



Mansfield High School Student Receives MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award

Caitlin Dumouchel, a senior at Mansfield High School, has been selected as the recipient of the "MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award" for October 2021. A committed student-athlete, Caitlin excels in Field Hockey, Indoor Track & Field and Outdoor Track & Field. A three-sport captain, Caitlin "has exhibited great leadership and commitment over the past two years...she truly has established herself as a key leader this fall during the field hockey season," stated Mike Redding, Athletic Director. According to her Field Hockey Coach, Caitlin is a "tenacious defender" who "steps onto the ball with such speed that she generates offensive opportunities from the defensive circle." A recipient of the Hockomock League All-Star Team for Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field, Caitlin was a state qualifier in the 400m hurdles and the javelin in 2021.

Caitlin's resume includes a plethora of community service initiatives and involvement. Selected as an MIAA Student Ambassador, Caitlin and her fellow ambassadors initiated a community event for spring 2022 called "TreePlenish" to encourage the community to plant trees to replace the use of paper in the schools. She is involved as an instructor with Kids in Sports in Walpole, and she is a coach with the Mansfield Youth Field Hockey Program. She is a Peer Model for Mansfield's Challenger Sports Program, which assists students with special needs in various athletic activities. Caitlin has volunteered time with Dignity Matters in Framingham to assist women in need as well as at her local Church helping with providing meals and delivering plants over the holidays. She is a member of the high school Environmental Club and the Student Service Corps which has created holiday cards for nursing home residents over the past year.

Caitlin has taken on a strong academic caseload, including Advanced Placement and Honors level courses. She ranks fourth in her class of approximately 270 students. She has been inducted into the National Honor Society and the World Language Honor Society for Spanish. Her academic successes have earned her several awards, including the Brown University Book Award, the Golden Hornet Award (for all grades over 90) and the National Spanish Exam Silver medal. Redding stated, "Caitlin is the ideal role model for our younger student-athletes. She remains humble and focused on helping her teammates. She is a multi-sport athlete who works hard and leads by example every day."

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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