



South High Community School Student Receives MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award

Angelo LaRose, a junior at South High Community School, has been selected as the recipient of the "MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award" for December 2021. A member of the Football team, Angelo has excelled on the field, in the classroom, and in community service, resulting in his induction into the South High National Honor Society. A standout running back, Angelo was selected to the 2021 Massachusetts Coaches Association Super 26 Team as a running back. He currently holds the state record in rushing yards with 2,905 on 326 carries, and he topped Central Mass with 40 touchdowns (38 rushing) including 10 two-point conversions this season. He had 444 rushing yards in a single game. Angelo is an amazingly strong player, but it is his leadership that sets him apart from others. According to Mike Maldonado, Assistant Football Coach, "Angelo is dedicated to the game, his teammates, and himself like nothing I've seen before. He gives you everything he's got and then some." Chris Capulo, Assistant Football Coach added, "Angelo always puts forth the extra effort it takes to be successful. He doesn't make excuses for himself. He continues to work on improving his play and his leadership." Additionally, Angelo was selected to the 2021 New England Football Journal 3rd Team All-New England and the Worcester Telegram & Gazette Super Team. Worcester Schools Athletic Director Dave Shea said, "Angelo is a true leader at the school both on and off the field of play...epitomizing what we are looking for out of all our student-athletes."

In the classroom, Angelo is described as "organized and always on time with assignments." An Advanced Placement and Honors level student, Angelo genuinely enjoys learning and "shines during in-class presentations and debates." His English teacher stated, "Angelo worked hard and took feedback so that he could improve," and his Math teacher said, "Angelo is a very determined, patient and hard-working student-athlete who puts in his best effort; he is never afraid to ask for help or offer his help to others. Angelo is humble." Teachers respectfully noted; "Angelo's positivity, encouragement, diligence, and open-mindedness make him a delight to have in class."

Angelo's leadership has been instrumental for Andy's Attic, South High's clothing non-profit. A three-year volunteer, who also recruited his grandmother to help the program, Angelo's presence is evident as he answers the phone, speaks with visitors, gives tours, and collects data for orders that come in for clothes. He is known as the "go-to assistant" by Director Christine Foley. She stated, "When I think about Angelo, I think about kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity. He always thinks of others. He is not only a great student, but he is also an all-around wonderful person. His peers look up to him." He is applauded for always being respectful and a leader. Principal Jeff Creamer

noted, "I am very proud of Angelo's amazing accomplishments on the field but also in the manner in which he conducts himself throughout the school."

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Student-Athlete of the Month Award is presented on a monthly basis to two student-athletes who display excellence in the areas of academics, athletics and community service. Students in grades 9-12 who attend MIAA member schools are eligible to receive the award. Monthly award recipients receive a certificate of recognition, are featured on www.miaa.net and MIAA social platforms, and will be honored at a local ceremony to honor their selection. Each recipient will be eligible for the Harry Agganis Student-Athlete of the Year Scholarship provided on behalf of the Agganis family. Nominations for the MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month award may be submitted by principals, athletic directors, teachers, coaches, guidance counselors or other school administrators. For additional information about the MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award program please visit www.miaa.net.

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