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Saint Mary's High School Student Receives MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award

LYNN – Michelle Macchione, a senior at Saint Mary's High School, has been selected by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) as the "Student-Athlete of the Month" for April 2010.

A senior student-athlete, Michelle Macchione has enjoyed an outstanding interscholastic athletic career as a member of the St. Mary's High School soccer, ice hockey, and softball teams. Her athletic accomplishments include being named Catholic Central League All-Star and team Most Valuable Player in soccer, Catholic Central League All-Star and captain of the MIAA Division 1 girls ice hockey state championship team, as well as a participant on the 2009 MIAA Division 3 softball state championship team.

Academically, Michelle ranks third in the senior class at Saint Mary's High School. She has earned a 4.242 GPA while taking some of the most demanding honors and Advanced Placement courses offered at Saint Mary's. She is a consistent honor roll member and is very well respected by her teachers due to her strong work ethic. Michelle was chosen as a representative of Saint Mary's at the MIAA Girls and Women in Sport Day ceremony, a school nominee for the HOBY Leadership Program, and as a nominee for the BU Medeiros Scholarship. She has participated in the Ron Burton Training Village and as a Counselor-in-Training at the Peabody Recreation Summer Camp.

Saint Mary's High School Principal Carl DiMaiti says, "Michelle lost her dad to cancer this past summer. In my nearly thirty years working in secondary education, I cannot recall a single student-athlete who reacted to such a devastating experience in such a positive manner. Michelle has competed at the highest level of interscholastic sports, taken on the most demanding courses we offer, provided leadership to her teams, and maintained a superior class rank. She is certainly a worthy recipient of this award."

The MIAA launched the "Student-Athlete of the Month" award program to honor students who set a positive example of leadership through academics and athletics in their communities. One male and one female student-athlete from MIAA member schools are selected as recipients of this award each month. Recipients are sent a congratulatory letter and certificate from the MIAA Student Services Staff. In addition, recipients are noted for their achievement on the MIAA web site and in the "Building the Future" MIAA Student Services Newsletter. A complete list of MIAA "Student-Athlete of the Month" award recipients and finalists can be found online at: <http://www.miaa.net/student-athlete-of-the-month.htm>.