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Bridgewater-Raynham Student Receives MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award

BRIDGEWATER – Lauren Kelly, a senior at Bridgewater-Raynham High School, has been selected by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) as the "Student-Athlete of the Month" for March 2009.

A member of the Bridgewater-Raynham High School soccer, basketball and outdoor track and field teams, Lauren Kelly has provided outstanding athletic leadership. Lauren's natural leadership, combined with a relentless work ethic and positive attitude led to her selection as captain of both the Bridgewater-Raynham soccer and basketball teams. After working diligently to overcome a knee injury that forced her to miss a majority of her sophomore sports seasons, Lauren has twice been named an Old Colony League All-Star in soccer, and also received the Old Colony League Sportsmanship Award in basketball.

Academically, Lauren Kelly ranks among the top students at Bridgewater-Raynham. She has excelled in her course curriculum and has earned an impressive 3.75 GPA. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been awarded the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. Lauren has also immersed herself in a number of extra-curricular activities at school and in the community. She has been a member of the Student Council since her freshman year and currently serves as treasurer. She also serves on the school yearbook committee. In addition, Lauren has organized a Big Sister Program for the B-R girls basketball team, as well as a "Think Pink" Game for Breast Cancer Awareness. Bridgewater-Raynham girls basketball coach Nicole Orlando says, "Lauren is a true student-athlete that has excelled both in the classroom and on the court. She is a leader for her sports teams, school clubs and in the Bridgewater community. Lauren is a hard-working, goal-oriented, and personable young lady who has left a lasting impression on Bridgewater-Raynham High School."

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.