



Hopkins Academy Student Receives MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award

Colin Earle, a senior at Hopkins Academy, has been selected as the recipient of the "MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award" for March 2022.

A three-sport athlete, Colin has been a leader for his Varsity Soccer, Basketball, and Baseball teams at Hopkins Academy, specializing in Basketball. Varsity Basketball Coach Jim Hart stated, "Colin exemplified what a student-athlete is all about. Dedication to the classroom is his priority but it doesn't stop there for him. He has committed hours of his free time working on his craft." His work ethic has earned him Basketball All-Western Mass accolades since his sophomore year, a league championship, and the team Leadership Award his junior year. Colin was selected as Captain junior and senior years. In Baseball, Colin helped his team win the Division 4 State Championship in 2021. Athletic Director Vincent Catania noted, "Colin is a great athlete, but what makes him exceptional is his dedication and commitment to the growth of others around him. He is a selfless leader."

In the classroom, Colin challenges himself with a rigorous Honors-level course load, excelling in Spanish and Math. He is a teacher assistant for the yearbook and is on the yearbook committee. His Chemistry teacher said, "Colin is an excellent student-athlete. In the classroom, Colin shows leadership in his way of collaborating and helping his classmates." Supporting others is natural for Colin, as observed by Catania who stated, "I have been consistently impressed by Colin's way of supporting his teammates and the people around him. He is honest not only with himself but with everyone." Colin was involved with Student Council and was named a Hopkins Academy Student Representative in his sophomore year. Sean O'Connell, Assistant Basketball Coach and small business owner for whom Colin works, indicated, "Not only is Colin an excellent athlete and student, he is also a man of character. Always the first to say thank you or hold the door open for somebody. He is an example of a worker whom I can trust to be on his own and figure things out when he needs to."

Colin's contributions to his community include volunteering as a CYO Basketball Coach for third and fourth-grade boys, assistant coach for a seventh-grade basketball team in Middlesex, and spending time with a retired military person living in the Soldiers Home in Holyoke through the Sponsor a Soldier Program. Colin also has work experience in landscaping, is patched as a youth basketball referee, and is a Farm Hand who helps local farmers in Hadley. Catania stated, "Colin is a leader and mentor to all individuals with whom he interacts. He is a staple of respect and leadership. Colin is everything you look for in an athlete, but also everything you look for in a student."

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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