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North Andover Student Receives MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award

NORTH ANDOVER – Nicole Zahoruiko, a senior at North Andover High School, has been selected by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) as the "Student-Athlete of the Month" for February 2009.

A member of the North Andover High School basketball and lacrosse teams, Nicole Zahoruiko has enjoyed an outstanding athletic career. This winter, Nicole was the basketball team captain and scored her 1,000th point. For the past three seasons, she has been named the team Most Valuable Player as well as a Cape Ann League All-League selection. In addition to her basketball success, Nicole was also named the Unsung Heroine on the North Andover girls lacrosse team last spring.

Academically, Nicole is a member of the National Honor Society and is ranked among the top students in her class with a 4.793 GPA. She is the sports editor and a staff writer for "The Wall," the North Andover High School newspaper. Nicole is also a member of the North Andover School Council and the Spirit Club. In addition to her academic and athletic success, Nicole volunteers her time at an annual Autism Walk in Boston, as a youth basketball official, and at local basketball camps. North Andover girls basketball coach Susan Breen says, "Nicole is an ethical human being who truly cares about the people around her. She would thrive in a team environment that promotes making a positive impact on the world. Nicole is a very good student and athlete, but she is a better human being."

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.