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Fairhaven High School Student Receives MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award

FAIRHAVEN – Raymond Lawton, a junior at Fairhaven High School, has been selected by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) as the "Student-Athlete of the Month" for December 2009.

A member of the Fairhaven High School varsity tennis and Old Rochester Regional-Fairhaven High School co-operative ice hockey teams, Raymond has achieved a great deal of success in the classroom and in the athletic arena. He currently serves as an assistant captain on the ice hockey team, spending time as both a forward and defenseman, and the powerplay and penalty killing lines. Earlier this season, Raymond scored a game winning goal on a penalty shot. Raymond was selected as a South Coast Conference Ice Hockey All-Star following his sophomore season. He also received local all-star recognition for his achievements on the tennis court.

Academically, Raymond ranks in among the top 15 students in the junior class at Fairhaven High School with a 3.97 GPA. He is a member of the Math Team and has qualified for the honor roll for eight consecutive semesters while carrying a class load of Advanced Placement Chemistry and four honors classes. Raymond volunteers his time in the community as a coach with the Hetland Youth Hockey Association, SWS Youth Hockey, and the Fairhaven Tennis Association.

Old Rochester/Fairhaven Ice Hockey Coach Scott Hartley says, "Raymond Lawton is an all star in the classroom, the community, and the athletic field of play. Raymond is the epitome of 'student-athlete'."

The MIAA launched the "Student-Athlete of the Month" award program to honor students who set a positive example of leadership through academics and athletics in their communities. One male and one female student-athlete from MIAA member schools are selected as recipients of this award each month. Recipients are sent a congratulatory letter and certificate from the MIAA Student Services Staff. In addition, recipients are noted for their achievement on the MIAA web site and in the "Building the Future" MIAA Student Services Newsletter. A complete list of MIAA "Student-Athlete of the Month" award recipients and finalists can be found online at: <http://www.miaa.net/student-athlete-of-the-month.htm>.