

ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES MIAA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD



Abington High School was awarded the District C Sportsmanship award today at Gillette Stadium. District C encompasses over 60 schools and 63,500 students in the southeastern region of Massachusetts. Abington High School was selected as the District C winner for their overall sportsmanship and community service.

The nomination of Abington High School for the award highlighted the genuineness of the students' service projects, inclusion of students with special needs, unified sports program, involvement in youth sports and general sportsmanship at our home events and during all contests. This is something that the entire community played a significant role in and should take great pride in. The students and coaches of Abington High School stress the importance of sportsmanship, character and service within each of program and this award, along with others, validate that those efforts are worthwhile.

The majority of the student athletes at Abington High School are involved in the town's youth programs, highlighted by running a flag football league in the summer as coaches and officials, coaching youth cheerleading, officiating soccer and also assisting with other youth sports. One of the largest student driven community service projects last year was the making of hand made "Annie's Kindness Blankets" designed to be given to those who need extra comfort. Each blanket was handmade and had a tag with a supportive message attached. Last year perhaps the greatest accomplishment was in the inclusion of the special needs population in athletics.

Accepting the award on behalf of Abington High School were 10 student Athletes:

Colby Augusta (football, basketball, baseball), **Nathan Joyce** (soccer, winter track, lacrosse), **Dylan Magararu** (football, basketball, lacrosse), **Cam Curney** (cross country, basketball, ultimate frisbee), **Will Klein** (football, basketball, lacrosse), **Katie Marando** (volleyball, indoor track, track and field), **Maddie O'Connell** (soccer, basketball, track and field), **Kerry Cardinal** (cheerleading, lacrosse), **Lauren Keleher** (basketball, softball) and **Keriann Danahy** (volleyball, tennis).

