Key Club. Andrew has also been involved with a church mission trip to an orphanage in Mexico. For the past three years, he has worked with Athletes-In-Motion (AIM) and served in soup kitchens.

Based upon his academic and athletic success, Andrew Schnepf was selected to serve as one of Agawam High School's MIAA Student Ambassadors for the 2008-09 school year. Agawam High School Volleyball Coach Patricia Demers describes Andrew as a student-athlete who "leads by example."

The MIAA launched the "Student-Athlete of the Month" award program as a method of recognizing and honoring students who set a positive example of leadership through academics and athletics in their communities. Through this program, school principals, athletic directors, wellness coordinators, coaches, teachers, guidance counselors, and student ambassadors may nominate individuals who excel in the classroom, during competition, and as good citizens in the community. One male and one female student-athlete from MIAA member schools are selected as recipients of this award each month. Each recipient is sent a congratulatory letter and certificate from the MIAA Student Services Staff. In addition, recipients are also noted for their achievement on the MIAA web site (<http://www.miaa.net/student-athlete-of-the-month.htm>) and in the "Building the Future" MIAA Student Services Newsletter.

For more information about the MIAA "Student-Athlete of the Month" Program, please contact Peter Smith at 508-541-7997.