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### Dennis-Yarmouth Student Receives MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award

SOUTH YARMOUTH – Chelsea Miller, a junior at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School, has been selected by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) as the "Student-Athlete of the Month" for January 2009.

A member of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School cross country, indoor track and outdoor track teams, Chelsea competes at a very high level in all three sports and was an Atlantic Coast League All-Star in cross country. She is the recipient of the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association Frank Kelley Award for overcoming adversity and has also been selected as captain of the D-Y cross country team. Academically, Chelsea is ranked first in the junior class, takes all Advanced Placement classes, carries a 4.0 grade point average, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Chelsea is also involved with the Student Council, The Emancipation Network (TEN), and STAND/Human Rights Club/Amnesty International at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School. In addition to her academic and athletic success, Chelsea is an accomplished violinist, who was accepted to the Senior Southeast District Music Festival and received an All-State audition recommendation.

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.