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### Maynard Student Receives MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award

MAYNARD – Cori Sullivan, a senior at Maynard High School, has been selected by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) as the "Student-Athlete of the Month" for November 2008.

A multi-year varsity field hockey player and senior captain on the Maynard field hockey team, Cori been selected as a league all-star for the past three seasons. In addition to her many accomplishments in field hockey, Cori has an impressive resume of leadership in her community. She has earned her Girl Scout Gold Award with a program and curriculum designed to educate fellow students and community members about eating disorders. Recently, she has been involved with a forty-hour telethon to raise money for the Beacon Santa, a community organization for needy families. In addition, she is involved in the Maynard Emblem Club and serves as a substitute religious education teacher and assistant Girl Scout leader. In school, Cori is a captain on the Maynard track team, a peer leader, and the editor of the school yearbook. Through all of her extra-curricular activities, she also excels academically and has been inducted to the National Honor Society. Cori Sullivan is the first ever recipient of this award.

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.