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Braintree Student Receives MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award

BRAINTREE – Elizabeth DiMascio, a senior at Braintree High School, has been selected by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) as the "Student-Athlete of the Month" for May 2009.

Elizabeth has enjoyed a stellar athletic career, earning varsity letters for four seasons as a member of the Braintree High School volleyball and softball teams. As an outside hitter on the volleyball team, she was named a Bay State Conference First-Team All-Star after her season year. As a pitcher on the softball team, Elizabeth has served as team captain for three years and was selected as a Bay State Conference First-Team All-Star for three years. She was also selected as the Bay State Conference Most Valuable Player following her junior and senior softball seasons.

Academically, Elizabeth will graduate as the Valedictorian of Braintree High School's senior class with a 4.0 GPA. She serves as Vice-President of the National Honor Society and is also a member of the French National Honor Society. Her numerous academic honors include the Harvard Book Award, Bausch and Lomb Science Award, National Merit Scholar Commendation, and four years on the Maximum Honor Roll. Elizabeth also excels vocally with the Theater Guild and Show Choir. She is a member of the Math Team and engages herself with community service projects through the National Honor Society. As graduation approaches, she will receive the John W. Leroy Renaissance Award for civic mindedness and strong leadership and the French Medal as the senior class member with the highest academic rank.

Braintree High School Athletic Director Michael Denise says, "Elizabeth DiMascio embodies the term 'student-athlete.' She has distinguished herself in the classroom, in two differing athletic arenas, and on stage during her four years at Braintree High School." Elizabeth's combination of academic and athletic success has led to her acceptance to study Economics and International Relations, as well as play softball at Brown University in the Fall.

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 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.