



31st Annual Sportsmanship Summit

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31st Annual Sportsmanship Summit

November 6, 2025

7:45 - 8:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 9:20 am Opening General Session

9:30 - 11:40 am Student Workshop Sessions

Student participants have been separated into specific workshop groups. Please check the color of your badge and corresponding workshop assignments below.

First Student Workshop Session (9:30-10:30 am)

Blue and Purple Badges (Atrium)
Red Badges (South Lounge)
Green Badges (North Lounge)

Second Student Workshop Session (10:40-11:40 am)

Red and Green Badges (Atrium)
Blue Badges (South Lounge)
Purple Badges (North Lounge)

9:45 - 11:30 am Adult Workshop Session

Following the Opening General Session, adult participants will depart the Cross Insurance Club and proceed to the Sports Illustrated Pavilion. At the conclusion of this session, participants will return to the Cross Insurance Club for the 11:50 am Closing Session.

11:50 - 12:15 pm Closing General Session

12:15 - 1:30 pm Buffet Lunch



Sportsmanship Summit Resources

Welcome to the 31st Annual MIAA Sportsmanship Summit.
Please utilize the QR codes below to access the following resources for today's program.

MIAA Sportsmanship Summit Program

Contains the schedule, workshop sessions and award information



MIAA Student Sportsmanship Essay Book

Contains the finalist entries for this year's contest



Evaluation

Please take a few moments to complete a short survey about today's program.





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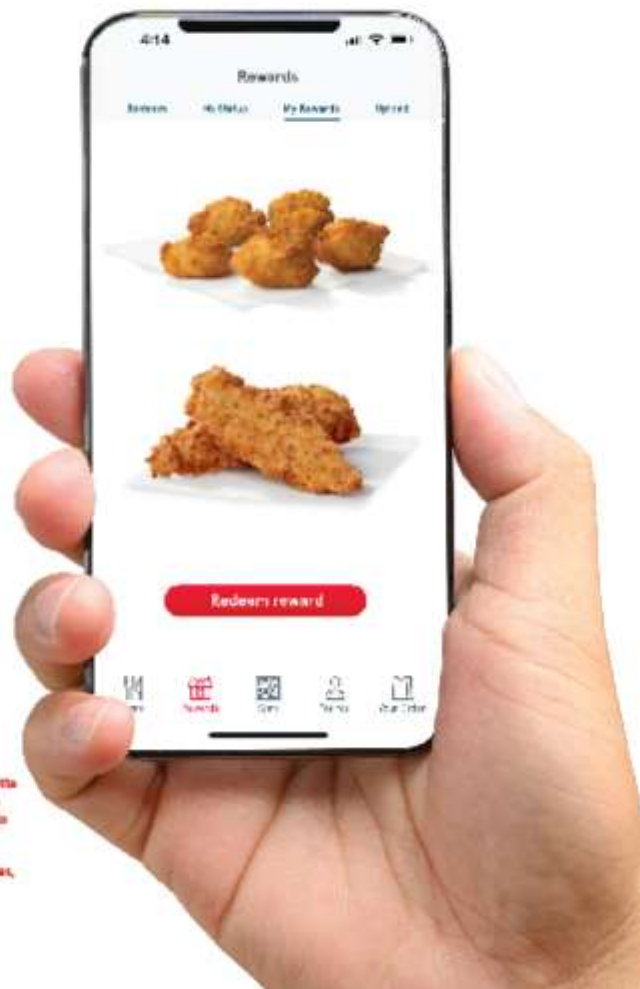
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Opening General Session

8:30 - 9:20 am

Welcome

Remarks by:
Bob Baldwin, *MIAA Executive Director*

William N. Gaine, Jr. Sportsmanship Award Presentation

Presented by:
Kelley St. Coeur, *MIAA Sportsmanship Committee/Ashland High School*

Presented to:
John Brown, *Wellesley High School*

Student Sportsmanship Essay Contest Award Presentation

Presented by:
Tom Arria, *MIAA President/Cambridge Rindge and Latin School*

“What Does Good Sportsmanship Look Like From the Stands?”

Essay Runner-Up: Zahra Yeznasni, *Pioneer Charter School of Science I*

Essay First Place: Avery Sico, *St. Mary’s High School*

District Athletic Sportsmanship Awards Presentation

Presented by:
Jen Gouvin, *MSSADA 1st Vice President/Clinton High School*

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| District 1 | Agawam High School | District 6 | Roxbury Prep High School |
| District 2 | Whitinsville Christian School | District 7 | Sharon High School |
| District 3 | Westborough High School | District 8 | New Bedford High school |
| District 4 | Billerica Memorial High School | District 9 | Hanover High School |
| District 5 | Chelsea High School | | |



Student Workshop Sessions

*First Session: 9:30 - 10:30 am
Second Session: 10:40 - 11:40 am*

Student attendees have been separated into specific groups for today's workshop sessions. Please check the color of your badge and corresponding workshop assignments below.

Atrium

Lead the Way: Respect, Resilience, and the Power of Example

Presented by:

Evren Gunduz, Enjoy Life Education, Inc.

9:30 - 10:30 am Blue and Purple Badges

10:40 - 11:40 am Red and Green Badges

South Lounge

What Does Good Sportsmanship Look Like From the Stands?

Facilitated by:

Chris Carrig, MIAA Sportsmanship Committee/Old Rochester Regional High School

Joe Cusack, MIAA Sportsmanship Committee/Foxborough High School

Keith Davie, MIAA Sportsmanship Committee/Newton South High School

Stephanie Ridolfi, Hopedale Jr./Sr. High School

Jay Rojee, Hopedale Jr./Sr. High School

9:30 - 10:30 am Red Badges

10:40 - 11:40 am Blue Badges

North Lounge

What Does Good Sportsmanship Look Like From the Stands?

Facilitated by:

Michelle Hopkinson, MIAA Sportsmanship Committee/Reading Memorial High School

Steve Kendall, MIAA Sportsmanship Committee/Ayer-Shirley Regional High School

Greg LaBossiere, Hopedale Jr./Sr. High School

Brian Kiesman, Hopedale Jr./Sr. High School

9:30 - 10:30 am Green Badges

10:40 - 11:40 am Purple Badges



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Adult Workshop Session

9:45 - 11:30 am

Following the Opening General Session, adult participants will depart the Cross Insurance Club and proceed to the Sports Illustrated Pavilion. At the conclusion of this session, participants will return to the Cross Insurance Club for the 11:50 am Closing General Session.

Sports Illustrated Pavilion

Mental Health Essentials for Coaches and Athletic Directors

Presented by:

Michele Bredice Craemer, M.Ed. and Sue Hanly, MSN, RN
Mental Health Collaborative

This educational program will teach coaches, athletic directors, and other athletic staff the foundations of mental health literacy – the vital knowledge and tools we all need about mental health. Attendees will learn how to:

- 1) **integrate mental health into your team's culture,**
- 2) recognize when athletes may need support or referrals for mental health and know how to respond,
- 3) manage mental health on the field/court,
- 4) prioritize and care for your own mental health as a coach and a leader.

Just as we all need concussion training, mental health training can save lives!

Sportsmanship Committee Update

Members of the MIAA Sportsmanship Committee will provide an update about current initiatives and next steps in the work of the committee.

Closing General Session

11:50 am - 12:15 pm

Thoughts for the Day

Remarks by:

MIAA Student Advisory Committee

Lunch

At the conclusion of the Closing General Session, attendees will be invited to the buffet lines stationed throughout the Cross Insurance Club.



Student Keynote Speaker



Evren Gunduz **Enjoy Life Education**

Lead the Way: Respect, Resilience, and the Power of Example

You've been identified as a leader, and now it's time to step into that role and own it. You're not just on the team, you are the team's example. In this featured session, Evren Gunduz will challenge you to lead through respect, rise through resilience, and inspire through example. You'll learn how to bring contagious energy to your team, respond to adversity like true leaders do, and use your influence to elevate everyone around you. By the end, you'll understand that leadership isn't reserved for just those with titles, it's available to everyone who is willing to show up.

Evren Gunduz, M.Ed., is the CEO and Co-Founder of Enjoy Life - a teen leadership and empowerment network. A global authority in adolescent leadership and mindset education, Evren has inspired tens of thousands of teens worldwide in every capacity from 1 on 1 coaching to keynotes audiences upward of a thousand. He has dedicated his life to his passion for the research and development of a transformative curriculum and strategy to raise courage, optimism, and agency in teens. Evren earned his Masters from Harvard University concentrating in positive psychology and his Bachelor of Science from UMass Amherst. He is the recipient of the Goldin Foundation Excellence in Education Award, the Harvard Intellectual Faculty Contribution Award, the Marquis Who's Who in Education award, and the National Top 100 **Keynote Speakers Award**. **Evren is also the Head Varsity Women's Soccer Coach at Dover-Sherborn High School** where his teams are 3x State Final Four Championships, 2x League Championships, 4x League Sportsmanship Awards, and 1x National Sportsmanship & Ethics Award. Evren is a 4x League Coach of the Year, 1x Eastern MA Coach of the Year, and the National Coach of Significance. Evren is an avid ultra-marathoner who has completed multiple 100 mile and 50 mile races.



William N. Gaine, Jr. Sportsmanship Award



History of the MIAA William N. Gaine, Jr. Sportsmanship Award

William N. Gaine, Jr. was appointed Assistant Executive Director of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) in October 1979. During his career of over 40 years with the MIAA, Bill assumed major responsibilities and leadership in the areas of student eligibility and health/safety of the student-athlete through his role as liaison with the MIAA Wellness Advisory and Sports Medicine Committees, the Massachusetts Medical Society and the Department of Public Health. In July 2013, Mr. Gaine was appointed Executive Director of the MIAA and Massachusetts Secondary School Administrators' Association and served in that role until his retirement in September 2021.

Sportsmanship is a specific area where Mr. Gaine dedicated his career. Some of his most significant contributions were developed through his role as liaison for the MIAA Sportsmanship Committee. He worked diligently to uphold the ideals of ethics, integrity, fair play and respect in interscholastic athletics. Through his leadership, the MIAA developed numerous policies, programs, resources and methods of recognition that establish a healthy and positive environment for interscholastic athletic competition and promote the importance of respect for self, teammates, coaches, officials, opponents and the game itself. Statewide programmatic initiatives to which Mr. Gaine has been an architect and catalyst include **Coaches' Education, Student-Athlete Citizenship programs, New England Student Leadership Conferences**, along with Leadership programs for High School Captains and **Community Service**. In 2012, these initiatives became identified as the "Pillars" of education based athletics and were organized into the curriculum of Educational Athletics.

In honor of his career-long dedication to the promotion of sportsmanship in interscholastic athletics, the MIAA Sportsmanship Committee established an award in Bill Gaine's name and made a surprise presentation to him as the first award recipient during the 15th Annual MIAA Sportsmanship Summit in 2008.



William N. Gaine, Jr. Sportsmanship Award Recipient

John Brown Wellesley High School

For distinguished leadership in the promotion of sportsmanship throughout interscholastic athletics



John Brown has been a cornerstone of the Wellesley High School athletic department over the past two decades. During this time, John has worked tirelessly to foster a culture of integrity, inclusion and dedication, with a focus on mentorship. He has dedicated his career to creating opportunities for athletes, coaches, and fellow athletic directors at all levels, always prioritizing sportsmanship and fair play. John's leadership extends beyond the field of play, as he promotes community building, student well-being, and setting a positive example for others.

John's commitment to interscholastic athletics is evident in his service within the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA). John has been a long-time member of the MIAA Ice Hockey Committee, and has served on the Tournament Management, Golf, Baseball and Ski Committees. As a member of the Ice Hockey Committee, John has participated on several subcommittees on topics such as divisional realignment, officials, and the Division 1A Tournament Format. In addition, John has been a presenter and panelist at MIAA Annual Meetings and acts as a site director for multiple sports such as volleyball, basketball, and lacrosse.

At the local level, John has served as the President of the Bay State Conference for four years, following a tenure as Vice President. He has been actively involved on numerous conference committees, including the Finance, Constitution, and Eligibility Review Boards, and coordinates the mentorship program for new athletic directors. As a member of the Massachusetts Secondary Schools Athletic Directors Association (MSSADA), he has represented the Bay State Conference as a District 7 representative and has also been a presenter at the MSSADA Conference on administrative topics such as **Coaching the Coaches, Hiring and Firing Coaches, and Mentoring New Coaches. This work underscores John's dedication to ensuring the professional growth and success of athletic programs and school leaders across the state.**

John has demonstrated similar leadership on the national level. As a NIAAA Leadership Training Instructor, John has taught all of the LTI 500 level courses, as well as classes in the LTI 600 and 700 series. He is also a frequent speaker at college and university sports management programs about careers in athletic administration, emphasizing the importance of sportsmanship and respect at all levels.

Congratulations to John Brown for being selected by the MIAA Sportsmanship Committee to receive the 2025 MIAA William N. Gaine Jr. Sportsmanship Award.



District Sportsmanship Awards

Congratulations to the following schools who were selected by their districts for exemplifying the highest ideals of sportsmanship during the 2024-2025 school year.

District 1



Agawam High School

District 2



Whitinsville Christian School

District 3



Westborough High School

District 4



Billerica Memorial High School

District 5



Chelsea High School

District 6



Roxbury Prep High School

District 7



Sharon High School

District 8




New Bedford High School

District 9




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Sportsmanship Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following schools for completing the 2024-25 school year without any student-athletes or coaches disqualified from an interscholastic athletic contest.

Abby Kelley Foster Reg Charter School	Frontier Regional School
Academy of Notre Dame	Georgetown Middle/High School
Academy of the Pacific Rim	Gloucester High School
Albert D Holland School of Technology	Greater Lowell Technical High School
Algonquin Reg. High School	Green Academy
Andover High School	Greenfield High School
Ashland High School	Hamilton-Wenham Reg. High School
Assabet Valley Reg. Technical High School	Hanover High School
Auburn High School	Haverhill High School
Ayer Shirley Regional High School	Holliston High School
Barnstable High School	Hoosac Valley Middle/High School
Bartlett Jr./Sr. High School	Hopkinton High School
Baystate Academy Charter Public	Immaculate Heart of Mary School
Belchertown High School	John J. Duggan Academy
Bellingham High School	Joseph Case High School
Belmont High School	Lee Middle/High School
Bethany Christian Academy	Leicester High School
Boston College High School	Lincoln-Sudbury Reg. High School
Boston Prep Charter Public School	Littleton High School
Bristol County Agricultural High School	Longmeadow High School
Bromfield School	Maimonides School
Brooke Charter School	Mansfield High School
Burlington High School	Marshfield High School
Calvary Chapel Academy	Masconomet Reg. High School
Cambridge Rindge & Latin School	MATCH Charter High School
Canton High School	Middleboro High School
Cape Cod Academy	Millbury Mem.Jr./Sr.High School
Carver Middle/High School	Millis High School
Cathedral High School	Milton High School
David Prouty High School	Minuteman Regional High School
Douglas High School	Mohawk Trail Regional High School
East Bridgewater Jr/Sr High School	Narragansett Reg. High School
Edward M Kennedy Academy for Health Careers	Nashoba Reg. High School
Fenway High School	Neighborhood House Charter School
Fontbonne Academy	New Heights Charter School
Foxboro Regional Charter School	New Mission High School
Framingham High School	Newburyport High School



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Congratulations to the following schools for completing the 2024-25 school year without any student-athletes or coaches disqualified from an interscholastic athletic contest.

Newton North High School	Sizer School
Nipmuc Regional High School	Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School
Norfolk County Agricultural	Somerset Berkley Regional High School
North Andover High School	South Shore Charter Public School
North Brookfield Jr./Sr. High School	South Shore Voc/Tech. High School
Northbridge High School	Springfield Central High School
Notre Dame Academy - Hingham	Springfield HS of Science and Technology
Notre Dame Academy - Worcester	Stoughton High School
Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School	Sturgis Charter School West
O'Bryant High School	Sutton High School
Palmer High School	Swampscott High School
Pathfinder RVT High School	Tech Boston Academy
Pembroke High School	Tewksbury Memorial High School
Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School	Trivium School
Pioneer Valley Christian Academy	University Park Campus
Pioneer Valley Regional School	Upper Cape Cod Reg. Voc/Tech School
Quincy Upper School	Ursuline Academy
Rising Tide Charter Public School	Uxbridge High School
Riverview School	Veritas Preparatory Charter School
Rockland High School	Ware Jr/Sr High School
Rockport High School	Wayland High School
Roxbury Preparatory Charter High School	Wellesley High School
Saint John's Preparatory School	West Boylston Middle/High School
Saint Mary's High School	Weymouth High School
Salem Academy Charter School	Whitinsville Christian School
Salem High School	Wilmington High School
Scituate High School	Xaverian Brothers High School
Sharon High School	



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COACHES' EDUCATION

to provide resources for teacher-coaches who serve as curriculum instructors of educational athletics

LEADERSHIP

to promote the power of positive influence that student athletes and teacher-coaches share as role models

COMMUNITY SERVICE

to recognize the privilege of athletic participation and the responsibility of giving back to the community



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