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Harry Agganis Student-Athlete of the Year Scholarship Recipients 2021

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Franklin, MA - The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) in partnership with the Agganis Family is honored to announce the 2021 recipients of the Harry Agganis Student-Athlete of the Year Scholarship: Annabella Keaney, Methuen High School and Henry Weiland, Shepherd Hill Regional High School.

Congratulations to both Annabella and Henry!

This is the second year that the Agganis Family and the MIAA have partnered for this prestigious recognition. The legacy of Harry Agganis as a scholar, an athlete and a servant to his community is now enshrined in this annual scholarship recognition of two outstanding MIAA student-athletes. Annabella and Henry, who will each receive a \$1,500.00 scholarship, were selected from the 2020-2021 selections of monthly MIAA Student-Athletes of the Month. These two student-athletes best exemplify the highest achievement in the areas of academics, athletics and community service. Bill Gaine, MIAA Executive Director affirms that the “MIAA is extremely pleased to partner with the Agganis family to provide to our outstanding student-athletes the scholarship opportunity as well as spotlight the legacy of Harry Agganis as a model for educational athletics.”



Annabella “Bella” Keaney, a senior at Methuen High School is a three-sport athlete in Soccer, Basketball and Lacrosse, and this year participated in the Fall II season of Winter Track. She is the Class President, ranked in the top 10 of her Class, and was instrumental in organizing and coordinating fundraising during Soccer and Basketball seasons for Coaches vs. Cancer. Matt Curran, Athletic Director stated, “Bella is one of the most well rounded student- athletes I have come across in my time as Athletic Director. She leads by example, is a four sport captain and displays, on a daily basis, the traits necessary to be an effective team leader. While we will certainly miss Bella as she moves on to continue with her post-secondary education, she has certainly left her mark on the Methuen community.”

Henry Weiland, a senior at Shepherd Hill Regional High School is a multi-year Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field student-athlete. Henry is a leader and a strong role model as both a student and an athlete. He is a facilitator to numerous community service projects and is a founding member and Co-President of A Better Hill, a student-run organization focused on embracing diversity. Jim Scanlon, Athletic Director said, "Henry's commitment to excellence and embodiment of the guiding principles upon which educational athletics are built are never more evident than in the work he does both on and off the track. He is an exemplar of humble success and relentless perseverance. Henry is poised, professional, and mature not only in his demeanor, but in his approach to all aspects of his career as a student-athlete. We are proud of all he has achieved, and thankful for his contributions to our school community."



Greg Agganis, great-nephew to Harry Agganis, stated on behalf of the Agganis family, "Henry and Annabella both had tremendous athletic high school seasons. Each a three-sport athlete, Henry in Cross Country and Indoor and Spring Track and Field, Annabella in Soccer, Basketball and Lacrosse. Both were top honor students and made significant contributions to their respective communities. I am honored to announce that both Henry and Annabella possess great character, leadership and dignity." Gaine affirms the "character displayed by the selected student-athletes is in direct alignment with Harry Agganis' qualities of character, leadership and community service."

The Harry Agganis Student-Athlete of the Year Scholarships were presented to Annabella and Henry during events at their respective schools in early June. For additional information about the Harry Agganis Student-Athlete of the Year Scholarship and the MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award program, please visit the "Leadership" tab at www.miaa.net.

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