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Lee Middle and High School Student Receives MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award

LEE – Julia Warner, a senior at Lee Middle and High School, has been selected by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) as the "Student-Athlete of the Month" for September 2009.

A member of the Lee Middle and High School volleyball, basketball and track teams, Julia Warner has an impressive athletic resume. She has participated on the varsity volleyball team for the past four years. During this time, Julia has been a two-time captain, a three-time All-Berkshire selection, and was selected as the Berkshire County MVP last season. Julia was an integral part of Lee's girls' basketball team that won the MIAA Division III West Sectional Championship last year and has been selected as the captain of this year's team. In addition, she was selected as the Berkshire County Field MVP following her junior track season. Julia hopes to continue her volleyball career at the collegiate level next year.

Academically, Julia ranks among the top five in the senior class at Lee Middle and High School. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA while taking the most challenging curriculum that the school has to offer. She is also actively involved in the school and community. During her junior year, Julia organized a fundraiser for breast cancer awareness. She also worked to get a map of the United States painted on a local elementary school playground and volunteers for a group that serves community dinners at a local church.

Lee Middle and High School Athletic Director Dan Korte says, "Julia is an exceptional student and person whose level of persistence and hard work set her apart from other students and adults I have known. She sets clear goals for herself and makes sure she does everything in her power to achieve her goals. I can honestly say that with every paper she writes, project she works on, and game she plays in, there is never one ounce of energy, effort, or enthusiasm that is spared."

The MIAA launched the "Student-Athlete of the Month" award program to recognize and 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 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.