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Bourne Student Receives MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award

BOURNE – Andrea Crowley, a senior at Bourne 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 Bourne High School field hockey, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field teams, Andrea Crowley has an outstanding athletic resume. She was elected by her teammates as a captain of all three sports teams during both her junior and senior years. In addition to being a strong leader, Andrea has received many honors, including Most Valuable Player, Top Offensive Player, and a Sportsmanship Award. She has also been selected as a South Coast Conference All-Star in all three sports that she participates in. Andrea will continue her running career next fall at Bentley University.

Academically, Andrea is a well rounded student with a full course load of honors and advanced placement classes. She is a member of the National Honor Society and one of the top students at Bourne High School with a 4.2 GPA. Andrea is actively involved with various school committees and spends a great deal of time fundraising for Cystic Fibrosis. She has volunteered at the Bourne Food Pantry, the Bourne Senior Center, and has also spent time reading to elementary school students.

Bourne High School Field Hockey Coach Christine Mason says, "Andrea is a dedicated student-athlete who leads by example with her effort and intensity both in the classroom and on the playing field. What sets Andrea apart from her peers is her desire to be more than a mere participant. She never accepts anything but the best from herself and works hard to achieve that goal."

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.